# Pupil premium strategy statement – Mountford Manor Primary School



This statement details our school's use of pupil 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**

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	208 (177 excl Nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	49%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	<b>2024-25</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of a 3 year plan)
Date this statement was published	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
Statement authorised by	Helen Wollington
Pupil premium lead	Helen Wollington
Governor / Trustee lead	Nicky Langford

## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£125,800
Total budget for this academic year	£125,800
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	





# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

#### **Statement of intent**

At Mountford Manor Primary School, our mission is for children to; "Make the Most of their Potential". To do this, our ambition is for our children to; become motivated learners; seek meaningful futures and become proud citizens.

Developing the whole child is at the centre of everything we do and our overarching intention for our Pupil Premium funding is to provide children with a curriculum that extends opportunity, raises aspiration and opens children's eyes to the world beyond their immediate environment. It is the school's aim to provide an enabling curriculum of supported opportunities which engineers accumulated advantage over-time

As a school, we also consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

To meet our aims for disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils, we approach our Pupil Premium strategy through a 3-tiered approach. First and foremost; we aim to provide our children with outstanding, quality-first teaching and learning. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap whilst benefiting all the pupils in our school. To enable this; we aim to ensure all staff are effectively trained so they acquire the knowledge and understand of what constitutes high-quality teaching and learning and how this is applied successfully in the classroom particularly through an adaptive teaching approach.

Alongside quality-first teaching, Pupil Premium pupils are supported through a range of targeted academic support measures including; academic keep-up sessions; small group booster sessions; speech and language interventions and ELSA support.

The third strand to the school's Pupil Premium spend is the development of wider school strategies. This strand centres around ensuring children are "Ready to Learn". The development of a highly-effective welfare team; enables family support and addresses pupils SEMH needs. This wider approach ensures the ongoing safety and wellbeing of all pupils at the school which in turn enables them to come to school ready to learn, breaking down any social and emotional barriers to learning.

Our chosen approaches to supporting the disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils at our school is responsive to common challenges and individual needs. It is informed by rigorous and robust diagnostic assessments (including formal and summative strategies) and is not just simply led by generic assumptions of disadvantage.





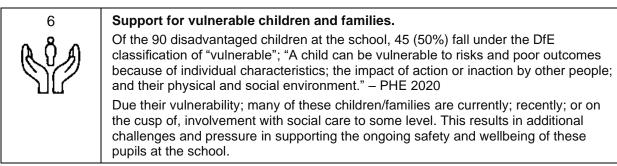
## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Pupil SEMH needs impacting attendance; behaviour and academic progress
	44% of the disadvantaged pupils at the school have a SEND needs (of these 6 children have an EHCP). The majority of pupils with SEND have a SEMH need. From observations of pupils and discussions with teachers this has led to a lack of self-esteem and confidence alongside the under development of learning behaviours such as resilience and self-regulation. This leads to many of these children struggling to overcome the barriers, obstacles and challenges associated to the learning process. These also have an impact on attendance and behaviour which in turn impact upon academic progress.
2	Limited Cultural Capital needed to be educated citizens.
E	Observations and discussions with pupils indicate that, on average, disadvantaged pupils have less opportunities to partake in cultural and extra-curricular activities when compared to their Non-disadvantaged peers. Assessments and observations suggest, in general, disadvantaged pupils lack the essential prior knowledge and understanding of the world which is need to be educated citizens. Limited access to these opportunities impacts on their language and vocabulary knowledge.
3	Significant speech, language and communication challenges.
(}»))	Informal and summative assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate many of the disadvantaged children at the school have under-developed oral language skills (including vocabulary) when compared to their non-disadvantaged peers. This gap is specifically evident (but not isolated to) children in the EYFS and KS1 where many of the children have speech, language and communication skills well below their age expectations. 27% of PP children at the school have a SEND where speech and language are indicated as a prominent need.
4	Difficulties with reading fluency
	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with reading fluency skills including; accuracy (knowledge and understanding of how to apply phonics to decode unknown words); automaticity (read words at an appropriate speed) and prosody (appropriate stress and intonation). In Reception and Year 2, disadvantaged pupils (especially boys) are less likely to meet the expected reading standards for their year group. In Year 1, disadvantaged pupils are less likely to pass the Phonics screener check. A lack of reading fluency across the school; limits access to the school's overall curriculum. Use of GL assessments have shown the evidence to inform these outcomes and predictions.
5	Parental support and engagement.
	Parental surveys and discussions with the school's Welfare Team indicates, as a result of widening external pressures (including financial; social; emotional; and health (mental and physical)) there is reduced parental capacity to support learning at home; including ensuring children come to school ready to learn. Over 75% of parents attending parental classes arranged by the school (i.e. managing challenging behaviour courses) were of disadvantaged pupils. Less than 50% of disadvantaged pupils read regularly (more than 3 times a week) at home and therefore need additional reading booster support in school with an adult. In addition to this, the majority of persistent absenteeism and pupils who arrive late to school, are from disadvantaged families.







