# Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school’s use of pupil premium (and recovery premium) 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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

## School overview

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| Detail | Data |
| School name  | Forest and Sandridge |
| Number of pupils in school  | 441 |
| Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils | 85 (19%) |
| Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers **(3 year plans are recommended)** | 2022-2025 |
| Date this statement was published | December 2024 |
| Date on which it will be reviewed | OngoingFull Review July 2025 |
| Statement authorised by | Scott James, Headteacher  |
| Pupil premium lead | James Mead, Deputy Headteacher  |
| Governor / Trustee lead | Simon Lawrence |

**Funding overview**

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| **Detail** | **Amount** |
| Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year | £92500 |
| Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable) | £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 | £101,380 |

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

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| **Nurture, Grow, Flourish****“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord… “Plans to give you hope and a future” Jeremiah 29:11**At Forest & Sandridge CE School our whole school **INTENT** is to enable ALL children to FLOURISH through all the opportunities we provide them with. By FLOURISH we mean:* Our children will acquire a secure understanding of English and Maths skills.

• Our children will become emotionally literate and morally responsible citizens with a clear hope for their future. • Our children will enjoy and be confident in their own uniqueness living their lives by the values instilled in them. • Our children will “Do more, know more and remember more” building on prior knowledge and skills and applying these to new contexts and experiences. • Our children will gain a broad knowledge of ambitious and subject specific vocabulary. In order to achieve this, we have identified 3 Golden Threads that weave through our curriculum and underpin everything we do. This means that in delivering our curriculum we are embedding our school Christian Values, developing knowledge and skills progressively over time with an ambitious and aspiring curriculum whilst immersing our children in language rich teaching.**Our key objectives for our disadvantaged children are:*** To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils in Reading, Writing and Maths.
* For all disadvantaged pupils in school to make or exceed nationally expected progress rates.
* To equip our children with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.
* To support our children’s health and wellbeing to enable them to access learning at an appropriate level.

**Key Strategies adopted by Forest and Sandridge in supporting pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding.**In order to be highly successful in improving achievement for the children eligible for pupil premium, the staff at Forest and Sandridge: * Carefully ringfence the funding so that it is always spent on the targeted group of pupils.
* Never confuse eligibility for the Pupil Premium with low ability, and focus on supporting our disadvantaged pupils to achieve the highest levels.
* Thoroughly analyse which pupils were underachieving, particularly in English and Mathematics, and why.
* Draw on research evidence (such as the EEF) and evidence from our own and others’ experiences to allocate the funding to the activities that were most likely to have significant impact on improving achievement.
* Are very clear about the importance of ensuring that all day-to-day teaching meets the needs of each learner, rather than relying on interventions to compensate for teaching that is less than good. Quality First Teaching is paramount.
* Allocate their best teachers to teach intervention groups to improve Mathematics and English.
* Use achievement data frequently to check whether interventions or strategies are working and make adjustments accordingly, rather than using the data retrospectively to see if something has worked.
* Make sure that support staff, particularly teaching assistants, are highly trained and understand their role in helping pupils to achieve.
* Systematically focus on giving pupils clear, useful feedback about their work, and ways that they could improve it. (AFL)
* Ensure that the Senior Leadership Team has a clear overview of how the funding is being allocated and the difference it is making to the outcomes for pupils.
* Ensure that class and subject teachers know which pupils are eligible for the Pupil Premium so that they can take responsibility for accelerating their progress. This also applies to teaching assistants.
* Have a clear policy on spending the Pupil Premium, agreed by governors and publicised on our website.
* Provide well-targeted support to improve attendance, behaviour or links with families where these were barriers to a pupil’s learning.
* Have a clear and robust appraisal system for all staff, and include discussions about pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium in appraisal and pupil progress meetings (PPM).
* Thoroughly involve governors in the decision making and evaluation process.
* The implementation of an immersive and book-based English curriculum that is designed to equip our children with the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed in life.
* Cultural capital is further developed by, and not limited to, support from specialist Sport and additional music provision whilst school trips and experiences are heavily subsidised.

