Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 academic year) 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 |
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| School name | New Hartley First School |
| Number of pupils in school | 156 |
| Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils | 19.2% |
| Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended) | 2021-2024 |
| Date this statement was published | December 2023 |
| Date on which it will be reviewed | December 2024 |
| Statement authorised by | Governing Body |
| Pupil premium lead | Dave Peddie (Deputy Headteacher) |
| Governor / Trustee lead | John Downes |

Funding overview

| Detail | Amount |
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| Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year | £44,345 |
| Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year | £4,060 |
| Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable) | £0 |
| Total budget for this academic year | £48,405 |

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At New Hartley First School we have high aspirations and ambitions for our children and we believe that all learners should be able to reach their full potential. We aim to provide all children with access to engaging and varied learning experiences to foster a love of learning and develop enquiring minds. We aim to use creativity and enrichment activities to inspire and enable the development of children as well rounded and confident individuals.

Our pupils in receipt of Pupil premium funding face specific barriers to reaching their full potential. As a school we are determined to provide the support and guidance they need to overcome these barriers. The challenges are varied and there is no "one size fits all". We consider fully the needs of New Hartley First School pupils in our decision-making.

Our objectives are:

To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and nondisadvantaged pupils.

For all disadvantaged pupils in school to make or exceed nationally expected progress rates.

To support our children's health and wellbeing to enable them to access learning at an appropriate level.

We aim to do this through:

Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils. Ensuring that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.

Recognising that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.

Recognising that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.

We use our knowledge of pupils and families to identify pupils we consider need extra support and reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

Challenges

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

| Challenge number | Detail of challenge |
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| 1 | Low attendance and persistent absenteeism of PP/disadvantage children |
| 2 | Pupils have limited experiences beyond their home life and immediate community |
| 3 | Poor language skills on entry, including limited range of vocabulary, linked with limited life experiences and availability of quality texts in the home |
| 4 | Impact of school closure due to Covid-19 on pupil wellbeing and emotional support for all pupils, including those eligible for PP. |
| 5 | Missed / forgotten learning due to school closures could affect slower progress rates towards end of key stage expectations / attainment and generally across the school |

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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| Reduce the absence rate of our PP learners by 3% and reduce the persistent absence rate of our PP learners by at least 15%. | Absence rates of PP learners are in line with non PP learners. Persistent absence rates are consistent across all learners and in line with national average. |
| To increase parental engagement in order to improve their knowledge and understanding and subsequently support their child's learning. | Parental engagement is increased and feedback reflects a better understanding of how to support their children's learning both in and out of school. Workshops for parents to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed in order to support their child and minimise misconceptions. |
| Increased wellbeing and emotional support for all pupils including those eligible for PP. | Focus on mindfulness across school and raised awareness of everyone's mental health. Children are more socially resilient. |

| Across school diminish the difference in reading, writing and maths between PP and non-PP learners. | Achieve national average scores in GLD, phonics and KS1. |
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| Pupil's achievement in wider curriculum subjects is in line with non-PP pupils and cultural capital is developed and sustained. | Experiences and visits planned for children across the year and a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. Pupil voice shows a wider understanding of the world around them. |

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: £ 21,000

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| All relevant staff, including new staff, have received up to date training to deliver RWI phonics scheme effectively so they can provide high quality support for their PP learners. | RWI phonics scheme delivered effectively to ensure maximum possible impact. | 3,5 |
| Exploration of and training in an approach to the teaching of writing post RWI to help raise standards in writing across school. | Consistent approach to the teaching of writing which enables children to build on their previous learning in a familiar way. | 3,5 |

| CPD for staff to create highly effective practitioners in all classes across reading, writing and maths and wellbeing | EEF guide to pupil premium "Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Using the Pupil Premium to improve teaching quality benefits all students and has a particularly positive effect on children eligible for the Pupil Premium." We have looked at the capacity of staff and recognise the need for high quality CPD to further develop staff skill sets. | 3,4,5 |
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| Teaching assistants to deliver specific intervention and work with PP children where possible. SENDCo to deliver nurture groups. | EEF We have analysed the needs of our PP cohort and have identified a number of children who would benefit from smaller group teaching and interventions this will allow us to increase the amount of attention each child will receive. TAs deployed accordingly. SENDCo will address anxiety and mental health to further remove barriers. | 3,4,5 |