#### **Intended outcomes**

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our (3-year) strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

#### Highlighted in green = achieved in a previous year.

Intended outcome	Success criteria (to be developed over 3 years)
Intended outcome 1.Disadvantaged pupils will have established learning behaviours such as resilience and self- regulation which will enable them to overcome the inevitable obstacles and challenges they will face when learning. This will result in -An improvement in overall attendance of pupil premium children bringing them in line with non-disadvantaged peers and overall National expectations. - A reduction in the percentage of persistent absenteeism amongst pupil premium children so that the average is in line (or below) the national expectations. -Overall attainment and progress measures at the end of Key Stage phase points are in line with (or exceeding) national averages.	<ul> <li>Success criteria (to be developed over 3 years)</li> <li>SHORT TERM <ul> <li>The school have systems, processes and routines in place so that it offers a SEL curriculum that builds the following 5 core skills</li> <li>Self-Awareness;</li> <li>Self-Management;</li> <li>Social Awareness;</li> <li>Relationship Skills;</li> <li>Responsible Decision Making</li> </ul> </li> <li>The school delivers a high-quality SEL curriculum through a 3-tiered approach;</li> <li>Whole School</li> <li>Whole Class</li> <li>Targeted Intervention,</li> </ul> Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of how to deliver a high-quality SEL curriculum. MEDIUM TERM From observations; staff & pupil discussions, it will be evident that; <ul> <li>Disadvantaged pupils are more aware of the 5 core skills out-lined in SEL curriculum and are more resilient to challenges, obstacles and setbacks</li> <li>Disadvantaged pupils will be more self-aware; recognise their own emotions, thoughts and values and how they influence behaviour.</li> <li>Disadvantaged pupils are more equipped to successfully regulate their emotions, thoughts and behaviours in different situations</li> <li>Disadvantaged pupils are more socially-aware; take the perspective of and empathise with others.</li> <li>Disadvantaged pupils are more equipped to establish and maintain healthy relationships with diverse individuals and groups.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Disadvantaged pupils are able to make constructive choices about personal behaviour and social interactions</li> </ul>





