



Farcet C of E Primary

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 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	Farcet C of E Primary School
Number of pupils in school	85
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	40%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/2022 2022/2023 2023/2024
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	May 2025
Statement authorised by	Emma Slade
Pupil premium lead	Caroline Sadler
Governor / Trustee lead	Kayleigh Sergeant

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£53910
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	£0
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	£53910

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. Research conducted by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) should then be used to support decisions around the usefulness of different strategies and their value for money.

Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children, can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no “one size fits all”.

Our ultimate objectives are:

- To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
- For all disadvantaged pupils in school to meet or exceed national age-related expectations.
- To support our children’s health and wellbeing to enable them to access learning at an appropriate level.

We aim to do this through:

- Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils
- Ensuring that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed
- Recognising that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

Achieving these objectives:

The range of provision we consider making for this group include:

- Ensuring all teaching is good or better thus ensuring that the quality of teaching experienced by all children is improved.
- All our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving children to at least age-related expectations.
- Providing small group work focussed on overcoming gaps in learning
- Additional learning support.

- Support payment for educational visits. Ensuring children have first-hand experiences to use in their learning in the classroom and increased cultural capital.
- Access to Family Link Worker for attendance, parenting and behaviour support
- Therapeutic provision in place to support mental health and wellbeing

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Narrowing the attainment gap between Pupil Premium pupils and their peers
2	Significant barriers to learning in terms of Social and Emotional Needs including attachment difficulties, emotional regulation difficulties and conflict resolution difficulties
3	Poor levels of vocabulary and spoken language
4	Lack of cultural capital and learning experiences outside of school
5	Behaviour difficulties within a core group of children

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
Ensure Pupil Premium pupils' attainment is equal to or greater than their non-Pupil Premium peers.	• The attainment gap between Pupil Premium pupils and their peers is narrowed in all year groups. • The gaps in learning for Pupil Premium pupils are identified and addressed. • All staff know who their Pupil Premium learners are and their individual needs.
To ensure that Pupil Premium pupils have the same access/opportunities for learning as the rest of the school.	• All staff know who their Pupil Premium learners are and their individual needs. • All staff have a clear understanding of the pupils' curriculum journeys. • A broad and balanced curriculum is planned for all learners. • Pupil Premium pupils receive the same learning diet as their non-Pupil Premium peers.

	Monitoring shows that provision for Pupil Premium pupils is meeting their individual needs.
To continue to provide enrichment experiences for learning that Pupil Premium pupils would not usually experience including trips and extra-curricular.	- Maintained and increased access and participation in wider curriculum opportunities. - Educational school trips are subsidised by school for children in receipt of Free School Meals. - The attendance of Pupil Premium pupils on educational school trips is 100%. - An increased number of Pupil premium pupils are attending extra-curricular clubs.

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: **£15,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teachers and support staff to access continuing professional development (CPD) in order to meet the individual needs of our Pupil Premium pupils. - Subject Leadership - Reading - Writing - Maths - Assessment - SALT - ACEs - Sounds Write Training - STEPSs (£10,000)	EEF Guide to Pupil Premium – tiered approach. Improving the quality of teaching, both the planning and implementation, is almost always supported by high-quality professional development. Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Using the Pupil Premium to improve teaching quality benefits all students and has a particularly positive effect on children eligible for the Pupil Premium. Ensuring an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving, is the key ingredient of a successful school and should	1, 2, 3 and 5

	rightly be the top priority for Pupil Premium spending.	
Continue to develop high quality first teaching focused on feedback, mastery, reading comprehension and metacognition – subject released to lead CPD, coach and mentor Phonics and English leads to embed Sounds Write phonics approach and plan extra phonics sessions to fill gaps English lead to embed reading comprehension strategies across the school – Reading reconsidered techniques Maths leader to embed mastery of maths approach Ensure written and verbal feedback provided is high quality, this may focus on a task, subject or self-regulation strategies. It should provide specific information on how to improve (£5,000)	EEF impact - feedback +7 months , mastery +5 months , phonics +5 months , metacognition +7 months , reading comprehension +6 months .	1, 3 and 4

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

Budgeted cost: £17,186

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Structured small group interventions are evidence based, high quality and consistently delivered: • TA focused CPD weekly • High quality regular individual reading –	EEF impact +4 months. Additional small group support can be effectively targeted at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and should be considered as part of a school's pupil premium strategy. Studies in England have shown that pupils eligible for free school meals typically receive	1 and 3

