

# Padstow School & Nursery Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024/25

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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

#### **School overview**

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	157
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	34.8% (49)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium	Year 1: 2023-2024
strategy plan covers:	Year 2:2024-2025 - current
	Year 3: 2025-2026
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2025
Statement authorised by	Karen Middlemore, Strategic Partner
Pupil premium lead	Kim Joyce
	Head of School
Governor / Trustee lead	Aspire Trust Board

**Funding overview** 

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£60,680
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£O
Total budget for this academic year	£60,680

### Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

#### Statement of Intent

When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the consequent challenges faced. Using knowledge of the school, its context and situation, along with research conducted by the EEF, has enabled this strategy to be developed.

EEF research states that, ''The attainment gap is the most stubborn test facing English schools'' and that schools need to be aware of a concerning "attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils."

The Pupil Premium funding ensures schools prioritise the achievement of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. For disadvantaged pupils at Padstow School & Nursery, the aim is to identify needs, including social and emotional, to ensure pupils make good progress with their learning.

At Padstow School & Nursery, we aim to be a school where:

- pupils learn to embrace the wider world with confidence;
- every day is an opportunity to questions and discover;
- we will be fearless and embrace mistakes;
- there is no cap on potential; and that
- pupils recognise their value to the community and the world.

Our strategy will work towards these aims by ensuring our quality first teaching alleviates the factors disadvantaging some of our Pupil Premium pupils. Our approach is flexible, depending on each individual pupil's needs. By using a robust and transparent evaluation framework, we will be able to adjust and adapt our strategies to ensure they are effective.

The progress of PP pupils is overseen by our PP Lead, who is also the Head of School. Timely support, whether academic or emotional, is offered by highly trained staff. We work hard to establish good relationships with parents and carers to ensure we can offer support when necessary.

Our key aims are:

- To ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils.
- To ensure that Pupil Premium funding identifies priority classes, groups or individuals and is used to address disadvantage.
- To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils across the school.

• For all pupils to reach Age Related Expectations at the end of Year 6 so that they are ready to access the next stage of their education.

We raise aspirations in all our pupils through a consistent message of aiming high, delivered through assemblies, the curriculum, extra-curricular activities, PSHE / Personal Development, and individual conversations with pupils.

A key emphasis of our strategy, is to embed long-lasting, high impact strategies to ensure that our disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils thrive, feel confident about themselves and their ability to succeed on their educational journey into the future.

#### Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Monitoring suggests that many pupils have under-developed oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. This can be seen from EYFS through to KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.
2	Assessments and moderations have identified a lack of understanding and skill with using grammar and punctuation. As a result, it is impacting the progress in their writing.
3	Monitoring indicates children have a passive attitude to learning which has resulted in an over reliance on adult support in lessons. Children lack strategies they can draw upon to become independent learners.
4	Assessment, observations, and discussions with pupils suggests disadvantaged pupils generally have a lower self-esteem and a need to be successful can deter them from challenge. They can lack the learning behaviours (effective self-regulation/metacognitive strategies and resilience) to approach learning and certain social situations.
5	Attendance and punctuality.

#### **Intended outcomes**

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for by the end of our 3 year strategy plan, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
To improve oral language skills for all disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils in the Nursery, EYFS and Y1.  To improve oral language skills for all all the second s	Prompt identification of Nursery / EYFS pupils requiring Speech & Language support / intervention.
	Use of the Wellcomm language support assessment programme.
	Early involvement of the SALT service and SENDCo.
	Oral language skills for all PP pupils, particularly in the Nursery / EYFS, will improve enabling them to express their needs better year on year.
	Pupils in KS1 to have improved oral language skills enabling them to participate more fully across the curriculum.
	RWI structured interventions to support development of oral skills.
2. To focus on improving children's understanding of grammar and punctuation and how to use it effectively when writ-	Introduction of Grammarsaurus Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation across the school.
ing.	Teachers to have CPD in order to be improve their own understanding and to be able to use the new scheme effectively.
	Pupils to demonstrate an increased understanding and use of the grammar and punctuation appropriate for their year group.