From observations and pupil discussions (including Wellbeing
and SDQ surveys);
<ul> <li>Disadvantaged pupils will have an improved positive image of</li> </ul>
themselves and will be more aware of their own mental wellbe-
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<ul> <li>Disadvantaged pupils will feel confident to face challenges and</li> </ul>
maintain social friendships with their peers
<ul> <li>Disadvantaged pupils will feel confident in their abilities and</li> </ul>
are able to take risks in learning, cope with failure and chal-
lenges, show resilience, be engaged and feel motivated within
lessons.
<ul> <li>Pupils will feel like they belong within the community and will</li> </ul>
be able to develop their emotional maturity
By the end of the 3 year strategic plan:,
School attendance will improve to be more in line with national
averages (especially for PP children and those with SEND)
The percentage of persistent absenteeism will have declined
to below national average levels
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disadvantaged pupils and across the school.	<ul> <li>Highly trained and knowledgable start who are ellective in developing children's language skills.</li> </ul>
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	Through learning walks; lesson plans and observations;
Disadvantaged pupils leaving EYFS meet ELG statements in relation to	<ul> <li>The school has in place a number of systems; process and</li> </ul>
communication and language.	routines which facilitates the high-quality teaching and learning of oracy skills
	<ul> <li>The school has in place language rich environment which</li> </ul>
$\overline{\mathbf{C}}$	is used effectively to support children's learning
( },,,)	Outdoor learning provision will offer the same language rich
<u>ነ ተማ</u>	environment to effectively support children's development
	of language.
	MEDIUM TERM Through summative assessments such as Welcomm / NELI as-
	sessments;
	High quality interventions (such as Early talk boost/ Wel-
	com) embedded at the school to support language devel-
	opment of children.
	<ul> <li>Assessments and observations indicate significantly im- proved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is</li> </ul>
	evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence,
	including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and on-go-
	ing formative assessment.
	At least 65% of Disadvantaged EYFS children to meet GLD
	<ul> <li>At least 65% of Disadvantaged EYFS children to meet GLD by the end of reception including ELG for C&amp;L.</li> </ul>
4.Disadvantaged pupils across	SHORT TERM
the school will have improved	<ul> <li>The school have a high quality Systematic Synthetic Phonics</li> </ul>
reading fluency (accuracy,	(SSP) programme in place and it is being delivered consist-
automaticity and prosody)	<ul><li>ently across EYFS and KS1.</li><li>The school has a rigorous and robust assessment process</li></ul>
resulting in improved reading attainment outcomes at the end	which quickly identifies children who are unable to read flu-
of each Key Phase.	ently.
	The school runs targeted intervention to ensure children who
$\bigcirc$	fall off track are supported and can catch up and keep up.
	These include interventions that target accuracy (decoding); automaticity (speed) and prosody
	<ul> <li>Disadvantaged Pupils have access to a range of High Quality</li> </ul>
	(age appropriate) Texts and have opportunities to develop a
	love of reading
	<ul> <li>EYFS teachers report improved comprehension and oral lan-</li> </ul>
	guage skills in Disadvantaged pupils and improvements in
	Reading Age scores
	Pupils in Reception and Year 1 have a developing grasp of
	phonics to support the segmenting/blending (decoding) of
	<ul> <li>unknown words.</li> <li>Children in KS2 who are not phase 5 secure will be attending</li> </ul>
	HQ rapid catch up phonics sessions.
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	<ul> <li>The percentage of children moving out of KS1 'Phase 5 se- cure' has increased so that the school is in line with National</li> </ul>
	Averages.
	LONG TERM
	<ul> <li>The number of Disadvantaged pupils leaving Year 2 having</li> </ul>
	passed the Phonics Screener check is broadly in line with
	National Expectations (90%).
	An increase in the attainment of Disadvantaged pupils in
	Reading (Both On-Track and Greater Depth) at the end of
	each Key Stage.
	<ul> <li>Disadvantaged Pupils have developed a love for reading and read more frequently at home.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Disadvantaged Pupils have a broadening vocabulary (expo-</li> </ul>
	sure to HQ texts and explicit teaching)
5.Improved parental capacity for;	SHORT TERM
• Engaging with and attending in-	• Established systems in place to signpost support for families
school activities;	who maybe be struggling with supporting their child (including
Supporting children's learning	ensuring children are prepared for learning)
at home;	<ul> <li>Established systems in place to support children who may ready to come to school ready to learn i.e. access to free-</li> </ul>
Ensuring children come to	breakfast clubs; Rest and Recovery club at lunchtime; access
school prepared and ready to	to ELSA groups.
learn.	<ul> <li>Increased targeted support from Family Support Workers for</li> </ul>
	individual families who need help in establishing rules and rou-
	tines. <ul> <li>Increased engagement with Family links course to increase</li> </ul>
THE REAL	parental engagement and capacity.
	<ul> <li>Scheduled focused open mornings in English, maths and</li> </ul>
	reading to activity promote engagement of parents and de-
	velop understanding of how to support their child's learning.
	MEDIUM TERM
	<ul> <li>Improved parental engagement with in-school activities.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Improvements in support with learning at home</li> <li>Increased parental knowledge and understanding of how to</li> </ul>
	support their child(ren) at home.
	<ul> <li>Raised ambition and aspiration amongst the parents at the</li> </ul>
	school.
	• Reduction in the number of pupils reported entering school un-
	prepared/not ready for learn.
	From parent discussions and surveys,
	Parents of Disadvantaged Pupils are more confident in how to
	support their child's learning and have higher aspirations for their child's future life opportunities.
	A significant decrease in the number of incidence where children come to school not prepared/ready to learn.
	<ul> <li>Increased percentage of parents attending in parents'</li> </ul>
	evenings; termly celebration events; workshops and other in-
	school activities.
	<ul> <li>Increase in the percentage of children who are supported in home learning (e.g. read to frequently at home)</li> </ul>
6.Secure and established	SHORT TERM
safeguarding provision	<ul> <li>Maintain a highly trained welfare team that can support</li> </ul>
(including systems and	children and families through the range of safeguarding
processes) that ensure the safe wellbeing of the children at the	challenges the school faces (including children at CP and
school.	ChIN).





