# Selwood Academy Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024-2025

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

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

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Selwood Academy
Number of pupils in school	603
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	25%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023-2024 – 2025-2026
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Daniel Jeffries
Pupil premium lead	Dave Finlay
Trustee lead	Kyrstie Kirkwood

## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£211,030
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
National Tutoring program funding	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£211,030
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

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have poor attendance, a social worker and young carers. The activities outlined in this statement are intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

We fundamentally believe that opportunities can raise aspiration and therefor attainment. We invest heavily is providing enrichment opportunities for all pupils. We make sure that every pupil who attends Selwood attends one trip each year as a minimum (as long as we have parental permission). These trips vary from: Caving and Harry Potter world as they start year 5 to Lyme Regis and Portsmouth harbour as they move into Key stage 3. All PP pupils have an additional £50 a year activity voucher to help them access other trips and opportunities.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve
- Provide enriching opportunities for all

Our ultimate aim is to reduce inequality in academic outcomes, attendance and attitudes to learning; to enable all to let their light shine.

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
- When making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged

At Selwood we recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

Throughout the year we will evaluate our provision through monitoring of opportunities, academic attainment and quality of teaching. Our SLT, whose responsibility is behaviour and attendance, monitors attendance and behaviour trends for all pupils but also specifically disadvantage pupils. Any trends or issues are than addressed with appropriate intervention put in place.

As a school we have a pledge to provide pupils with the following opportunities whilst they attend our school:

Perform to an audience; visit a museum; take part in an intra school competition; visit local places of worship; contribute to charity work; visit a historical place; meet people who can widen your understanding of the world; visit outdoor learning environment; meet pupils from other schools; experience and use modern technology; learn about ways to look after yourself and our planet; be ready for your next stage in education; be exposed to a wide variety of texts and authors; meet an author; learn about key literacy and musical artistic figures; visit the school library; attend a trip each year and provide your with opportunities to attend a range of clubs at lunch and after school.

# Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge				
1 Attainment Reading	A significant gap in attainment remains between pupils eligible				
2 Attainment Writing	for PPG funding and those who are not. This gap exists on entry in year 5 in literacy and numeracy.				
3 Attainment Maths	citily in year 5 in iteracy and numeracy.				
4 SEND	28% of disadvantaged pupils are also SEND				
5 Engagement with learning and Cultural Capital	Pupils from more disadvantaged backgrounds are less able to afford classroom resources and uniform and food-products, limiting capacity to engage effectively with day-to-day learning. Pupils from disadvantaged families are less likely to support costs				
	associated with extra-curricular activities and enrichment, limiting capacity to access cultural capital.				

### 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					
1 Attainment Reading	The gap in achievement between PP pupils and non-PP pupils is					
2 Attainment Writing	narrowed, so that achievement is in line with non-PP achievement in reading, writing and mathematics.					
3 Attainment Maths	• PP achievement meets or exceeds individualised progress and at- tainment estimations.					
4 SEND	• Progress and attainment of pupils with SEND is in line or exceeds the national average					
5 Engagement with learning and Cultural Capital	Funding support to assist pupils in engagement with extra-curricular and enrichment activity. Participation in enrichment activities to be closely monitored, with direct contact maintained to promote engagement. We aim to make sure every pupil attends one trip each year. Introduction of homework support clubs- offered primarily to PP pupils,					
	to provide a supportive and calm environment for learning					

### 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: £ 110,787

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional specialist teaching Capacity	Increase capacity of specialist teaching in year 5 and year 6 to support the recovery of missed learning, by reducing class sizes and targeted specialist and intensive teaching for pupils identified as most in need <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-ev- idence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reducing-class-size</u> 'reduced numbers allow teachers to teach differently – for ex- ample, having higher quality interactions with pupils or mini- mising disruption'. 'Gains from smaller class sizes are likely to come from the in- creased flexibility for organising learners and the quality and quantity of feedback the pupils receive'	1 2 3 4
Quality first teaching- CPD	Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving chil- dren's outcomes. Indeed, research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap. It is therefore hugely encouraging to see a host of new initiatives and re- forms that recognise the importance of teacher quality such as the Early Career Framework and the new National Profes- sional Qualifications. These exemplify a growing consensus that promoting effective professional development (PD) plays a crucial role in improving classroom practice and pupil out- comes.	1 2 3 4
Weekly intervention cycles	evidence/guidance-reports/effective-professional-developmentProvide timetabled additional intervention in both literacy and numeracy every two weeks. Recruitment of additional specialist teachers will provide capacity for this to take place. Interventions will respond proactively to the needs of pupils, with diagnostic information provided by the class teacher. <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition">https://education-</a>	1 2 3
Phonics Development	Recruitment of teacher with specialist knowledge in phonics in addition to timetabled intervention sessions to support phonics development for pupils requiring additional support 'Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the	1 2 4

development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds'	
https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics	

