



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Pupil premium strategy statement

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 effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St. Aidan's Primary School – A Church of England Academy
Number of pupils in school	185
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	57% (105)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024/25 to 2026/2027
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	Kelly Harrison, Head teacher
Pupil premium lead	Fiona Moss, Year 5 teacher and SLT
Governor / Trustee lead	Peter Lee



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£180,839
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	£180,839



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At St. Aidan's we target the use of the Pupil Premium funding to ensure that our disadvantaged children receive the highest quality of education to enable them to become active and responsible citizens of the future whilst non-pupil premium children also benefit from the strategies and funding in place. We focus on inspiring children to learn, equipping them with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be autonomous learners who reach their full potential academically, socially and spiritually regardless of their background. We recognise that disadvantaged children can face a wide range of barriers which may impact on their learning.

Our ultimate objectives are:

- Remove barriers to learning created by poverty, family circumstances and background
- Narrow the attainment gaps between disadvantaged children and their non-disadvantaged counterparts both within school and nationally
- Ensure all children are able to read fluently and with good understanding to enable them to access the breadth of the curriculum
- Develop their confidence in their ability to communicate effectively in a wide range of contexts
- Enable children to look after their social and emotional wellbeing and to develop resilience
- Access a wide range of opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world

Our context:

- The school is located in an area of high social deprivation.
- 57% of children are eligible for pupil premium funding in comparison to 21 to 25.7% nationally.



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Achieving our objectives:

In order to achieve our objectives and overcome identified challenges to learning we will:

- Provide all teachers with high quality CPD to ensure that the children access quality first teaching
- Provide targeted intervention and support to quickly address identified gaps in learning including the use of small group work
- Target funding to ensure that all pupils have access to trips, residentials and first hand learning experiences
- Provide opportunities for all pupils to participate in enrichment activities including sport, music and clubs
- Provide appropriate nurture support to enable pupils to access learning within and beyond the classroom

This is not exhaustive and strategies will change and develop based on the needs of individuals.

Key Principles:

We will ensure that effective teaching, learning and assessment meets the needs of all pupils through the rigorous analysis of data. Class teachers will identify through the pupil progress meetings specific intervention and support for individual pupils, which will be reviewed at least termly. Alongside academic support, we will ensure that those pupils who have social, emotional and mental health needs will access high quality provision from appropriately trained adults.

Challenges

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



'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Social, emotional and mental health
2	Gaps in reading, writing, maths and phonics
3	Speech, language and communication
4	Attendance and punctuality
5	Access to wider opportunities
6	Parental engagement
7	Pupils arrive at school unprepared for learning

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
Reading, writing and maths	Achieve outcomes in-line with, or above, national average by the end of KS2.
Phonics	Achieve a 75% pass rate for disadvantaged pupils to close the 46% gap.
Attendance	Reduce Persistent Absence (14.9%) for disadvantaged pupils to align with national averages.



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

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: £51 119.43

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continue to use and adapt the phonics approach (Little Wandle) to meet the needs of St Aidan's children.	Phonics has a positive impact overall with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly from children from disadvantaged backgrounds. 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. Guidance Report Phonics - EEF	2,3 & 5
Voice 21 CPD for staff leading to becoming a Voice 21 school	Early intervention and assessment of speech and language acquisition. Improved speech and language for pupils. Children speak to a wide range of audiences with confidence. Guidance Report Literacy - EEF	1, 2, 3 & 5



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Maths fluency: Fluency Bee (White Rose) is used in KS1(number bonds) and Number Sense is used in KS2 (times tables)	Children make accelerated progress. Children are at least in-line with all other children nationally. Guidance Report Maths - EEF	1, 2, 3 & 5
Across KS2 children will be read to for 15 minutes every day by the class teacher, following in their own copy of the book and will follow the 'Ashley Booth' guided reading. Catch up reading groups in KS2.	Children make accelerated progress. Children are at least in-line with all other pupils nationally, Increased reading at home. Guidance Report Literacy KS1 and 2 - EEF	1, 2, 3, 6 & 7
Continue to use and adapt Jane Consadine 'The Write Stuff'.	Writing can be thought of as a process made up of seven components: planning, drafting, sharing, evaluating, revising, editing and publishing. Extensive practice, supported by effective feedback, is required to develop fluent transcription skills. Guidance report writing - EEF	2, 3 and 5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 56 442.22

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
----------	--------------------------------------	-------------------------------