RŮA	<ul> <li>Establish an effective reporting; tracking and monitoring system is well established at the school (CPOMS)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Deliver an ongoing CPD programme which ensures staff have the required knowledge and skills to identify and report safeguarding concerns.</li> <li>MEDIUM TERM</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Established collaboration with a number of external agencies including social services; police and a number of clinical commissioning groups (CCGs)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Improved knowledge and understanding of LGB members of the safeguarding challenges the school faces which results in the regular and robust challenge of school leaders.</li> <li>LONG TERM</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>From Disadvantaged Pupils discussions and surveys, children feel safe and supported at school.</li> </ul>
	• From profession reports and discussions; the school effectively supports and maintains the safety and wellbeing of the children at the school.

#### 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: £60,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To fund additional non- contact time for SLT members so that a highly-effective SLT is established and maintained. This will ensure a rigorus and robust whole school approach to achieving and maintaining consistent quality-first teaching across the school by:	"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)	2,3 and 4
-regularly reviewing teaching and learning through book scrutiny, learning walks, lesson observations	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/ guidance-for-teachers/using-pupil-premium	
-providing targeted training and CPD both in-house and externally for teachers and TA's. -evaluating and reviewing targets for teachers regularly.		

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-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 GDS.		
<ul> <li>Continued improvements in whole school early reading provision through access to a high-quality systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programme to the Little Wandle SSP. This ensures;</li> <li>All children have a solid base upon which to build as they progress through school;</li> <li>Enable children to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information This will be done through;</li> <li>Access to ongoing, high-quality staff training.</li> <li>Access to well-mapped and sequenced lesson plans</li> <li>Matched phonetically decodable books</li> <li>Learning environments which are conducive to high-quality learning including an inviting and well-stocked class library/book corner</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EEF Key finding;</li> <li>"Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.</li> <li>"The teaching of phonics should be explicit and systematic to support children in making connections between the sound patterns they hear in words and the way that these words are written."</li> <li>"Studies in England have shown that pupils eligible for free school meals typically receive similar or slightly greater benefit from phonics interventions and approaches. This is likely to be due to the explicit nature of the instruction and the intensive support provided.</li> <li>It is possible that some disadvantaged pupils may not develop phonological awareness at the same rate as other pupils, having been exposed to fewer words spoken and books read in the home. Targeted phonics interventions may therefore improve decoding skills more quickly for pupils who have experienced these barriers to learning."</li> </ul>	4
Continued subscription to a <u>DfE validated Systematic</u> <u>Synthetic Phonics programme</u> (Little Wandle) Enable and maintain strong and secure phonics teaching for all pupils.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils: <u>Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education</u> <u>Endowment Foundation   EEF</u>	4
<ul> <li>Purchase of standardised assessments.</li> <li>GL assessments for summative and formative reports giving clear predictions and challenges for all children.</li> <li>Training for all staff (including support staff) to ensure assessments are interpreted and administered correctly.</li> </ul>	Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction: <u>Standardised tests   Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress   Education Endowment</u> <u>Foundation   EEF</u>	4





<ul> <li>Continued Improvement in whole school speech and language provision through access to high-quality teaching and bespoke targeted support where needed.</li> <li>This will be done by;</li> <li>Purchase and introduction of Wellcomm Communication and language targeted intervention programme.</li> <li>EYFS framework and observation training to develop understanding of staff to ensure teaching is nothing less than good and high-quality</li> </ul>	The Oracy All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG); Speak for Change Inquiry – April 2021 Section 6 Who needs oracy education most? Pg 21 Section 8.3 Equip schools to provide sustained, consistent and comprehensive oracy education in schools. Pg 45 Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment:	3
<ul> <li>interactions take place</li> <li>High-quality resources to support talk, discussion and debate across the school including language frames; talk tins and role play equipment.</li> <li>Access for Oracy lead to engage with Voice21 training.</li> </ul>	Education Endowment Foundation   EEF	
Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning. SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff. Training for all staff (including support staff) to ensure SEL is delivered consistently across the school.	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): <u>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(edu</u> <u>cationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	1
Contribution towards the Immersive Studio to give extended learning experience and opportunities through immersive teaching and learning.	Technology and other resources to support high quality teaching and learning. <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/</u> <u>guidance-for-teachers/using-pupil-premium</u>	2, 3, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £34,350