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

## Budgeted cost: £ 10,960

Activity	у		
Maths tuition	Provision additional tutoring for up to 90	1	
Literacy tuition	pupils (66% PP) identified from internal assessment and diagnosis of gaps in learning. Additional capacity for a further 30 to receive tutoring in both literacy and/or numeracy, based on ongoing assessments	2 3 4	
	<ul> <li>EEF (+4)</li> <li>Small group tuition is defined as one teacher or professional educator working with two to five pupils together in a group. This ar- rangement enables the teacher to focus ex- clusively on a small number of learners, usu- ally in a separate classroom or working area. Intensive tuition in small groups is often pro- vided to support lower attaining learners or those who are falling behind, but it can also be used as a more general strategy to ensure effective progress, or to teach challenging topics or skills.</li> <li>Having analysed our cohorts we have identi- fied that all years groups have gaps in maths, phonics, writing and reading. A list of chil- dren and the areas of weakness has been drawn up and the School Led Tutoring fund- ing will be used for these interventions which will be both in and outside of the school day.</li> <li><u>https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/what- works-9781472965639/</u></li> </ul>		
Elsa staff to support children who are having difficulty accessing learning through	Pay for staff and updated training for more staff to become ELSA practitioners. EEF (+4)	4 5	

behavioural issues, using the Elsa approach to support their management of their own behaviour.	Social and Emotional Learning – interven- tions which target social and emotional learning seek to improve pupil's interaction with others and self management of emo- tions, rather than focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learn- ing. SEL interventions might focus on the ways in which students work with (and alongside) their peers, teachers, family and community. These include : specialised programmes which are targeted at stu- dents with particular social or emotional needs. Think of yourself: self regulation and meta- cognition from What Works? Research and evidence for successful teaching - Lee Elliot Major and Steve Higgins p35-40 <u>https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/what- works-9781472965639/</u>	
Purchases of Bedrock Learning to support our language rich curriculum and develop Vocabulary. This also acts as a diagnostic and assessment tool to support pupils needs. Bedrock is Ai generated to support and challenge pupils.	Bedrock supports the EEF recommendations on how to support literacy by developing pu- pils language capabilities and supporting pu- pils to develop reading. <u>https://educationendowmentfounda- tion.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance- reports/literacy-ks2</u> <u>https://bedrocklearning.org/impact/</u>	1
Teaching equipment and materials	<ul> <li>Provision of additional materials to support access to curriculum and enrichment.</li> <li>Including:</li> <li>Food and DT resources</li> <li>Art provision</li> <li>School Uniform</li> <li>Music tuition</li> <li>Reading Books</li> </ul>	1 2 3 4 5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 89,283

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Wellbeing	Forest School and additional training for staff as required to support transition of year 5 pupils and SEMH. Forest school interventions also take place for identified	5
	pupils.	
Year 5 & 8 transitions	Allocated funding to support enhanced transition in year 5 and 8 in support of vulnerable pupils and families.	4 5
Pastoral and behavioural support manager and team	Dedicated support for pupils facing behavioural and emotional barriers to learning <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/behaviour-</u> interventions	4 5
School uniform support	With the cost of living increasing, we will use our PP money to make sure PP pupils have the ability to ask for key items of uniform to be purchased for them.	5
Peripatetic instrumental lessons or access to after school clubs	Children who are able to follow their hobbies and passions without finance being a barrier will be able to foster their love of music, raising their self-esteem. Sport for health and wider outcomes from What Works? Research and evidence for successful teaching - Lee Elliot Major and Steve Higgins p115-118 <u>https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/what-works- 9781472965639/</u>	5
Pupils are able to participate fully in school trips and residential trips which support learning and enhance the school's curriculum. All pupils to attend at least one trip each year.	PP children may not have access to the range of activities that non-PP children have. This limits their wider life ex- periences e.g. access to the arts, restricting the develop- ment of knowledge, vocabulary and skills which they need to be able to draw upon to be successful. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/eviden ce- summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts participation/ EEF suggests pupil who participate in adventure learning in- terventions make approximately +4 months progress over the course of a year <u>https://educationendowmentfounda-</u>	5
	tion.org.uk/news/trial-shows-project-based-on-a-fun-day- out-boosts-writing-skills-by-nine-mo	

## 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.

### Teaching impact:

We have used our Pupil Premium money effectively to reduce class sizes and provide targeted academic support and support our in school tutoring. We have also employed a specialist phonics teacher to help support our non-readers. The phonics teacher has had a positive impact on all selected pupils' ability to read and decode words. However, this did not translate into more positive SATs outcomes due to the pupil's ability to access the whole text.