3. To introduce strategies to support independent learning.	Pupils to be responsible for their own learning, using taught strategies to help themselves, taking risks and using own initiative, challenging themselves to aim high.
	Pupils to be specifically taught how to use a range of strategies and concrete resources to enable them to work independently.
	Adults working with children to ensure children are encouraged to try and to use the different strategies being taught before asking for help.
	Improved engagement in lessons and work in books enabling children to remember more and to make links with new learning.
4. To improve children's self-confidence and resilience.	Use of Motional to identify those children / groups of children needing additional support and activities to work on this.
	Identified pupils / groups of children to have further support with their SEMH needs to make progress both socially and academically.
	Pupils able to adapt better to adversity.
	Pupils more able to manage emotions and to improve self-confidence and resilience in order to access learning.
5. Attendance and punctuality.	The level of persistence absence will reduce for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
	Attendance figure to be 95% or above.
	Reduction in the number of persistent absences.

## Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium funding **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

#### Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £28,000.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
RWI training – Development Day Focusing on delivery of RWI and upskilling of staff.	DfE Reading Framework Phonics Toolkit Use of a DfE Accredited Phonics Scheme	1, 2, 3, 4
RWI – Resources for school sessions Resources for home/school link Release time & cover for Early Reading Lead for training of staff, monitoring of lessons, assessments, etc.	EEF research shows a consistent impact on attainment of approximately four additional months progress for TA interventions and 5 months for phonics interventions.	
Release time for both Teachers and Teaching Assistants to attend regular in-house training / CPD to improve phonics knowledge and confidence.		

Training for delivery of Grammarsaurus Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation.  CPD for English Subject Lead Vocabulary input – training for teaching staff on the value of vocabulary.	EEF Reading Comprehension Strategies advises that: Reading comprehension strategies are high impact on average +6 months. Alongside phonics it is a crucial component of early reading instruction.	1, 2, 3, 4
Release time for KS2 TAs for vocabulary training from English Subject Lead.  Ongoing Guided Reading training from the school's English Subject Lead to assist with reading and understanding of quality texts used as writing stimuli.  Use of Accelerated Reader Reading Scheme.  Release time for English Subject Lead to monitor lessons, pupil conferencing & training.	EEF Improving Literacy in KS2 2nd edition: This report advises that in order to build strong language comprehension skills, pupils need to develop an understanding of grammar and syntax and to build up a wide-ranging vocabulary.	
Use of Number Sense in the Nursery, KS1 and KS2. Resources used to support whole class, group, and individual learning throughout the school.  TT Rock Stars, Numbots and Numbersense to support acquisition of fluency and confidence with number facts, etc.  Release time for the Maths Subject Lead to train staff, monitor use of these programmes and their	EEF Improving mathematics:  Mathematics is essential for everyday life and a foundation for careers in technology, science, and engineering, among many others.  Number Sense Maths is a systematic and structured programme that enables pupils to develop both a deep understanding of number and number relationships, and fluency in addition and subtraction facts.  Comprehensive professional development and support is included in the programmes to ensure teachers get the best possible outcomes for their pupils.	2, 3, 4

effectiveness through pupil conferencing.  Release time for Maths Subject Lead to attend Aspire Maths CPD to be cascaded to staff.	These mathematics programmes are recommended by the Trust's Maths Lead	
EYFS Lead and Nursery Manager to run CPD sessions for all nursery and reception staff focusing on improving teaching and learning.	EEF Effective Professional Development: Ensure that professional development effectively builds knowledge, motivates staff, develops teaching techniques and embeds	1, 2, 3, 4
Dedicated release time for the EYFS Lead to work with the Nursery Manager on curriculum coverage, planning, teaching and learning to ensure both settings are developing teaching techniques and practice effectively.	practice.	
Cover costs to release the Nursery Manager for this support and CPD.		
EYFS Lead and Nursery Manager to attend Aspire in-house CPD sessions.		

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

Budgeted cost: £17,750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Emotional needs are supported through a whole school TIS approach, targeted interventions for individuals and group support, such as Draw and Talk, Emotional Fix, TIS Practitioner 1:1 support, personalised support plans, etc.	Embedding the whole school SEMH provision through the SCARF programme and Social and Emotional Learning strategies as recommended by the EEF.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
RWI - Fast Track Tutoring and reading interventions	RWI – daily Fast Track Tutoring – Y2s who need to retake the Phonics Screening Check in June. RWI – daily comprehension teaching in Y3/4 RWI – 1:1 modules for selected pupils	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Y6 Comprehension and Maths booster sessions	Delivered by HLTAs and Class Teacher	2, 3, 4, 5
Continued use of Wellcomm - a speech and language toolkit that can be used with pupils from 6 months to 6 years of age. It is a means of tracking progress of all pupils and identifies areas of concern in language, communication and interaction. Using the toolkit, identification of pupils needing intervention is made and packs sent home to parents.	EEF Communication & Language approaches states:  Studies of communication and language approaches consistently show positive benefits for young pupils' learning, including their spoken language skills, their expressive vocabulary and their early reading skills. On average, pupils who participate in communication and language approaches make approximately six months additional progress over the course of a year. All pupils appear to benefit from such approaches, but some studies show slightly larger effects for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Interventions planned for use in the Nursery, EYFS and Y1.
Use of Wellcomm, where appropriate, for SEND children across the school.

