

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Ashleworth C of E Primary
Number of pupils in school	20 (8PP)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	40%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022/2023 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Donna Milford (Interim Headteacher)
Pupil premium lead	Richelle Daniels (SENDCO)
Governor / Trustee lead	Tom Boore

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£11840
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£500
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£14425
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£26765

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Respected and nurtured for uniqueness

At Ashleworth, we are committed to ensuring that all children, irrespective of background or their starting points make, at the very least, good progress and achieve high standards of attainment across all subjects. Our pupil premium strategy is focused upon supporting disadvantaged pupils to achieve this goal and to achieve their aspirational targets, including those who are already high attaining.

We will consider the challenges faced by our vulnerable pupils. The actions outlined in this strategy will contribute towards supporting the needs of all of our pupils, regardless of if they are disadvantaged or not.

Quality first teaching is central to our approach, with a focus upon areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. Evidence shows that this will have the greatest impact upon closing the attainment gap whilst, at the same time, benefitting non-disadvantaged pupils.

This plan forms part of our wider school plans for educational recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. We will use a range of strategies and resources to provide targeted support for ALL pupils whose education has been worst affected.

The approaches we employ will be responsive to our identified challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment. No assumptions or “excuses” will be made about the impact of disadvantage. To ensure this we will:

- ensure there is challenge in the work set for disadvantaged pupils
- monitor and intervene as soon as a need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach where ALL staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils’ outcomes and have high expectations of what they can achieve

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	From observations, internal and external assessments indicate some of our disadvantaged pupils may have greater difficulties with, the acquisition and application of, phonics than their peers. This is compounded by fewer opportunities for them to practise their reading skills at home due to circumstances eg access to books, parental knowledge. This can negatively impacts upon their development as readers.
2	Baseline assessments and observations have identified, that a significant number of our disadvantaged pupils have low levels of oral language and vocabulary skills.
3	Internal and external assessments show that overall disadvantaged pupils are not always reaching expected standards in GDS and ARE. A number of the pupils find test conditions challenging.
4	Assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils.
5	Observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional needs for many pupils, notably due to lack of access to enrichment opportunities during school closure. Some of our pupils do not have access to external clubs due to rural location and clubs offered locally.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improve oral and vocabulary skills of disadvantaged pupils from Y1 – Y6	Quantitate and qualitative assessment data indicate significantly improved oral language skills. Review 2024 – this is still an ongoing target for the pupils, particularly for EYFS and KS 1. Progress and attainment varies due to small cohorts.
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	By 2024/2025, all disadvantaged children are achieving their aspirational targets for reading. KS2 reading outcomes (2023) – 50% to meet the expected standard. <i>November 2023</i>

	<p><i>Disadvantaged pupils met aspirational targets in KS2.</i></p> <p><i>KS1 pupils met individual targets</i></p> <p>Review</p> <p><i>2024 KS 1– more work needed to ensure the children are on target and more reaching ARE in phonics/KS 1 and KS 2.</i></p>
High attaining pupils, are motivated and challenged to ensure rates of progress and aspirational targets are achieved across all subjects, but particularly in maths.	<p>2024/2025 outcomes, across all key stages, show that ALL disadvantaged pupils, with previous high attainment are exceeding the expected standard.</p> <p>Review</p> <p>2024</p> <p>KS no GD</p>
To ensure that emotional and wellbeing support is available for pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/2025 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant increase in the support (internal/external) provided • qualitative data from pupils, teachers and parents <p><i>November 2023 – disadvantaged pupils have bespoke support.</i></p> <p><i>Enhanced PSHCE & personal development opportunities in place.</i></p> <p>Review</p> <p><i>2024 SEMH support being reviewed and more ongoing intervention and training being in place.</i></p>
Improve opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to engage in a range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities	<p>A significant increase in participation in enrichment and extra-curricular activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Disadvantaged pupils have the same access to enrichment activities as non-disadvantaged pupil.</p> <p>Review 2024</p> <p>All children have the opportunity to attend clubs, trips and residential trips.</p>