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Employment of a Learning mentor to engage with pupils on either a 1:1 basis or through group interventions	Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021	1





<ul> <li>(tranquillity, friendship groups, counselling sessions).</li> <li>Working with the Inclusion Team, the school's Learning Mentor is also responsible for supporting the leadership and management of mental health and wellbeing across the school including; <ul> <li>Developing a whole school ethos;</li> <li>Staff development;</li> <li>Pupil voice;</li> <li>Identifying need and monitoring impact;</li> <li>Working with parents, families and carers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"It is widely recognised that a child's emotional health and wellbeing influences their cognitive development and learning as well as their physical and social health and their mental wellbeing in adulthood"</li> <li><u>The PHE COVID-19 mental health and wellbeing surveillance report</u>; indicates that "that some children and young people, especially those with certain characteristics, such as those who are disadvantaged economically, females, and those with preexisting mental health needs, appear to have experienced greater negative impacts on their mental health and wellbeing."</li> <li>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):</li> <li><u>EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u></li> </ul>	
Structured Intervention: Welcomm Communication and language intervention programme in EYFS. Weekly speech and language support for children who are identified as needing support beyond what is offered in the general classroom practice however do not meet threshold of Speech and Language Therapist.	The Oracy All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG); Speak for Change Inquiry – April 2021Section 6 Who needs oracy education most? Pg 21Section 8.3 Equip schools to provide sustained, consistent and comprehensive oracy education in schools. Pg 45Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment:Oral language interventions   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF	3
<b>Small group Booster sessions</b> For year groups Rec – Y6; access to booster groups from TA or teacher where available	EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit indicates that if tuition is high-quality and aligned to classroom teaching, pupils can make up to five months additional progress with one to one tuition and up to four months additional progress with small group tuition. For small group tuition, the smaller the group the better. Evidence for benefits of targeted intervention – <u>EEF Making a difference with effective</u> <u>tutoring</u>	3,4
Training and supervision costs for 2 x ELSA members of staff to deliver/ run SEMH interventions across the school	Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021 Chapter 5 and Chapter 6	1





Continued access to high- quality Staff CPD and resources to deliver effective Keep-up and Rapid Catch up Phonics interventions Whole school CPD on how to deliver an effective early reading programme (SSP); access to catch up and keep up resources including planning and books.	EEF <u>High Quality Teaching Guidance</u> EEF <u>Key finding;</u> "Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	4
Improving the quality of Fluency Reading interventions (including accuracy; automaticity and prosody) • High-quality delivery • Access to High-quality CPD • Access to high-quality resources and interventions	Recommendation 2: Use a balanced and engaging approach to developing reading, teaching both decoding and comprehension skills Recommendation 4: Teach pupils to use strategies for developing and monitoring their reading comprehension EEF - Improving Literacy in KS1 Recommendation 2: Support pupils to develop fluent reading capabilities Recommendation 3: Teach reading comprehension strategies through modelling and supported practice EEF - Improving Literacy in KS2	3,4

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

#### Budgeted cost: £31,450

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<ul> <li>Employment of Family Support Worker to establish a team that works with/alongside groups of and individual families using targeted support based on need.</li> <li>The areas of priority are;</li> <li>Improving attendance across the school; especially of children who have persistent absenteeism.</li> <li>Improving parental engagement with supporting learning (including developing rules and routines)</li> <li>Improving children's emotional and physical readiness to learn.</li> <li>To support the school's communications to encourage positive dialogue about learning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning – EEF report</li> <li>There is an established link between the home learning environment at all ages and children's performance at school.</li> <li>Schools and parents have a shared priority to deliver the best outcomes for their children</li> <li>Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021</li> <li>Chapter 7: Working with parents, families and carers</li> </ul>	5,6