**The parents are also involved and invited to discuss the support offered and shown how to continue that learning at home.** Below are just some of the processes and strategies employed by staff at Forest and Sandridge to maximise progress and attainment for pupils eligible for pupil premium. * Data tracking - is used rigorously across the whole school and identifies all underachieving pupils. A disproportionate number of these could be disadvantaged pupils. The subsequent interventions are based on underperformance and other factors that contribute. These might be related, for example, to attendance, behaviour, or even factors outside of school.
* High profile of pupils eligible for free school meals – the high profile of disadvantaged pupils ensures stakeholders are aware of their needs and of the support that is available. Staff are made aware of the achievement data surrounding disadvantaged pupils and the responses that are possible. As a strategic approach is taken all staff have professional respect for the school’s Pupil Premium Project and its outcome.
* Effective teaching and learning – all staff recognise and accept that the vast majority of pupils’ progress comes out of quality First Teaching and Learning on a day-to-day basis. There is, therefore, a major drive for independent learning, the development of thinking skills and clear assessments that support learning. Staff training has been focused accordingly.
* Literacy support – the development of good literacy skills is a whole school focus. Levels of progress and attainment are carefully tracked and monitored across the school. Pupils with low literacy levels are provided with additional support so that basic skills can be developed effectively.
* Targeted support – tailored individual support is provided across the curriculum and arrangements are made for resources to be available for each pupil as needed. Staff take responsibility for determining the additional resources that pupils need in order to achieve well. Appropriate requests for resources are met quickly so that pupils can make the quickest possible progress.
* The full range of educational experiences – support is given to ensure that all pupils have full access to broad educational experiences, such as residential courses and competing in sporting events
* Attendance – staff, teachers, parents, carers and pupils understand the causal link between attendance and achievement. Attendance levels for all disadvantaged pupils are checked and acted upon. Systems are in place to make early identification of issue and need.

All staff at The Forest and Sandridge acknowledges that there is a need to continuously evaluate strategies and change them if they are not working for a particular group of children. Year on year successes do not necessarily mean doing the same thing year on year. Although quick fixes can work and show immediate success generally, we are looking at the long-term picture to ensure that achievement gaps do not widen before the end of a key stage. Although we have a strong desire for all children to reach age related expectations on occasion and for some children this may not be aspirational enough particularly for the more able pupil. It is important that the starting points for each individual are taken note of along with their potential in order to ensure even greater gains in their learning for these children.Role of the Pupil Premium lead * To monitor outcomes in books to close the gap
* To co-ordinate the school's approach to raising the achievement of disadvantaged students in receipt of pupil premium funding and others who are vulnerable.
* To ensure that the pupil premium funding reaches the groups of pupils for whom it is intended and that it makes a significant impact on their education.

Role of the Governors * To challenge the Pupil Premium lead in the above
* To challenge payment for activities, educational visits and residentials. Ensuring children have first hand experiences to use in their learning in the classroom.

Role of SLT * Using their subject specific action plans are ensuring a focus on Pupil Premium children/bottom 20% where appropriate to close the attainment gap

Role of Teachers  * Providing good or outstanding quality first teaching.
* Provide additional support where appropriate for PP pupils to ensure they can access all learning.
* Have a deep knowledge of the PP child and a good understanding of their barriers to learning to overcome these.
* Provide interventions where suitable for ‘catch up’ to ensure Age Related Expectations are met/close the attainment gap.

Role of Parents/Carers * The school to engage with parents to work together to understand their child’s learning needs and how they can support at home.
* Attend any training or workshops provided by the school to support parental involvement.

Our vision underpins all we do … it is essential for children to feel safe, secure and happy in order to achieve their best; to be able to FLOURISH… to achieve **IMPACT**.  |