Better Reading partnership • NELI (S&L) intervention (Reception) • Intervention based on gap analysis from assessments – KS2 • Additional small group phonics support • Qualified teacher to deliver small group interventions to target children across the school – gaps identified through assessment by class teachers (£14,186)	additional benefits from small group tuition. Small group tuition approaches can support pupils to make effective progress by providing intensive, targeted academic support to those identified as having low prior attainment or at risk of falling behind. The approach allows the teacher to focus on the needs of a small number of learners and provide teaching that is closely matched to pupil understanding. Small group tuition offers an opportunity for greater levels of interaction and feedback compared to whole class teaching which can support pupils to overcome barriers to learning and increase their access to the curriculum.	
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) • SEL delivered through SCMH curriculum • Sensory circuits • Music therapy • Wellbeing lessons (£3000)	EEF impact - +4 months in Primary Schools. Evidence suggests that children from disadvantaged backgrounds have, on average, weaker SEL skills at all ages than their more affluent peers. These skills are likely to influence a range of outcomes for pupils: lower SEL skills are linked with poorer mental health and lower academic attainment. SEL interventions in education are shown to improve SEL skills and are therefore likely to support disadvantaged pupils to understand and engage in healthy relationships with peers and emotional self-regulation, both of which may subsequently increase academic attainment. The evidence indicates that there is particular promise for approaches that focus on improving social interactions between pupils.	1, 2 and 5

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £30,394

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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Family Link Worker used to work with vulnerable families to improve parental engagement (including supporting homework), attendance and punctuality and facilitate Early Help interventions (£17,894)	EEF impact - +4 months in Primary Schools. We define parental engagement as the involvement of parents in supporting their children's academic learning. It includes: • approaches and programmes which aim to develop parental skills such as literacy or IT skills; • general approaches which encourage parents to support their children with, for example reading or homework; • the involvement of parents in their children's learning activities; and • more intensive programmes for families in crisis.	1, 2 and 5
Arts participation – prioritised and funded for Pupil Premium Pupils: • Weekly recorder club • Drumming sessions • School choir Programme of arts activities form part of the Farcet curriculum offer. (£1500)	EEF impact +3 months. Arts participation is defined as involvement in artistic and creative activities, such as dance, drama, music, painting, or sculpture. It can occur either as part of the curriculum or as extra-curricular activity. Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum.	4
To continue to support wider learning opportunities in the curriculum: • Subsidised educational visits and experiences for PP pupils • Outdoor learning for target pupils (£5000)	Children who are exposed to wider experiences have an enhanced knowledge and understanding of the world. These experiences lead to purposeful writing and raised wellbeing, aspirations and motivation.	1, 4 and 5
Personalised behaviour interventions in place for identified pupils in order to help pupils manage their self-	EEF impact +4 months. According to figures from the Department for Education, pupils who receive Free School Meals are more likely to receive a permanent	2 and 5

regulation and emotional skills, these may include: • Therapeutic work • Sports coaching • Outdoor education Support from LA STEP's Lead, Inclusion Lead and Specialist Teaching Team (£6000)	or fixed period exclusion compared to those who do not. (The permanent exclusion rate for pupils eligible for FSM is 0.16, compared to 0.04 for those not eligible. In both cases these rates have decreased in the last year. The suspension rate is also higher at 9.34 for pupils eligible for FSM, compared to 2.58 for those not eligible.) The most common reason for exclusion is persistent disruptive behaviour. Pupil behaviour will have multiple influences, some of which teachers can directly manage through universal or classroom management approaches. Some pupils will require more specialist support to help manage their self-regulation or social and emotional skills.	
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Total budgeted cost: £62,580

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 in the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Due to COVID-19, performance measures have not been published for 2020 to 2021, and 2020 to 2021 results will not be used to hold schools to account. Our internal assessments and analysis at Farcet during the 2020 to 2021 academic year shows the following impact:

To address the lack of Speech and Language skills when children start school.

100% of PP pupils achieved the expected level in speaking and listening, attention and understanding by the end of the EYFS

To continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning in Phonics.

All teaching staff have undertaken Sounds Write phonics training. New resources have been purchased and scheme in place throughout KS1.

82% (9 out of 11) of PP pupils achieved the expected level in the Phonics check taken in autumn 2021, one of the pupils who did not achieve the standard, one has an EHCP and the other is on the SEND register for speech and language difficulties

To improve outcomes for target year 2 and year 6 pupils in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Although statutory assessments were not completed in the 2020-21 academic year, the target pupils were on track to achieve their individual targets at the point of lockdown and either remained on track or were identified through assessment and targeted for catch up on return from lockdown.

To ensure Reading is prioritised to allow pupils to access the full curriculum offer.

Reading is an integral part of every lesson. The English subject lead has attended ongoing CPD and trained staff in school on effective reading techniques. The school library has been updated with new and inspiring texts that are linked to the curriculum.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
Sounds Write Phonics	Sounds-Write Ltd