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

Budgeted cost: £17,000

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| Provide targeted structured interventions to children across the whole school using recovery funding and PP funding. Interventions to be monitored at pupil progress meetings. | Accelerated progress for children in receipt of interventions and other targeted support. Having analysed our cohorts we have identified groups of children that need support to address gaps. Provision of QFT and effective challenge for children identified as needing to catch up. | 3,4,5 |

| Lexplore reading assessment to identify reading ages and more specific challenges and progress | Lexplore Staff trained to interpret the data produced by the programme in order to target interventions more effectively. | 3,5 |
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 10,405

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| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| Non-teaching SENDCO to support families with SEND and PP children | EEF-parental engagement | 2,4 |
| Vulnerable children to be highlighted and supported through nurture sessions, positive play sessions etc. | EEF - teaching & learning toolkit | 1,2,3,4,5 |
| All children in school to be given opportunity to participate in activities which enhance and broaden the curriculum and their learning experiences. | EEF - teaching & learning toolkit | 2,3,4,5 |
| School Manager to ensure that parents are made aware of expected attendance levels when they fall below 90%. Partnership working with EWO. Rewards for improved and good attendance. | Gov.uk - spending PP successfully | 1 |

Total budgeted cost: £ 48,405

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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

At the end of the academic year, attendance for PP children was broadly in line with non-PP children. For persistent absentees, attendance is slightly above for PP children than non-PP children.

Our internal and statutory assessments during 2022/2023 showed that in KS1, across reading, writing and maths, PP children outperformed non-PP children at the expected standard or above. In Reading, 73% of PP children reached the expected standard or above compared to 62% of non-PP pupils. In writing, 64% of PP children met the expected standard or above compared to 53% of non-PP children. In maths 82% of PP children reached the expected standard or above compared to 67% of non-PP children. In KS1, 11 children were pupil premium. 8 children out of 11 achieved expected or above in reading. 7 out of 11 children reached expected or above in writing and 9 out of 11 reached expected standard or above in maths.

In KS2, reading is broadly in line with 81% of non-PP children achieving expected standard or above compared to 77% of PP children. In maths, 75% of non-PP children achieved expected standard or above with 65% of PP achieving expected standard or above. In writing, non-PP children achieved slightly higher than PP children with 58% achieving expected standard or above compared to 41%.

In KS2, 17 children were pupil premium. In Reading 13 out of 17 children achieved expected standard or above. In writing, 7 out of 17 children achieved expected standard or above. In Maths, 11 out of 17 children achieved expected standard or above.

Statutory assessment data shows that 80% of children in Reception achieve GLD which is above national average. 67% of children in Y1 achieved the phonics check which is below the national average, however, by the end of KS1, 96% of children had achieved the phonic check.

KS1 Statutory SATS assessments showed that in Reading, 74% achieved expected standard or above which is above the national average. In Maths, 79% achieved expected standard or above which is also above the national average. In Writing, 58% achieved expected standard which is broadly in line with national average.

Pupil wellbeing and mental health remains a priority in school due to the Covid legacy. This largely presents as anxiety in an increased number of pupils. Throughout the year we have worked on emotional literacy and children identifying and dealing with their feelings. This will be supported by our Zones of Regulation training beginning in Spring 2024.

Externally provided programmes

| Programme | Provider |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reading assessment | Lexplore |
| White Rose Maths | White Rose Education Services |
| Times Table Rock Stars | Maths Circle |
| Squiggle While You Wiggle | Shonette Bason |
| RWI | Ruth Miskin |