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £10,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Enhancement of our reading teaching and learning curriculum in line with DfE guidance	Evidence shows that a child's ability to read is integral to them accessing the whole curriculum. Support drawn from English Hub in auditing and developing whole school practice.	1
Purchase DfE validated resources (Little Wandle) to secure stronger teaching of phonics and reading.	Synthetic phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact upon the accuracy of word reading. Fully decodable reading books, linked to the phonic phases support improving pupils comprehension. See EEF Phonics Toolkit Strand	1
Enhancement of our maths teaching in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund teacher release time to focus upon embedding key elements of guidance in school and to access CPD with a focus upon accelerating rates of progress for children targeted for GDS.	The DfE non-statutory guidance, produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the teaching of maths draws upon evidence-based approaches. This will be supplemented by the EEF guidance: Improving Mathematics in Key Stage 2	1/2/3
Purchase accredited, evidence based resources to support needs identified through diagnostic assessments.	DfE and evidence based Literacy and maths interventions, when delivered, in a structured/systematic way, by a trained professional can facilitate accelerated progress.	ALL

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £10,000

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Additional phonics and reading sessions for disadvantaged pupils who require extra support.	Systematic synthetic phonic teaching approaches have a strong evidence base including a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Interventions are more effective when targeted and delivered for up to 12 weeks.	1
Provide a school-led tuition programme for pupils whose education has been impacted by the pandemic. A significant proportion of these pupils will be disadvantaged with high prior attainment.	Tuition and intervention targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support pupils who are falling below their expected rate of progress. EEF resources used to support individual and small group needs.	2
Purchase resources to support challenging, high attaining, disadvantaged pupils in maths	DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence. A range of additional resources to support challenging pupils, including their written responses to problem solving, will be purchased.	2

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing) Budgeted cost: £6,750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provide opportunity for all disadvantaged pupils to attend 1 extra-curricular sports/PE activity a term	Exercise and physical activity has a recognised, positive impact upon wellbeing. Observations show that pupils' social and emotional needs are met and that their collaborative and social skills are improved.	3
Curriculum enrichment activities funded including; music tuition, residential and offsite visits.	Our ongoing discussions with disadvantages families, identified financial constraints as the principle factor preventing pupils from accessing these.	3
Contingency fund for acute issues	In order to be proactive in meeting the needs of our disadvantaged pupils, we have set aside a small amount of money to meet needs not yet identified	ALL

Total budgeted cost: £267656

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year . Pupil premium strategy outcomes:

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils.

We have analysed the performance of our disadvantaged pupils during the academic year 2022/23 using key stage 1 and 2 performance data, phonics check and our own, internal assessments.

The DfE has shared our 2023 performance data. This data has been a key tool in assisting our analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our pupils. We compared our disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged outcomes with national and regional data.

Data from tests and assessments suggests that performance, progress and attainment of our disadvantaged pupils was varied with some children making better than expected progress. This was particularly the case in KS2. The primary reason for this continues to be the impact of COVID-19, although we also identified that some of our pupils found test conditions challenging. However, we were able to use access arrangements to support their needs.

Our ongoing monitoring and assessments show that both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils have positive attitudes to learning and behaviour is good. We are continuing to see the impact of the pandemic in relation to wellbeing and mental health.

Our ongoing assessments and observations have highlighted the continued impact upon wellbeing and mental health. For some of our disadvantaged pupils, this has been significant. In light of this, our current plan focuses upon support when required and enrichment opportunities for our disadvantaged pupils.

We continue to maintain our commitment to good adult/pupil ratios as we passionately believe that our children benefit from having support at the time of need and for us, to be able to, respond to the unique requirements of our pupils.

2024

Outcomes vary due to small cohorts. A number of enrichment opportunities have enhanced children's well-being. Interventions were in place for children not on track and this helped the children make small steps in progress.

