

# Our Pupil Premium Spending Strategy



2025-28



# 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 in the next 3-4 years, and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium, had on our school.

## School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Parkhill Junior School
Number of pupils in school	446
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	16.5% (75 children)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plan</b> )	2025/2026 to 2028/2029
Date this statement was published	January 2026
Date on which it will be reviewed	January 2027
Statement authorised by	Denise Hughes-Mulhall Headteacher
Pupil Premium Lead	Gurjeet Uppal, Deputy Headteacher
Governor	Nikki Martin, lead for disadvantaged pupils.

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 115, 840.00
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£00.00
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£115,840

## Eligible pupils

The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in Years 3 to 6. Eligible pupils fall into the categories explained below.

### Ever 6 free school meals

Pupils recorded in the most recent January school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

This includes pupils first known to be eligible for free school meals in the most recent January census.

It does not include pupils who received universal infant free school meals but would not have otherwise received free lunches.

### Looked after children

Pupils who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales.

### Post-looked after children

Pupils recorded in the most recent January census and alternative provision census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

### Ever 6 service children Pupils:

With a parent serving in the regular armed forces

Who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance), including those first recorded as such in the most recent January census

In receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence because one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces

## Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan

### Statement of Intent

### Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, test outcomes, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with writing, oracy and maths than their peers. This negatively impacts their overall development as learners.

2	<p>Internal and external assessments and tests indicate that reading and maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>The table below shows a comparison of the assessments that were given at the end of KS1, for the last 4 cohorts (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6), for both disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children, across reading and maths.</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2"></th><th colspan="2">Working Below Expected Standard in Reading</th><th colspan="2">Working Below Expected Standard in Maths</th></tr><tr><th>Disadvantaged</th><th>Non-disadvantaged</th><th>Disadvantaged</th><th>Non-disadvantaged</th></tr><tr><td>Year 6 (Year 3 in 2021-2022) 20 PP 96 non-PP</td><td>25% (5)</td><td>23% (21)</td><td>35% (7)</td><td>20.2% (19)</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5 (Yr3 in 2023-2024) 8 PP 107 non-PP</td><td>13% (1)</td><td>22% (23)</td><td>25% (2)</td><td>22% (23)</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 (Yr 3 in 2024-2025) 14 PP 102 non-PP</td><td>57% (8)</td><td>38% (39)</td><td>64% (9)</td><td>33.3% (34)</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3 2025-26</td><td>67% (10)</td><td>36% (32)</td><td>60% (9)</td><td>48% (42)</td></tr></table> <p>On entry to Year 3, in the last 4 years, on average, 39.75% of our disadvantaged pupils arrived below age-related expectations compared to 38.75% of other pupils in reading.</p> <p>On entry to Year 3, in the last 4 years, on average, 43.75% of our disadvantaged pupils arrived below age-related expectations compared to 22% of other pupils in maths</p>		Working Below Expected Standard in Reading		Working Below Expected Standard in Maths		Disadvantaged	Non-disadvantaged	Disadvantaged	Non-disadvantaged	Year 6 (Year 3 in 2021-2022) 20 PP 96 non-PP	25% (5)	23% (21)	35% (7)	20.2% (19)	Year 5 (Yr3 in 2023-2024) 8 PP 107 non-PP	13% (1)	22% (23)	25% (2)	22% (23)	Year 4 (Yr 3 in 2024-2025) 14 PP 102 non-PP	57% (8)	38% (39)	64% (9)	33.3% (34)	Year 3 2025-26	67% (10)	36% (32)	60% (9)	48% (42)
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3	<p>Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by poor attendance. These findings are also reflected in national studies.</p> <p>This has also resulted in significant gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, in non-core subjects especially PE and music.</p>																													
4	<p>Our assessments (including wellbeing surveys), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many families during school closures and the long lasting impact of this, including attendance. These challenges particularly impact disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.</p>																													
5	<p>Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils’ progress. See table below for gaps in persistence absence.</p>																													

<b>Pupil Premium Gap</b>									
<b>2021/22</b>			<b>2022/23</b>		<b>2023/24</b>		<b>2024/25</b>		
	<b>School</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>LA</b>	
<b>PP</b>	6.47%	6.75%	7.20%	7.85%	4.92%	6.60%	7.25%	6.85%	
<b>Not PP</b>	6.34%	5.59%	6.22%	6.33%	5.05%	5.15%	5.68%	5.23%	
<b>GAP</b>	0.13%	1.16%	0.98%	1.51%	0.13%	1.46%	1.58%	1.62%	

### 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
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 reading outcomes in 2025/26 show that all disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard.
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	KS2 maths outcomes in 2025/26 show that all disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard and that the disadvantaged children meeting greater depth at least equals that of non-disadvantaged children.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2025/26 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations</li> <li>a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils</li> <li>a significant increase in participation in pupil voice roles, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.</li> </ul>
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2025/26 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 3%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced by 0.8%.</li> <li>the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 5% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 0% lower than their peers.</li> </ul>
To bring children's attainment to at least age expected in all subjects.	Outcomes in 2025/26 show that all disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard and greater depth at least equals that of non-disadvantaged children in these subject areas.

