



Homefield VC C of E Primary School



Pupil Premium Statement

2022-2024

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Pupil premium strategy statement - Homefield VC C of E Primary School

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

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	211
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	13% (27 Children)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	22/23, 23/24, 25/26
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Kerry Read - Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Kerry Read
Governor / Trustee lead	Martyn Payne

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£39285
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£3915
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (<i>enter £0 if not applicable</i>) <i>*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.</i>	£0
Total budget for this academic year <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£43200

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Homefield VC C of E Primary School is a school that believes all children should make progress and reach their full potential. Our school vision ensures that 'Curious Minds, Open Hearts & Joy of Learning' is at the heart of all we do. At Homefield VC C of E Primary we strongly believe in providing the children with inspiring, creative and meaningful learning experiences that builds on their natural curiosity and ignites their passion for learning. Through our well sequenced, knowledge rich curriculum and a supportive environment we aim to create a culture with high expectations where children embrace the joy, awe and wonder of learning.

We aspire for all of our children to leave Homefield C of E Primary School, with high aspirations, having the confidence and knowledge they need to succeed as unique individuals, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high prior attainers.

We will 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.

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. We provide high quality CPD for our teaching staff with greater focus on areas that disadvantaged children require the most support. This is an entitlement for all children in our school and crucial to the sustained and improved attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

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

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p>Challenge 1: Children's mental health & wellbeing</p> <p>Developing quality relationships and improving children's mental health & well-being throughout our school community</p> <p>Some children entitled to pupil premium have low levels of well-being and involvement this is evidenced through Leuven scales assessments and analysis and the high number of pupil premium pupils accessing support from our PSA</p>
2	<p>Challenge 2: Speech, language and communication</p> <p>Baseline assessments demonstrate that some children entitled to pupil premium have below age expected speech, language and social communication skills, this is particularly evident in our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes</p>
3	<p>Challenge 3: Raising attainment & improving outcomes</p> <p>Through pupil voice, formative & summative assessments, parental voice and teacher observations the school has identified that some children who are entitled to being supported by pupil premium achieve below age expected outcomes.</p>

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
Challenge 1: Children's mental health & wellbeing	
Children's social emotional and mental health will continue to be supported through: carefully planned support from PSA, PSHE curriculum, Thrive therapy support sessions run by Thrive lead practitioner. External providers such as Just One Norfolk will be sought to provide support for the most vulnerable children.	<p>PSHE curriculum map shows progressive knowledge and skills</p> <p>Teacher observations show improvements for all children.</p> <p>Attendance is inline or above 96%</p> <p>Persistence Absence figure has decreased</p>

	Regular Thrive profiles show increased mental health and resilience for targeted children
All staff will all be Thrive trained and able to identify specific mental and emotional health needs. Staff will be proactive in requesting Thrive profile assessments for children in need of additional support	Additional support evidenced in learning walks and provided by all staff Thrive therapy is positively impacting children's mental and emotional well-being. This is evidenced in Thrive assessments. Weekly DSL meetings will evidence increased support and progress for targeted pupils
Parent Support Advisors will continue to work directly with parents to support and further develop relationships, as well as enhancing parental engagement with the school.	PSA is outside at start of school day and offers daily support, drop in sessions with parents Parent surveys to show that parents feel supported and know where to seek advice Parental engagement at school events increase.
Intended outcome	Success criteria
Challenge 2: Speech, language and communication	
WELLCOM speech and language assessment tool will be used to plan targeted additional speech & language support at the earliest point. EEF project to support children's early speech language and communication development (Targeted at Nursery children)	WELLCOM assessment data demonstrates individual progress WELLCOM assessment reports will be used to evidence referrals to SALT
TA's to deliver bespoke support using the WELLCOM materials ensuring that children's speech, language and communication skills develop in line with age appropriate expectations	WELLCOM assessment data demonstrates individual progress WELLCOM assessment reports will be used to evidence referrals to SALT
Intended outcome	Success criteria
Challenge 3: Raising attainment & improving outcomes	
Attendance team to continue to monitor attendance and supporting families who are persistently absent/late. Children's attendance to improve to 96%	Attendance team monitoring attendance Weekly DSL attendance meetings and minutes – discussions on attendance percentages, certain children/families and procedures taken. Whole school attendance to reach 96%
TAs continue to be deployed full time in every classroom; to support groups of learners to develop their knowledge and	Teaching assistants across the school are used to support learning for identified children. The children make accelerated progress particularly in