<ul> <li>Offer more sustained and intensive support where needed.</li> <li>To support the safety and wellbeing of the children at the school.</li> <li>Educational Psychologist (Traded Service time) to complete observations, assessments; reports and give support/ suggested approaches to assist the school in supporting children with additional needs.</li> <li>Training programme for staff where needed.</li> <li>Assistant EP to support positive playtime project with play leaders.</li> </ul>	Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021 Chapter 6: Identifying need and monitoring impact Chapter 8: Targeted support and appropriate referrals	1
SEMH Nylands Outreach Team(Traded Services time) to assist the school in support children with specific challenging behaviours.	Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021 Chapter 6: Identifying need and monitoring impact Chapter 8: Targeted support and appropriate referrals	1, 5
Give children wider access to the Arts through improved access to Swindon Music Hub/Music Services and resources. (Traded Service time) Drumming (KS1) and guitar (Yr5) lessons Whole school choir and associated events	School cultures and practices: supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. DfE -May 2018 9.1 Extra-curricular activities pg 91	2
Give children wider access to the Arts through further access to theatre/drama activities (Local Theatre Group – Prime Theatre)	School cultures and practices: supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. DfE -May 2018 9.1 Extra-curricular activities pg 91	2
Give children wider access to the Arts through further access to Ballet/Dance (Royal Ballet Company)	School cultures and practices: supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. DfE -May 2018 9.1 Extra-curricular activities pg 91	2
Subsidies for school trips and experiences; ensuring that all children are able to participate in and have access to an enhanced curriculum through attending experience days and school trips/residentials. This gives children the opportunity to experience new and challenging activities which broadens their knowledge and understanding improving their cultural capital.	School cultures and practices: supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. DfE -May 2018 9.1 Extra-curricular activities pg 91	2





Funding of Outdoor learning interventions/ opportunities (such as forest schools and Greatwood) to target low self- esteem and anxiety, enabling pupils to become more confident in their abilities Fully trained Forest School leader in school. Year groups get an afternoon a week for a term each.	Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021 Chapter 3 There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf(educati onendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 2
Employment of a Part-Time Attendance officer (0.3) to monitor lateness and absenteeism on a weekly basis and provide reports to SLT Attendance officer to follow procedure to contact parents via phone to establish reasons, and then by mail for persistent absenteeism. Meetings with parents to be arranged when child falls below 90% and EWO involvement established.	Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils: articulating success and good practice – DfE/NfER 2015 "Schools' typical pathways to improvement take around three to five years. Beginning with a focus on attendance and behaviour alongside quality teaching, schools can embed their support for disadvantaged pupils, and the most successful are able to contribute to system improvement." NFER Seven building blocks to successfully raising attainment in disadvantaged pupils – Block 2 Addressing Behaviour and Attendance	5,6
Subsidised free access to the school's breakfast club to improve attendance and readiness to learn. • Employment of 2 x Breakfast club playleaders. • Subsidies for food items • Access to high-quality games and resources. Participation in the National School Breakfast Programme • 25% contribution towards costs • Every child in school offered a breakfast every day.	Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils: articulating success and good practice – DfE/NfER 2015 "Schools' typical pathways to improvement take around three to five years. Beginning with a focus on attendance and behaviour alongside quality teaching, schools can embed their support for disadvantaged pupils, and the most successful are able to contribute to system improvement." <u>NFER Seven building blocks to successfully</u> <u>raising attainment in disadvantaged pupils</u> – Block 2: Addressing Behaviour and Attendance <u>National School Breakfast Programme – Family Action</u>	1, 6
The continued development of an increased safeguarding team and provision (including systems and processes) that ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children at the school	Promoting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing- PHE 2021 Chapter 7: Working with parents, families and carers	1,5,6

# Total budgeted cost: £125,800





# Part B: Review of the previous academic year

## **Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils**

During 2023/24, both school-led internal assessments (including standardised summative tests such as GL progress tests) and nationally reported assessments (including SATS) suggested an improvement in regards to the performance of the disadvantaged pupils at the school however there continues to be a significant variation in regards to success (those who met age-related expectations-ARE) across key phases; groups (such as gender) and subjects.

In Early Years; although improving on the previous year, the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving GLD (35.7%) was below that of Non-disadvantaged pupils (53.3%)

In Phonics; the gap has widened slightly due to the number of children in Year 1 with a significant SEN that are also disadvantaged in that year group. 71.4% of disadvantaged children passed the phonics screening check compared to 90.9% of non-disadvantaged children.