## Challenges

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

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| Challenge number | Detail of challenge  |
| 1 | **Attainment for PP is below national average and NON PP achieve better than those who are PP.**Having spoken to professionals and analysed assessments in Pupil progress meetings it is clear that a lot of PP children have barriers to their learning. These include:Writing- stamina and spellingMaths – fluencyReading- high order thinking skills e.g. inference.There is still a significant gap in outcomes between PP and NON PP at the end of KS2RWM Combined PP 43.8%RWM Combined NON PP 68.2% |
| 2 | **Emotional health and wellbeing**Following the first lockdown, and subsequent disruptions, we know, through pupil voice and professional dialogue with colleagues and parents, that our children’s mental health is having a negative impact on their ability to learn.  |
| 3 | **Cross over with SEND including ASD, ADHD, SEMH, C&L**40/85 47% children who are eligible for PP funding also have some form of SEND. Children need robust, adaptable interventions to ensure progress is made and the gap is closed. Observations, provision maps and discussions with pupils show that these children make progress but more rapid progress is needed to support the attainment of our disadvantaged children. |
| 4 | **Lack of extra enrichment opportunities at home due to financial constraints (cultural capital)**The cost of living crisis that is affecting the UK currently will affect our most disadvantaged greatly. Supporting families with wrap around care and ensuring they have the same opportunities as their peers is important to having a successful school experience. From our experiences pre and post pandemic, our disadvantaged children are more likely to miss out on real experiences which can reduce their cultural capital and engagement in learning due to contextual limitations. These trips support the learning and offer first hand experiences to support learning which has a significant impact on learning and being able to remember more.  Re building relationships with PSCOs and other trusted adults to ensure children feel safe in their community and overcome past experiences.   |
| 5 | **Attendance and lateness of Pupil Premium Children**We recognise through rigorous attendance procedures that the attendance of our Pupil Premium children is significantly lower than those who are not PPG. Last year PP Attendance was 94.72%.

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|   | PP  | Non PP  |
| 2023-2024 | 94.72%  | 96.06%  |
| 2024 – 2025 (To date)  | 94.7%  | 96.7%  |

Termly tracking in 2024 indicate that there are 9 persistent lates. Working with the Attendance Lead and EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) to find supportive solutions to help families get children into school on time and sharing the lost learning and impact through letters. Case studies are tracking attendance and support for families.   |
| 6 | **Lack of parental engagement and support at home which lowers vocabulary**We recognise that engagement of our pupil premium families is lower than those who are not PP. These involves engagement in reading at home as well as attendance at Family Learning Mornings and parents evening. This results in a large attainment gap in Reading at the end of KS2. Achieving ARE Reading PP 68.8%Achieving ARE Reading NON PP 88.1% Parents are not always equip to support with learning at home. |