Overall SATs outcomes for the year 23-24 have been extremely positive particularly on our disadvantaged and SEND.

Reading 74% PP 57% (national PP- 62%)

Writing 86% (above national) PP 77% (National PP- 58%)

Maths 82% (highest in school's history) PP 71% (National PP- 59%)

Combined 69% (above national) PP 49% (National PP- 45%)

This set of data is the best results in the schools history and we are slowly closing the gap between our disadvantaged pupils and our non disadvantage. As much as our PP data is behind national we are inline or have increased our PP on track in each subject compared to last year.

Tracking our data across all faculties has shown an improvement throughout the year for our PP pupils.

### Pastoral and behavioural support

Our new relationship policy that is supported by our inclusion lead and pastoral manager has seen vast improvements in behaviour. This has improved learning environments for pupils making the class room a disruption free environment providing a better space for learning for all. We have seen a decrease in the use of isolation throughout the year

Compass Centre DATA 2023 – 2024	T1	T2	Т3	T4	T5	Т6	Cumulative
Number of days in Term	35	35	29	29	29	38	195
Pupils on roll	600	599	598	594	589	577	
Total number of isolations	186	234	196	190	149	186	1141
Average number of isolations per day	5.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	5.1	4.9	5.9
Average number of isolations per day as a % of whole school	0.89	1.12	1.13	1.10	0.87	0.85	1.01

Suspensions have also fallen over the last academic year.

### Attendance:

Attendance DATA 2023 – 2024						
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	21-22	22-23	2023-2024

	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Whole school	95.20	90.1	95.6	92.25	92.66	92.35
РР	93.40	88.8	88.8	89.86	89.16	88.29
SEN	91.2	87.5	87.5	89.36	89.90	87
National Average - Primary	96.3	95.7	96.3	93.7	94.1	92.8
National Average – Secondary	95.21	94.4	94.3	91	91	86.2
All Schools Average	95.7	95.1	95.3	92.4	92.6	92.8

Attendance Vulnerable Groups 2023 – 2024									
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	Cumula-		
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	tive		
							(%)		
PP	89.81	89.45	87.76	86.81	86.91	88.61	88.29		
SEND	88.55	86.61	85.72	85.37	86.92	86.73	87		

Our attendance figures are above national statistics for secondary school and we are a middle deemed secondary.

### Interventions:

During the last academic year, we used our tuition funding as well as PP funding to provide in school and after school tutoring to a selection of pupils. We used our tuition and additional funding to provide in school and after school tutoring to a selection of pupils. In English, we have helped 20 Year 6 pupils become more secure during 128hrs of online tutoring plus an additional 8 year 5 pupils with 14 hours of online tutoring. This was run by TLC live Tutoring and supported Reading development. We also completed 46 hours on in school tutoring with a teacher and this impacted 29 pupils. In Maths we only used in school tutoring where a small group of 10 pupils received a total of 57 hours of tutoring. We also had phonics intervention taking place for pupils who reading was an additional barrier, this impacted 15 pupils from across year 5 and 6.

### SEND Engagement with learning:

We have significantly changed the culture of SEND provision at school. All SEND pupils now attend lessons and all access the curriculum alongside their peers. We did see a term by term reduction in pupils with SEND being sent to the compass centre due to their needs being met in class bar the summer term where we had some pupils struggle with transition arrangements in year 8.

Number of pupils sent to the Compass Centre – SEND 2023 – 2024								
	T1	T2	Т3	Т4	T5	Т6	Cumulative	
YEAR 5	11	12	9	10	10	10	62	
YEAR 6	10	8	5	5	4	4	31	
YEAR 7	6	8	2	5	4	4	29	
YEAR 8	11	9	6	6	12	12	56	
Cumulative	38	37	22	26	30	30		

Our referrals to the Compass Centre for SEND pupils was impacted by some higher needs' individuals. Parent feedback My daughter, \*\*\*\*\*, has experienced very unexpected health challenges this week with the onset of anxiety (not school related as she still loves coming to school). Your team have responded exceptionally quickly to \*\*\*\*\* needs and implemented excellent processes to support \*\*\*\* in school.

Opportunities

Parent feedback on the impact of our trips is very positive:

Thank you so much to you and your colleagues for organising this trip.

\*\*\*\*\*\* had an amazing time and came back with lots to tell us.

I think it's unlikely that we would have visited as a family due to the total cost for the whole family so it's fantastic for him to have had the opportunity to go. He loved it!

Thank you!