Children start our school with lower than national average baseline, they are not ready for school when they start the Reception and have many gaps, especially in speech and language with poor awareness of language skills and limited vocabulary knowledge.

As the children move up through the school, the gap narrows and the children's outcomes fall more inline with the national average.

Disadvantaged children out performed their non-disadvantaged peers in the KS2 SATs for RWM, where disadvantaged children scored 66.7% and non-disadvantaged scored 45.5%.

In the individual subjects, this was also the case in reading with disadvantaged children scoring 66.7% and non-disadvantaged children 54.5%. In writing,83.3% of disadvantaged children met the age-related standard, compared to 66.7% of their non-disadvantaged peers. In maths, 77.8% of disadvantaged children met the age-related expected standard compared to 63.6% of their non-disadvantaged peers. So overall, disadvantaged children are out performing their peers across all areas of the curriculum.

The school has seen a significant spike in the number of disadvantaged pupils entering the EYFS provisions with complex and challenging speech and language needs alongside prolonged S&L difficulties of children moving through KS1 and then into KS2. This has resulted in a greater need for specialist support-including speech and language therapists.

The school's overall attendance in 2023/24 has remained at 94.5%, slightly below National Averages, with disadvantaged attendance being even lower at 93%. The percentage of persistent absenteeism for the whole school is 15.4% and for disadvantaged children is 19.8%. This gap has remained the same as previous years.





Our analysis of recorded pupil high-level behaviour incidents and general behaviour observations indicated that pupil behaviour, wellbeing and mental health has significantly improved in 2023-24 especially when compared to the previous year. The number of suspensions dropped to 0. Observations and behaviour incident record indicate that the pupil premium funding used to put in place measures to support pupil's wellbeing (including 1:1 and group targeted interventions) have had a big impact on how children regulate their emotions.

## **Externally provided programmes**

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium (or recovery premium) to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
None	

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year

The small amount of funding received (4 children) for the Service pupil premium has been primarily spent on funding access to ELSA support including; 1:1 support from the school's learning mentor.

#### The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

All pupils who receive service pupil premium funding continue to have access to the school's learning mentor who is able to offer pastoral support when needed. Teachers and other staff continue to observe improvements in the wellbeing of service PP pupils. The attendance of service pupil premium children continues to be significantly higher than both the school and national average (98.15%)





# **Further information (optional)**

#### Additional activity

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activity that is not being funded by pupil premium. That will include:

- Embedding more effective practice around supporting SEND pupils with a focus on the EEF's 5-day guidance. <u>EEF evidence</u> review found evidence that teachers could use 5 'adaptive teaching' strategies to support improving outcomes for pupils with SEND. Of the Disadvantaged pupils at the school, 44% have a SEN or D. This inevitably impacts on their outcomes but the progress is evident from their relative starting points.
- Utilising a <u>DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead</u>. The training we have selected will focus on the training needs identified through the online tool: to develop our understanding of our pupils' needs, give pupils a voice in how we address wellbeing, and support more effective collaboration with parents.
- Offering a wide range of high-quality extracurricular activities to boost wellbeing, behaviour, attendance, and aspiration. Activities will focus on improving health and fitness (in conjunction with the PE sports premium grant) and life skills such as confidence, resilience, and socialising (for example access to the Swindon Town FC Project Me intervention). Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate.
- Swindon Women's Aid 'Hope Award' becoming a school known for understanding and giving refuge to people who suffer or have suffered any form of domestic abuse
- Part of the Big Brush Club, for children in the Early Years where they take part in daily teeth brushing in school to promote good oral hygiene.
- Termly community engagement afternoons to encourage parents/carers and community members into school to celebrate in the learning and also share in what the school has to offer and teach our adults and families.
- Community bike library 20 bikes that can be borrowed by families to promote quality family time, mental health and physical healthy lifestyles. All children in school to be able to learn to ride a bike by the time they leave primary school.

#### Planning, implementation, and evaluation

We continue to use the <u>EEF's implementation guidance</u> to help us develop our strategy, particularly the 'explore' phase to help us diagnose specific pupil needs and work out which activities and approaches are likely to work in our school. We will continue to use it through the implementation and evaluation of activities.