## 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.

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| Intended outcome | Success criteria |
| Raised profile of disadvantaged learners among all staff.  | * All staff will be aware of the disadvantaged children in their class.
* Regular updates will support the understanding of how disadvantaged learners attain at Forest.
* Staff voice will show a greater understanding of what it means to be disadvantaged at Forest and how we can support these children.
* Disadvantaged children will recognised and discussed weekly within RAG meetings.
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| Improved Reading, Writing and Maths attainment among disadvantaged children. | * KS2 writing outcomes in 2024/25 show that 65% of disadvantaged children met the expected standard at the end of KS2.
* SEN disadvantaged children make progress, overtime, against their writing targets and we are aspirational in our expectations of our SEN children.
* KS1 writing outcomes are closer aligned with non-disadvantaged peers.
* Pupil progress meetings allow teachers to discuss children in more depth and professional advice given for interventions to support learning.
* Introduction of the RAG will mean teachers can clearly see the progress of the disadvantaged pupils as well as the subject leads to track progress.
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| SEN D– 47% of children entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant are also SEN. All PP children will complete the Reading, Maths and spelling assessments that provide an age the children are working at. This will ensure that small steps of progress are measured.  Access to external professionals to support learning in school.   | * Pupils will make progress as evidenced their SEN assessments.
* Pupils will narrow the gap in RWM.
* Pupils will have access to interventions that ensure progress.
* Support provided by external professionals will enable teachers to support pupils further in meeting their own targets/close the gap.
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| Improved Phonics attainment among disadvantaged children in the Year 1 Phonics Screening. | * Year 1 Phonics Screening results show that disadvantaged children are achieving as well as their non-disadvantaged peers.
* Disadvantaged children are achieving as well as the national average.
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| Quality first teaching available to all children. | * Observations show consistent quality first teaching that impacts learning and retention of knowledge among disadvantaged learners.
* Lesson sequencing is well thought out and allows children to revisit key information and assimilate it with new learning in a logical and effective sequence.
* Assessment of all children, especially SEN and PP, will be robust and lead to improved teaching and allow children to do more and remember more.
* RAG data will show which children are receiving which level of support from the ‘2.2 and 2.1’
* CPD will be develop the teachers’ subject knowledge, leading to improved teaching and outcomes for all children, including disadvantaged.
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| Robust and progressive curriculum that caters for our disadvantaged learners.  | * Curriculum, especially foundation subjects, are well sequenced and progressive in the knowledge, skills and understanding.
* Sequencing of learning positively supports cognitive load theory.
* Assessment of foundation subjects supports the retention of key learning in the long term and supports the learning of our disadvantaged learners.
* Foundation subject intents clearly highlight and recognise how bottom 20% are supported in learning and these strategies are embedded across the school.
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| All children will be emotionally available to learn and feel that their mental well-being is supported by all adults in school. | * Pupil Premium children will be engaged in their learning with very rare low-level disruption.
* When ‘Value reminders’ are used children quickly change their behaviour.
* Pupils will have a sense of belonging and emotional maturity will be achieved.
* Pupils will take risks in learning, cope with the challenges of change, display resilience and feel motivated showing consistently a growth mind-set.
* Pupils will be socially confident and maintain friendships
* Pupils will be recognised regularly in Golden Book Celebration worship.
* Provisions to support children – Morning Nurture, ELSA Support, Thrive, play therapy and counselling.
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| Children will show positive attitudes towards their learning and our curriculum will motivate and captivate learners in order for them to achieve their full potential.  | * PPG provision to be embedded across the school for all PPG children to track: intent, implementation and impact of provision
* Children to be engaged in learning
* Children to show successful learning skills in every lesson across the curriculum
* Age-related skills and knowledge to be achieved in every subject across the curriculum
* Children to have access to a range of enrichment activities.
* Themes in school to be planned with vulnerable children at the forefront ensuring they experience and have access to every learning opportunity
* PPG children to have access to extra curricula activities e.g. music lessons, trips, residential etc.
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| For all vulnerable children to have access to our broad and balanced curriculum whilst fully engaging in all areas of school life. | * Themes to engage the interest of our vulnerable learners.
* Learning resources readily available for all children. Where gaps in experience are recognised,
* Teachers to consider and implement a range of pre-learning experiences and contexts that may need to be addressed to ensure children have full access to our curriculum.
* For any vulnerably to not hinder a child’s school experience e.g. breakfast club, trips, residential etc.
* Gaps in learning have been identified and addressed whilst ensuring new skills are embedded.
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| Attendance of all pupils to meet National. Average Attendance diminished between Pupil Premium and Non-Pupil Premium. | * Pupil Premium attendance will be at least 97%
* The difference in attendance between PP and Non PP children is diminished
* Attendance tracking and monitoring to be in place with weekly attendance meetings, actions as required with individual families.
* Attendance lead to monitor attendance regularly and review procedures from Attendance Network meetings across the year.
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| Parents to be more engaged with school activities both in school and at home. | * HSS to build up positive relationship with parents in school and support where appropriate.
* Parental engagement with events such as the family learning mornings and parents evenings will be good whether their child is PP or non PP
* Specific ‘PP only’ events for parents in school will be well attended such as ‘coffee mornings’.
* Parents to attend school regularly for ‘Family Learning Mornings’
* Parents to attend all parents meetings.
* Parents to be invited to school regularly for updates and changes e.g. new behaviour policies, Vision and Values.
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## 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: £ 27,713.85

