

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2025 academic years) 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	Stoke Prior Primary School
Number of pupils in school	80 (11 Pre-School)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	16% (11.4% at census)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2025-2028
Date this statement was published	September 2026
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2027
Statement authorised by	Mr Matt Lewis
Pupil premium lead	Mr Matt Lewis
Governor / Trustee lead	Mrs Judy Balderson

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£20000
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	N/A
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	£20000

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

As a school we have lower than average numbers of pupils who receive Free school meals and therefore bring pupil premium funding into the school budget. The needs of these children differ within the school. While the national picture shows that there is a gap in attainment between children on Free School meals and those not on free school meals, this does not apply to all children in Stoke Prior School.

The main barriers faced by eligible pupil can be:

- Limited expressive and receptive vocabulary.
- Limited reading, writing and mathematics skills.
- Limited confidence and self-esteem.

For this reason we have decided to make a difference for these children in two ways.

1. Raise Attainment

The Sutton Trust Toolkit, strategies to improve learning document details the pupil premium intentions of raising achievement of the most disadvantaged pupils.

By reducing class sizes in the school we are committed to raising the achievement of the most disadvantaged pupils. We believe that the biggest effect of reducing class sizes is that pupils will receive better feedback on their learning. The document above details how research has found this to be the most cost effective way of improving learning outcomes for children. We also recognise that this approach benefits all children regardless of ability. It is for this reason that we feel that it a good use of our Pupil Premium funding. As stated above our pupils do not necessarily match the national picture in terms of educational achievement so this approach can be a good use of spending. For the academic year 2020/21 and onwards we have committed additional funding way beyond what we have received for Pupil Premium funding to employ additional teaching staff to reduce class sizes. We have now moved to four full time classes. This provision will continue into 2026 / 27

The governors this year will ensure that resources are used to support pupils in Core subjects and monitor the attainment Gap in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Over the last few years the attainment gap has narrowed for reading and writing for disadvantaged children. The gap narrowed in 2022 in reading and in 2023 there was no attainment gap. In 2023 Attainment Gap in Writing narrowed also. There remained an attainment gap in Mathematics but this gap had closed in 2024.

The results for Summer 2025 showed that the attainment Gap had completely disappeared for Pupil premium Children with attainment being above that of other children within the school in Reading, Writing and Maths.

In Summer 2026 data showed a slight increase in the attainment gap. However the gap is small. Possibly more significant in writing. Our SDP for this year has a focus on reviewing the writing for PP children.

Curriculum Enrichment

The Sutton Trust Toolkit, Strategies to improve learning also details the pupil premium's wider aims.

- To increase social mobility;
- to enable more pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to get to the top Universities;
- To reduce the attainment gap between the highest and lowest achieving pupils nationally.

In light of the first and second bullet point it is felt that curriculum enrichment is a prudent way of increasing social mobility and raising aspirations among our disadvantaged young people. During the academic year 2026 / 27 the school has committed funding to curriculum. We also run a range of after school clubs for all pupils (reduced cost for Pupil premium children). We will welcome visiting authors and story tellers and trips to see authors and the Hay Festival. (£750)

The school is also committed to enriching the curriculum with school visits and visitors. Parents of children who are in receipt of pupil premium have their contributions partially paid for by the school. We project the cost of this to be approximately £1000 over the year.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Limited expressive and receptive vocabulary.
2	Limited reading, writing and mathematics skills
3	Limited confidence and self-esteem.

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
<i>Maintain the narrowed attainment gap within Writing and reading.</i>	School based data
Maintain the narrowed attainment gap within Maths	School based data
Enriched curriculum to increase social mobility.	Children's engagement in curriculum offer.

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 Budgeted cost: £ 18250

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>Reduced class sizes.</i>	Sutton Trust Toolkit research document.	1,2 and 3.

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions) Budgeted cost: £ 0

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>School lead tutoring</i>	No further funding.	

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing) Budgeted cost: £ 1750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>School visits and visitors</i>	Sutton Trust Toolkit research document.	3
<i>Curriculum enrichment activities.</i>	Sutton Trust Toolkit research document.	1 and 3

Total budgeted cost: £ 20000

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 past academic year and in previous years.

Impact assessment (related to academic support and Teaching)

This use of Pupil premium has been committed for the past 4 academic years in the same way. During this time period the progress of pupils entitled to pupil premium funding has been closely monitored. Over a number of years both attainment and progress for this group of children has been good.

In 2022 school data showed that while the attainment gap in reading had narrowed from the previous year the attainment gap in writing and maths remained similar to 2021

In 2023 the attainment gap had completely closed in reading, narrowed further in writing and remained static in Maths. However the Tutoring programme had a great benefit on attainment in maths. Non-Pupil premium children made progress and benefitted also so the improvement led to no change in the attainment gap, despite the data showing significant improvements.

In 2024 the attainment gap had closed in Reading and Maths. It had widened in writing. The impact of a new phonics programme on spelling is beginning to be positive in lower year groups.

In 2025 the attainment Gap was positive for Reading, Writing and Maths. Pupil Attainment for pupil premium children was slightly better than that of all children.

In 2026 the attainment gap was not significant for Maths, but it had slightly widened in English particularly in writing.

Impact related to curriculum enrichment.

The opportunities offered here greatly add to building self-esteem.

The management team will continue to assess the impact of these initiatives through our self-evaluation.

"Pupils greatly enjoy a rich and exciting curriculum that fires their imaginations, providing memorable experiences that engage and enthuse them" Ofsted Feb 2017

"...[Children].... fondly recall the many visits and opportunities they have during their time at school" Ofsted 2023

We will continue to monitor the impact of withdrawal of Sports Premium on the provision of sports clubs and seek to continue our rich variety by accessing the new model.

Service pupil premium funding

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	£600 contributes to the overall spend on Pupil Premium.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	The children benefit in the same way as others.