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Small group interventions (maths, English, phonics, reading, WELCOMM)	Children make accelerated progress. Children are at least in-line with all others pupils nationally. Gaps are filled. Small Group Tuition Guidance EEF	1, 2, 3 & 5
Small group writing intervention (Clicker)	Children make accelerated progress. Children are at least in-line with all others pupils nationally. Gaps are filled. Small Group Tuition Guidance EEF	1, 2, 3 & 5
Booster groups	Children make accelerated progress. Children are at least in-line with all others pupils nationally. Gaps are filled. Small Group Tuition Guidance EEF	1, 2, 3 & 5
Learning by Questions is used across KS2 for planned interventions and whole class teaching.	Teachers are able to use technology to increase the benefits of practice to improve fluency or retention of information. Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF Metacognition EEF	1, 2, 3 & 5

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

Budgeted cost: £73 277.35

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
----------	--------------------------------------	-------------------------------



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Free/Subsidised Breakfast club. School to provide uniform. School to provide resources for learning.	Research suggests that for children in disadvantaged schools it is attending the breakfast club, not just eating breakfast, which leads to academic improvements. This could be due to the nutritional benefits of the breakfast itself, or the social or educational benefits of the breakfast club environment. All children have the necessary equipment. EEF Research and Guidance – Breakfast Clubs Life Skills and Enrichment Guidance Report EEF	1, 4, 5, & 7
ALWAYS badges rewards.	Behaviour, including learning behaviour, is good. Children make good progress in learning.	1, 4, 5, & 7
Thrive	Improved SEMH of all children. Instances of poor behaviour reduced. Exclusions decrease.	All areas of challenge
Dedicated Pastoral/Attendance officer and travel expenses	Purchase EWO support. Children are safe and are confident in themselves and can manage their emotions effectively. Strengthened partnership with parents/carers. Parents/Carers regularly support children with homework. Working with parents to support children's learning - EEF	All areas of challenge



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Speech Bubble (Speech and Language)	Early intervention and assessment of speech and language acquisition. Improved speech and language for pupils.	1, 2, 3 & 5
Wider curriculum opportunities including Children's University, trips, clubs	Children have access to a wide range of activities within and beyond the curriculum experience to enhance their cultural capital.	1, 4, 5, & 7
Parent workshops, stay and play, story time etc	Strengthened partnership with parents/carers. Parents/Carers regularly support children with homework. Working with parents to support children's learning - EEF	All areas of challenge

Total budgeted cost: £54 449.43 + £56 442.22 + £73 277.35 = £180 839.



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the 2024/25 academic year using Key Stage 1 and 2 performance data, Phonics screening results, and our own internal assessments.

Outcomes for Disadvantaged Pupils (2024-25):

Indicator	Outcome for PP Pupils	Outcome for Non-PP Pupils	The Gap
KS2 Reading (Exp+)	27.8%	45.5%	-17.7%
KS2 Writing (Exp+)	38.9%	54.5%	-15.7%
KS2 Maths (Exp+)	38.9%	63.6%	-24.7%
KS2 RWM Combined	16.7%	27.3%	-10.6%



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Year 1 Phonics	28.6%	75.0%	-46.4%
KS1 RWM Combined	26.7%	58.3%	-31.7%
EYFS Good Level of Development.	50.0%	71.4%	-21.4%

Evaluation of Impact:

- Phonics: The outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in Phonics were below expectations this year (28.6%). A review of the delivery of our phonics programme has been conducted, and additional "keep-up" sessions are being timetabled for the current Year 2 cohort.
- Maths: The gap in Maths at KS2 (-24.7%) indicates that while non-disadvantaged pupils are performing better, our disadvantaged pupils require more support with fluency and arithmetic. We will continue the Number Sense intervention.
- Attendance: Attendance remains a challenge. The persistent absence rate for our disadvantaged pupils was 14.9%. This is partly driven by a small number of families with severe absence, which we are addressing through our Pastoral Officer and SLT.
- Deprivation Context: It is noted that 91% of our pupils live in the 20% most deprived areas nationally. Our wider strategies (uniform support, breakfast club) remain essential to ensure pupils are physically ready to learn.

Further information:



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CTDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service

Pupil Premium children will be discussed first at regular pupil progress meetings, highlighting the need to ensure that our most vulnerable children are being catered for.

Externally provided programmes

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

Programme	Provider
Handwriting	Letter Join
Spellings	Spelling Shed
Phonics/ Reading	Little Wandle
English	Write Stuff – Jane Consadine
Times Table Fluency	Number Sense Maths



St Aidan's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**

'Fulfilling potential and growing in God.'



Acceptance, Love, Wisdom, Accountability, Youthfulness, Service