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| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
| A Thrive Approach curriculum to support/ improve children mental wellbeing.Chosen ApproachDevelop a wellbeing curriculum focusing on the Thrive Approach. | Improving children’s wellbeing and attitudes to school can enhance learning experience and life chances. “Essential life skills are important in determining life chances and can be measured in a robust and comparable way.” EEF Attainment Gap Report 2018 | 1,2,3,4,6 |
| SENDCo to support teachers in providing feedback to pupils with SEN to show progress even if small steps   | EEF (+6)  Providing feedback is a well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve.  Staff have received staff meeting training on supporting the lowest 20% and scaffolding the learning to enable pupils to keep up and catch up.  <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/feedback>   EEF (+3) Individualised instruction involves providing different tasks for each learner and support at the individual level. It is based on the idea that all learners have different needs, and that therefore an approach that is personally tailored .  <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/individualised-instruction>   | 3  |
|  Whole School Approach to Reading, Writing and Maths. See below for additional information.Chosen ApproachA relentless approach to achieving and maintaining consistent quality first teaching across the school by: Regularly reviewing teaching and learning, through book scrutinies, learning walks and lesson observations. Providing targeted training and CPD both in house and externally for teachers and TA’s. Evaluating and reviewing targets for teachers regularly. Regular RAG meetings and targeted interventions for those students that are not making expected progress and to extend children identified as HA. | “Quality of teaching is one of the biggest drivers of pupil attainment, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. It is crucial, therefore, that schools focus all their resources (not just the Pupil Premium) on proven ways of improving teaching, such as tried and tested continuing professional development courses and effective feedback methods”. (Education Endowment Foundation 2018) | 1,3 |
| An inclusive masteryapproach to mathsthat builds self-confidence and resilience in pupils.Through the approach, our children focus on small steps each lesson and there are daily opportunities to verbalise theirlearning andunderstanding.Actions andApproachTo continue toimplement andmonitor the delivery ofour mastery mathscurriculum.“Subject matter is broken into blocksor units with predetermined objectivesand specified outcomes. A high levelof success should be required beforepupils move on to new comment.  | Theimpact of mastery learning approaches is an additional five monthsprogress, on average, over thecourse of a year.”EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit:Mastery Learning | 1,3 |
| A five-phasedapproach to Englishdriven by language rich texts to raiseattainment of PPchildren in Readingand Writing.Actions and ApproachTo continueimplementing a 5 phasephased approach toEnglish to supportchildren in theirQuality First Teaching known to bebiggest driver in terms of improvingattainment of PP children. ‘ | What happens in the classroom makes the biggest difference’EEF Attainment Gap Report 2018EEF Covid-19 Support Guide forSchools 2020Reading, Writing anduse of vocabulary. | 1,3  |
| Children are exposed to a broad and balanced curriculum taught by highly trained adults and given wider opportunities for exploring arts and culture.**Chosen Approach**Subject leaders have adapted our curriculum to ensure progression within years and across the school. Foundation subjects are well planned and delivered to the highest standard ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum that celebrates all learning and promotes creativity. | Children are exposed to a broad and balanced curriculum taught by highly knowledgeable adults and given wider opportunities for exploring arts and culture. | 1,3,4,6 |
| All children, regardless of background, are exposed to quality first teaching and learning combined with timely catch up and keep up interventions. **Actions/Approach**Whole School Approach. A relentless approach to achieving and maintaining consistent quality first teaching across the school by: Regularly reviewing teaching and learning, through book scrutiny, learning walks and lesson observations. Providing targeted training and CPD both in house and externally for teachers and TA’s. Evaluating and reviewing targets for teachers regularly. Regular progress meeting and targeted interventions for those students that are not making expected progress and to extend children identified as having the potential to reach GD.Robust ECF programme delivered by highly effective mentors.  | “Quality of teaching is one of the biggest drivers of pupil attainment, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. It is crucial, therefore, that schools focus all their resources (not just the Pupil Premium) on proven ways of improving teaching, such as tried and tested continuing professional development courses and effective feedback methods”. (Education Endowment Foundation 2018) | 1,3,4,6 |
| For PPG children to achieve to the same standard in phonics as their non-PPG peers.Continue with Rising Stars across EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 as well intervention in KS2.  | “Phonics approaches have been consistently found to be effective in supporting younger readers to master the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional four months’ progress. Research suggests that phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners (4-7 year olds) as they begin to read. Teaching phonics is more effective on average than other approaches to early reading (such as whole language or alphabetic approaches), though it should be emphasised that effective phonics techniques are usually embedded in a rich literacy environment for early readers and are only one part of a successful literacy strategy. PPG children starting at lower level of literacy in EYFS.” EEFPPG children tend to start school with weaker phonic knowledge than their peers. | 1,3 |
| Continue to buy into Times Table Rock Stars. Chosen Approach Engage all learners, including Disadvantaged Learners to improve times table knowledge in Year 3 and 4 for MTP check and Year 5 and 6 for intervention. |  | 1,3 |
| SAT Buster Books for Upper Key Stage 2 “Homework has a positive impact on average (+5 months).  | Homework that is linked to classroom work tends to be more effective.” 1 and 2 9 Actions and Approach Improved grammar, reading and maths skills through regular practice in class and through consolidation home learning activities. EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit: Homework +5 months | 1,3,4 |
| Pupil Premium Lead to give CPD and training and monitoring.      | EEF (+6) Providing feedback is a well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve. Meetings with teachers increased staff awareness of disadvantaged children and gave them an opportunity to discuss barriers and best ways to support them.  Giving CPD to staff enables them to be more informed in best practice and how to support disadvantaged pupils. Guidance from the EEF recommends that pupils’ writing can be improved by teaching them to successfully plan and monitor their writing: [EEF Improving Literacy in Key Stage 1](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1) Furthermore, it is recommended that to create effective writers pupils are taught through modelling and supported practice: [EEF Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2)  PP lead to oversee data and progress of those on the PP register. Check on whether interventions have impact.  <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/feedback>   | 1, 2, 3, 5,   |