## 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 (including, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: **£63,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments. (PUMA/PIRA)</p> <p>Training for staff to ensure assessments are interpreted and administered correctly.</p>	<p>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:</p>	1, 2, 3, 4
<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance.</p> <p>We will fund teacher release time, to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access consultant expertise. We will provide high quality CPD (using The National College online courses and external maths consultant)</p> <p>We will secure accurate assessments through joint moderation led by our DHT - a trained moderator and an external consultant.</p>	<p>The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches:  <a href="#"><u>Maths guidance KS 1 and 2.pdf</u></a>  <a href="http://publishing.service.gov.uk"><u>(publishing.service.gov.uk)</u></a></p> <p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:            Improving Mathematics in Key Stage 2              Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2 (E.E.F.)</p>	1,2,3
<p>Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning.</p> <p>SEL approaches will be embedded into our routine educational practices and ethos,</p>	<p>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):</p>	3,4,5

and supported by professional development and training for staff.  Reflection Days. Teachers identify and target support for children	<a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/EEF%20Social%20and%20Emotional%20Learning.pdf">EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a>	
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## Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: **£16,200**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Employment of a specialist teacher to support development of listening, narrative and vocabulary skills for disadvantaged pupils who have relatively low spoken language skills.	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:  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/Oral%20language%20interventions/">Oral language interventions   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a>	1, 4
Additional phonics and reading sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics and reading support. (Using age appropriate Read, Write, Inc.(KS2 Fresh Start reading books)	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks:  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/Phonics%20Toolkit%20Strand/">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	1,2,4
A significant proportion of the pupils who received tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers. Key focuses will be on reading, GD writing and maths.(2025-26)	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one:  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/One%20to%20one%20tuition/">One to one tuition   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a> And in small groups:  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/Small%20group%20tuition/">Small group tuition   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>  Interventions – facilitated by child's own teacher in the form of conferencing, identifying next steps in learning and target-setting.	1,2,3,4

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

Budgeted cost: £36,660

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's <u>Improving School Attendance</u> advice.  The school EWO working closely with parents, the school attendance officer and SLMT.	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	5
High Performance Learning status.  Encouraging children to learn outside the regular school day by taking part in different activities with their parents and family to build cultural capital.	Evidence indicates that children's aspirations and motivation to learn increases, through engagement in enquiry based learning and the framework of HPL.	All
Contingency fund for unexpected acute issues.	Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	All

**Total budgeted cost: £115,860**

## Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year 2024-25

### Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Our external assessments of 2024/25 indicate that the performance of disadvantaged pupils *was higher than in the previous 2 years in reading, writing and maths combined*. Each year the gap has narrowed significantly. As evidenced in schools across the country, school closure was most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, and they were not able to benefit from our pupil premium funded improvements to teaching and targeted interventions, to the degree we had intended. In other words we expected the gap to be even narrower at this stage. Equally, the impact was mitigated by our resolution to maintain a high quality curriculum, including specialist subject teachers. Overall attendance in autumn and spring of 2024/25, has been the highest since 2021 at 95%. This is also higher than national and the local authority figures. Our assessments and observations indicated that pupil behaviour, wellbeing and mental health were significantly impacted primarily due to COVID-19-related issues. The impact was particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils and we note now that this is much less the case. We robustly investigate every absence and follow up actions are consistent. We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for pupils, and targeted interventions where required. We are building on that approach with the activities detailed in this plan.

## Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
HPL Framework	HPL Foundation

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	We do not have any service pupils attending our school.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	

## Further information

### Additional activity

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

- embedding more effective practice around feedback. [EEF evidence](#) demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- utilising a [DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead](#). 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 an *even louder* voice in how we address wellbeing, and support more effective collaboration with our community.
- offering a wide range of high-quality enrichment activities to boost wellbeing, behaviour, attendance, and aspiration. For example, in-school planetarium visit; virtual reality experiences; cheerleading, steelpan drumming, street dancing. Activities will focus on building life skills, including teamwork and interacting with others, and First Aid. Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate.

### Planning, implementation, and evaluation

In planning our new pupil premium strategy, we evaluated why activity undertaken in previous years had not always had the degree of impact that we had expected.

We triangulated evidence from multiple sources of data including assessments, engagement in class book scrutiny, conversations with parents, students and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged pupils. We also used the EEF's families of schools database to view the performance of disadvantaged pupils in schools similar to ours.

We looked at a number of reports, studies and research papers about effective use of pupil premium, the impact of disadvantage on education outcomes and how to address challenges to learning presented by socio-economic disadvantage. We also looked at studies about the impact of the pandemic on disadvantaged pupils.

We used the [EEF's implementation guidance](#) to inform 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 of activities.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach and will adjust our plan over time to secure better outcomes for pupils.