

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	Shincliffe CE Primary School
Number of pupils in school	196
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	9.7%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2025-2028
Date this statement was published	3.10.2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	P Rumbles
Pupil premium lead	E Bewley
Governor / Trustee lead	P Kashouris

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£31,965
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	£31,965

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

- At Shincliffe CE Primary School, our aim is to ensure that any difference in attainment between groups of children diminish and all children achieve well. Whilst our main aim is to raise academic attainment, we also aim to ensure that children have a wide range of opportunities and experiences to develop confidence, self-esteem and have high aspirations. We will focus on high quality teaching and effective deployment of staff to support disadvantaged children. Our decisions are based on detailed analysis of the data and responding to current educational evidence.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Poor understanding/application of writing skills and strategies – particularly with planning, drafting and editing.
2	Communication difficulties (speech and language)
3	Providing stretch and challenge for PP pupils who are more able.
4	Some PP pupils are reluctant to read, particularly books, and have poor phonic knowledge to improve reading skills. In KS2 some pupils have poor comprehension skills.
5	Attendance – a small number of PP children have poor attendance This has an impact on overall attendance figures for PP pupils and on their learning.
6	Social and emotional issues of some PP children impact on their learning and wellbeing. This can affect their ability to concentrate on academic activities, especially when working with others.

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
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1. Raise standards in writing and narrow the gap with non-pupil premium pupils.	Increased pupil engagement and enthusiasm as writers through the planning, drafting and editing process. Writing stamina is developed.
2. Improved communication in speech and language which impacts upon phonics skills.	Gaps are closing in Speech, language and writing which is evidenced through year group data and NELI evaluations.
3. Improved progress/attainment for High achieving PP pupils.	Higher achieving PP pupils to attain Greater Depth.
4. Gap in reading scores between PP pupils and other children diminishes and increased opportunities in school to support the love of reading.	Improved reading comprehension levels for PP children.
5. Increased attendance for persistent absentees through working with parents.	Parents understand the impact of taking holiday in term time. Implementation of updated attendance policy with parents results in increased attendance rates for PP children.
6. Staff able to identify and diminish impact of social and emotional barriers and reduce anxiety issues.	Reduction in impulsive emotional behaviour and improved concentration in lessons which is evidenced through lesson observations and behaviour monitoring records.

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: £12500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Increased use of writing intervention groups which give structured support with planning, drafting and editing skills using a collaborative approach.</p> <p>Staff to receive training from English lead and Local Authority English Lead</p>	<p>EEF Research indicates that pupils' writing can be improved by using a collaborative (or cooperative) learning approach which involves pupils working together on activities or learning tasks in a group small enough to ensure that everyone participates. Pupils in the group may work on separate tasks contributing to a common overall plan for writing. Teaching them to successfully plan and monitor their writing - seeing it as a process not a single event.</p> <p>EEF toolkit: Strategies for improving writing using a collaborative approach – additional 5 months</p>	1
<p>Implement Nuffield Early Language Intervention with EYFS children across the year using teaching assistant to deliver the programme.</p>	<p>EEF Research on the use of communication and language approaches with children, especially disadvantaged, suggest that they make additional progress over the course of the year.</p> <p>EEF toolkit: Communication and language approaches - additional 6 months progress</p> <p>NELI - additional 10 months progress</p>	2

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

Budgeted cost: £11000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teacher to deliver targeted intervention group to focus on stretch and challenge of PP children.	Quality First Teaching from EEF research evidence indicates that this is the most important tool schools have to improve outcomes for pupils EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit: Small group tuition - additional 4 months progress	3
Daily/weekly small groups set up for children to access Reading Eggs, Spelling Shed and Clicker	Research into Reading Eggs and Spelling Shed as an effective resource to support the development of reading and spelling. Evidence shows that gaps in reading scores diminish through the use of a digital phonics and reading program – Reading Eggs. This should also improve reading comprehension levels. Children offered Reading Eggs made the equivalent of two additional months' progress in word recognition and decoding skills and one additional month of progress in reading fluency and comprehension skills	4
A teacher from our school will be tasked to provide tuition for 2 afternoons per week.	Short, regular sessions appear to result in optimum impact. Evidence also suggests tuition should be additional to, but explicitly linked with, normal teaching, and that teachers should monitor progress to ensure the tutoring is beneficial. A variability in findings may suggest it is the particular type or quality of teaching enabled by very small groups that is important, rather than the precise size of the group. EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit: Small group tuition - additional 4 months progress	1 and 4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 7035

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
School Office admin team and SLT to monitor attendance and work with parents and Local Authority parental support group to improve attendance	<p>A range of research shows that there is a strong link between attendance and achievement/Attainment and improved attendance through working with parents is a way to support this.</p> <p>EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit: Parental Engagement – additional 4 months progress</p>	5
<p>TA in both Key Stages trained in THRIVE and works with staff to identify pupils who will benefit from the program by carrying out THRIVE assessments. They then work with pupils to diminish impact of emotional barriers so that attainment of children with emotional problems improves.</p> <p>Annual Thrive Practitioner Training</p> <p>Counselling Course</p> <p>Comic Chat Training (Whole School)</p>	<p>Intervention programme (THRIVE) based on research showing positive impacts. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in impulsive emotional behaviour • Improved concentration in lessons resulting in accelerated progress. • Decrease in parent concerns regarding individual children. <p>Review by DFE into mental health approaches included THRIVE as an initiative that supports and promotes positive mental health (DFE 2018)</p>	6

Total budgeted cost: £30,805

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 2024 to 2025 academic year.

<p>Pupil evaluations have been undertaken during the 2024 to 2025 academic year, and we have taken these into account when evaluating our strategy.</p> <p>Teaching Strategies</p>

Staff training in the use of retrieval practice and the ongoing use of Thinking Maps to help support pupils learning and the ability to build on prior learning and work independently through agreed metacognition strategies.

Teachers use pre-assessment as well as formative assessment and appropriate support was put in place through targeted intervention/mental well-being and emotional support.

Targeted Intervention

Interventions have ensured that pupils are closing the gaps with their peers. Summer term data shows that attendance for PP pupils is good and in line with other pupils.

Wider Strategies

Mental well-being sessions have taken place and teachers report they were of benefit to the children (See Pupil interviews). Pupils' behaviour and emotional well-being is regularly monitored by staff and SLT (See behaviour records) and areas of concern/issues arising are promptly dealt with.

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year
Counselling has been provided to support the emotional needs of service children and their families. Induction programmes have been developed to ensure a smooth transition and to address service children's learning gaps.
The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils
Teachers and parents have identified improvements in the emotional wellbeing of service children, enabling them to thrive and focus on learning.

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
N/A	

Further information

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