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6995.2

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| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
| Use of targeted interventions planned through the RAG assessment tool to support the catch-up of Pupil Premium children in Reading, Writing and Maths.**Actions/Approach** Pupil Progress Provision Planning used to plan high-quality catch up intervention sessions for identified Pupil Premium children. Teacher or HLTAs to provide interventions and therefore increase attainment and progress, narrow the gap between vulnerable groups. More disadvantaged children to achieve On Track +/ Greater Depth at end of KS2. | “There is extensive evidence supporting the impact of high-quality one to one and small group tuition as a catchup strategy.” EEF Covid-19 Support Guide for Schools 2020 | 1,3 |
| Ensuring all children have access to high quality resources to ensure high quality first teaching is achievable. There will be a big focus on ensuring children have access to high quality reading books and to ensure themes come alive through the resources we are able to use through our teaching.**Actions/Approach** Wiltshire Learning Resources Hub | Quality First Teaching known to be biggest driver in terms of improving attainment of PP children. ‘What happens in the classroom makes the biggest difference’EEF Attainment Gap Report 2018 EEF Covid-19 Support Guide for Schools 2020 | 1,3,4,6 |
| ~~Subsidise Balance Ability so that all children in Reception can learn to ride a bike.~~**~~Actions/Approach~~** ~~Balance Ability~~ | ~~Damian Hinds, in his August 2018 speech cited ‘making more extra-curricular activities available’ as one of the ‘seven key truths’ in raising attainment of Disadvantaged learners.~~ | ~~5~~ |
| Support SEN children through the use of a range of technology within school and the app, Widget. **Actions/Approach**SENCO to support the training of staff in using Widget to support the learning of our SEN and disadvantaged children, leading to better outcomes. | Where technology is effectively used to improve teaching and learning activities, it is carefully integrated into lessons by teachers and teaching assistants trained in its use, and trained to support pupils to use it effectively.[EEF\_Digital\_Technology\_Guidance\_Report](https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/eef-guidance-reports/digital/EEF_Digital_Technology_Guidance_Report.pdf?v=1635355216) | 1, 2  |
| Employing an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) to allow targeted interventions for individual children and small groups.**Actions/Approach**Targeted intervention for individual children and small groups to support children with additional emotional needs both long term and short term. Linked with Home School Support. | Moran (2010), Geddes (2005) and Bomber (2007; 2010) all highlight the key role adults can play in supporting young people to develop self-awareness, express their emotions and find their own solutions. ELSA work this year has allowed a large number of children to access learning and succeed in understanding their own feelings. ELSA is highly valued by parents and children. ELSA has also supported staff with the introduction of ELSA skills and embedded them within classrooms. | 1,2,3,5 |
| Behavioural / emotional support using a counselling service. **Actions/Approach**Key support staff to employ a range of strategies and resources to help pupils develop self-regulation of behaviour and to make positive choices. Helping students to become more independent in managing their emotions and reactions to events in school and life. | The evidence from the EEF indicates that the impact is greater for targeted interventions matched to specific students with particular needs or behavioural issues, than for universal interventions or whole school strategies As a school we have seen the impact regular counselling has on both the external experiences of our pupils and the experience within school, leading to greater engagement with their learning.  | 1,3,4,5  |
| Robust, targeted interventions for our SEN pupils that are adapted regularly to promote rapid progress leading to improved attainment in reading, writing and maths.**Actions/Approach**‘Catch up’ and ‘Keep up’ interventions will be targeted and robust. Provision maps will monitor progress of SEN children and enable teachers to adapt approaches to ensure children make progress against their targets. Interventions will be in place for children who need them. | Well-evidenced teaching assistant interventions can be targeted at pupils that require additional support and can help previously low attaining pupils overcome barriers to learning and ​‘catch-up’ with previously higher attaining pupils.<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions> | 1,3 |
| Homework Club for PP children  (Run by PP lead, no additional cost)  | (EEF +5)   An opportunity for homework to be completed and support from a teacher if required.  Homework that is linked to classroom work tends to be more effective. In particular, studies that included feedback on homework had higher impacts on learning.   <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>   |   |
| Lexia Reading Intervention  | EEF +1 month[Lexia Reading Core5® | EEF](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/lexia)Lexia Reading Core5® (Lexia) aims to improve reading skills and is developed by Lexia Learning Systems LLC. It consists of three elements: personalised online student activities, real-time reporting of student progress, and paper-based resources to guide teacher instruction where needed. Teachers can use it to target struggling readers, as a whole class or whole school intervention, or as a home use supplement to teaching. | 1,3,4 |