skills, enabling them to make good progress Reading, Writing and Maths.	reading as demonstrated in FFT reading assessments & termly in house assessment data Lesson observations and learning walks evidence quality first teaching and support being given to our most vulnerable pupils which is resulting in a narrowing of the attainment gap.
Curriculum is based on research and understanding in metacognition, cognitive load and neuroscience. Ensuring that knowledge and skills are committed to the pupils long term memory	Lesson visits, pupil voice, book scrutiny and pupil outcomes demonstrate a curriculum and teaching approach that meets the needs of all children. Assessment data evidences improved outcomes

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: £4500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Thrive therapy & CPD	Professional development on evidence-based approaches	3
Wellbeing & involvement, Social & emotional learning	The EEF found that social and emotional learning makes +4 months impact.	1
<i>CPD – Thrive</i>	Professional development on evidence-based approaches for example feedback, metacognition, reading comprehension.	1,2,3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 27,200

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teaching assistants used to deliver daily FTT reading and phonics groups	The EEF found that phonics interventions gain +5 months impact. 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:	2,3
Teaching assistants in every classroom to support teaching– this enables teachers to work with small groups and individual children on targeted interventions/additional support	The EEF found that ensuring explicit connections are made between learning from everyday classroom teaching and structured interventions was an effective use of TA's. Also quality first teaching for our most vulnerable pupils especially with additional pressures e.g. SEND is best delivered in small groups by the	2,3
WELLCOM targeted support sessions in small groups or 1:1	Small group tuition has an average impact of four months' additional progress over the course of a year. Small group tuition is most likely to be effective if it is targeted at pupils' specific needs. Diagnostic assessment can be used to assess the best way to target support.	2,3

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

Budgeted cost: £11,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Attendance – Thrive for persistent absent children	All children need to attend school regularly to have access to high quality of teaching and learning and pastoral support	3
PSA to work closely with families offering targeted support	The EEF found that increasing parental engagement makes +4 months impact. Our own case studies show the positive impact of our pastoral work in engagement of families	1,2,3

Funded breakfast club for PP children	EEF found that breakfast clubs and meal provision benefit pupils by supporting behaviour and attendance.	1, 3
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Total budgeted cost: £43200

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the 2022/23 academic year using key stage 1 and 2 performance data, phonics check results and our own internal assessments.

DfE has shared our school's 2023 performance data with us, to help us better understand the impact of the pandemic on our pupils and how this varies between different groups of pupils. COVID-19 had a significant impact on the education system and this disruption affected schools and pupils differently, and because of this, it is more difficult to interpret why the results are as they are using the data alone.

To help us gauge the performance of our disadvantaged pupils we compared our results to those for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at a national and regional level (although these comparisons are to be considered with caution given the caveats stated above). We also looked at these comparisons using pre-pandemic scores for 2019, in order to assess how the performance of our disadvantaged pupils has changed during this period.

Our observations and assessments demonstrated that pupil behaviour continues to be a strength of the school, but challenges in relation to wellbeing and mental health remain significantly higher than before the pandemic. The impact on disadvantaged pupils has been particularly acute.

Data from summative and formative assessments suggest that, despite some strong individual performances, the attainment of the school's disadvantaged pupils in 2022/23 was below our expectations. The changes that were made to last year's Pupil Premium strategy is beginning to have an impact on individual progress and this will continue to have a positive impact on children's outcomes, closing the gap for the most disadvantaged pupils.

Attendance among disadvantaged pupils was 91.2% this was lower than their peers 22/23 but has improved from the previous academic year. Therefore we have evidence that this gap is starting to close as a result of our increased support. We are aware that this is still lower than the national average at 95%. We recognise this gap is too large

which is why raising the attendance of our disadvantaged pupils is a focus of our current plan.

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
WELLCOMM	GL Assessment