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

Budgeted cost: £22484

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| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
| For familiesand pupils who arevulnerable oranxious to be supported.**Actions/Approach** Employing a Home school Support TAs to work with our vulnerable families to develop parenting skills and ensure families gain access to the housing, benefits and health care they are entitled to.Themed mornings for PP families once every term.SLT to work closely with specific families to ensure good relationships and links are built. | Parental engagement is shown by the EEF TT as having a moderate impact on progress in learning.Our Home School Support TA is highly effective and have supported a great number of families since starting and is highly valued by those they work with. Case studies show great impact on the families supported by the home school support TAs in their individual circumstances. Evidence also shows a positive impact on the engagement of families involved. (Feedback 2022/23)(EEF +4)  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
* General approaches which encourage parents to support their children in reading or homework
* The involvement of parents in their children learning activities; and
* More intensive programmes for families in crisis

 <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement>   | 2,5,6 |
| Supporting andencouraging PPchildren in KS1 and 2 inexploring anddevelopingcharacteristics toachieve emotionalmaturity. **Actions/Approach** ELSA provision in place to explore emotions and responding to emotions. | The EEF Teacher Toolkit highlights the positive impact of ‘Social and Emotional’ learning and on average children make 4 months extra progress.Moran (2010), Geddes (2005)and Bomber (2007; 2010) all highlight the key role adults can play in supporting young people to develop self-awareness, express their emotions and find their own solutions. ELSA work this year has allowed a largenumber of children to access learning and succeed in understanding their own feelings.ELSA is highly valued by parents and children. ELSA has also supported staff with the introduction of ELSA skills and embedded them within classrooms | 2,3,4 |
| Supporting pupils to achieve good emotional health and wellbeing.**Actions/Approach** Relate, time to talk counsellor | The EEF Teacher Toolkit highlights the positive impact of ‘Social and Emotional’ learning and on average children make 4 months extra progress. | 2,3,4 |
| PP children areengaged in allaspects of schoollife and in a wide range of experiential learning**Actions/Approach** Subsidising costs ofresidential visits andschool trips.School contributions toschool Uniform.Offering subsidised music lessons to PP children.Bespoke projects offered to PPG children e.g. Melksham Art Sculpture Project. | The EEF Teacher Toolkit recognises that arts participation has a positive impact on disadvantaged children’s progress.EEF (+4) Supporting families to ensure home learning is of high quality. For example, providing practical strategies with tips, support, and resources to assist learning at home may be more beneficial to pupil outcomes than simply gifting a book to pupils or asking parents to provide generic help to their children.  [https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagem](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement) | 5,6 |
| Improving the cultural capital of pupils at the school. **Actions/Approach** Development of a progressive set of cultural experiences that all children will experience as they go through the school. | Research shows that when children and families’ cultures are valued, both the child’s experience of learning and progress can benefit *(Husain et al., 2018, p. 4 and Gazzard, E. 2018 in Chalmers, H. and Crisfield, E. 2019)* Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a child can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients a pupil will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work. | 5,6 |
| PP children all comein to school ready tolearn.**Actions/Approach** HSS, DH and Attendance lead will work with families to help with attendance and morning routines to avoid lateness to school.Weekly attendance meetings will monitor the punctuality and attendance of all children, and focus on PP children.All class teachers will be aware, with the Venn diagrams of the children in their classes who have attendance issues.A reduced cost for extended provision is offered so that parents can ensure children get to school and are looked after at the end of the school day | Improved attendance in school means that the children are in school at every possible opportunity to access their learning.The EEF Teacher Toolkit recognized that parental engagement has a moderate impact on a child’s progress. | 2,5,6 |
| Mini Police   |  Local PCSO run initiative to help young children to build good relationships with police. Knowing how the police are they to support the community and make it a better place as well as teaching the children how they too can make their community a better place.    | 3  |
| Contingency fund for acute issues. | Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified. | All |

**Total budgeted cost: £ 91667**

**Service Pupil Premium Grant**

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| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
| Key support staff to employ a range of strategies and resources to help pupils develop self-regulation of behaviour and to make positive choices. Helping students to become more independent in managing their emotions and reactions to events in school and life. | The evidence from the EEF indicates that the impact is greater for targeted interventions matched to specific students with particular needs or behavioural issues, than for universal interventions or whole school strategies. | 2,6 |
| A large portion of our service PPG is spent on our HSS, ELSA, Thrive support and counsellors for the reasons outlined above.  |  |

# 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 2021 to 2022 academic year.

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| **Activity area 2022-2025** | **Impact from 2022-2025** |
| **Teaching and Interventions** | In the academic year 2023-24, Forest and Sandridge primary experienced the best attainment results for a number of years. We have seen positive improvements for disadvantaged pupils and the progress they are making from their starting points. In RWM 44% of our Pupil Premium children achieved ARE which is in line with national though we are still striving for more children achieving ARE.With the introduction of our RAG, we are able to discuss weekly with teachers the progress children are making and their next steps in learning. This is then underpinned by Pupil progress meetings.Our Foundation Curriculum is designed through the lens of disadvantaged children (disadvantaged being an umbrella term for all of the cognitive, socio-economic, physical and special educational needs). Further development has taken place over the last 18 months to ensure consistent approaches to lesson structure, key learning, vocabulary development and skills and knowledge progression. |
| **Targeted Support and Wider Strategies** | Our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and inspiring setting for our disadvantaged children has also resulted in positive outcomes with regards to attendance. Attendance data completed at the end of the 2023-24 academic year showed that the attendance of our disadvantaged children was in line with their non-disadvantaged peers and above the disadvantaged national average. There are also positives with regards to persistent absence data:

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| Attendance | School | National |
| PP 2023-2024 | 95.08% | 89.8% |
| Non PP 2023-2024 | 96.4% | 94.6% |

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| Persistent Absence | School | National |
| PP 2023-2024 | 18.75% | 32.1% |
| Non PP 2023-2024 | 4.59% | 5.1% |

The emotional support that has been put in place through ELSA, Relate, morning nurture, Thrive and Home School Support worker has had a massive impact on how well pupil premium children are engaging within the classroom. A very small percentage of pupils who struggle to engage within the classroom are quickly supported and encouraged back to their learning stations. We have built up good relationships with parents to ensure children who struggle with their behaviour are support both in school and at home. Behaviour across the school is good. PPG children are being recognised in class daily for good behaviour and this is celebrated through our behaviour system. Pupils feel safe and happy in school.Generally, Pupils will take risks in learning, cope with the challenges of change, display resilience and feel motivated showing consistently a growth mind-set. Where children struggle with this, individual thrive or ELSA approaches are implemented to support. Pupils are recognised regularly in Golden Book Celebration worship.We have successfully implemented our pupil provision plans over the course of the year. SLT meet regularly with teachers to challenge and support ensuring that the most vulnerable children are supported and targeting. This looks different for every child. We have worked hard to support the bottom 20% within all areas of the curriculum and ensure quality first teaching is embedded. Children to have access to a range of enrichment activities across the curriculum including trips and special days. Themes in school are planned with vulnerable children at the forefront ensuring they experience and have access to every learning opportunity. We refer back to previous learning, have a heavy focus on key vocab and The school continues to give the children the cultural capital required to succeed in life. Residentials and trips are subsidised and teachers are challenged to plan immersive lessons across all subjects to help our disadvantaged children make the necessary connections needed for learning to become permanent. British values are upheld and interwoven with our termly school values as we seek to develop the whole child. Disadvantaged children to have access to extra curricula activities e.g. music lessons, trips, residential etc. British values are upheld and interwoven with our termly school values as we seek to develop the whole child. This is then further complemented by our PSHE and Wellbeing curriculums which seek to ensure that children have a secure understanding of how to be healthy in mind, body and relationships. |

## 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*

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| Programme | Provider |
| Thrive Approach | Thrive  |
| Counselling | Relate |
| Jigsaw RE  | Jigsaw RE |
| Jigsaw PSHE  | Jigsaw PSHE |
| Rocket Phonics | Boost Learning |
| Primary PE Planning PPP | PPP |
| Teach Computing | NCCE |