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

Budgeted cost: £14,930

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Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Attendance Lead to:  Monitor of pupils 'on alert' for attendance and/or punctuality, early contact with parents / carers, offering support and/or assistance to identify causes and working in collaboration with EWO to provide support for families where attendance is lower than expected (identified cases).  Class teachers to provide regular updates from each class about their learning – on the website, social media and newsletters to keep both pupils and parents enthusiastic about what is being learnt.  Regular communication with parents concerning unauthorised absences and the need for children to be in school.	Increase attendance levels of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils and to reduce persistent absence and late arrivals ensuring attendance is consistent, regular and sustained for all groups of pupils.  The DfE document, Working Together to Improve School Attendance, states: it is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.	5 1, 2, 3, 4
Review and enrich wider curriculum focus on developing character education and resilience.	EEF research shows a consistent impact on attainment of approximately 5 additional months progress for collaborative learning.	2, 3, 4, 5
Continue to develop the impact of pupil voice and collaboration.	All children will have access to opportunities to represent themselves, their class and the school so that all children will recognise themselves as a part of our school community	

Improve school parliament contributions to school events and changes.	improving their confidence and resilience.	
	All disadvantaged pupils will attend educational visits and the school will support the families financially in attending residential experiences.	
	All staff to encourage and support disadvantaged children to apply for roles of responsibility.	
	Increased collaboration and contributions from the School Parliament with links to new Eco Councillors.	

Total budgeted cost: £ 60,680

Part B: Review of the previous academic year: Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils:

Desired outcome	Chosen action / approach	Estimated impact: Did you meet the success criteria? Include impact on pupils not eligible for PP, if appropriate.	
Improve oral language skills for all disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils in the Nursery, EYFS and Y1.	Prompt identification of Nursery / EYFS pupils requiring Speech & Language support / intervention.	Early identification using baseline date & RWI assessments.	
	Early involvement of the SALT service and SENDCo.  Oral language skills for all PP pupils, particularly in the Nursery / EYFS, will improve enabling them to express their	Wellcomm has begun to make a difference to the earlier identification of children needing additional support.  Increased number of referrals to SALT.	
	needs better year on year.  Pupils in KS1 to have improved oral language skills enabling them to participate more fully across the curriculum.	The focus on oral language skills is beginning to have an impact on children in the nursery and should be more noticeable as children transition into the EYFS.	
	RWI Fast track tutoring interventions for Y2 pupils retaking PSC; daily RWI comprehension in Y3/4; Fresh Start modules for identified pupils in Years 5 & 6.	Parent communication, workshops and information provided on the online learning platform, in reading records, etc.	
Significant knowledge gaps are preventing disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils (except those who have a cognitive SEND need) from achieving	All disadvantaged pupils (other than those with a cognitive SEND need) will reach the same age-related expectation in reading, writing and maths as their peers.	Children are making progress but it is slower than anticipated.  With the introduction of the Grammarsaurus Place Value	
	Any disadvantaged pupil with a cognitive SEND need will make at least expected progress from their individual starting points.	of Grammar and Punctuation progress should become more accelerated.	

age related expectations in reading, writing and maths.	Pupils to make increased progress in RWM due to an improved vocabulary and understanding.	Lesson structures have also been changed to ensure the appropriate vocabulary is a key focus.	
	Pupils to demonstrate an increased understanding and use of technical vocabulary across the curriculum.		
Disengagement with learning and over reliance on adult support in lessons.	Pupils to be responsible for their own learning and initiative-taking with challenging themselves to aim high.	Whole school strategies ensure adults create a positive environment promoting high standards.	
	Pupils to have the necessary tools to work independently.	Positive relationships ensure children access quality first teaching.	
	Improved engagement in lessons, work in books and ongoing formative assessment.	Teachers are beginning to notice an increased independence in some children	
Improved emotional resilience.	Identified pupils to have further support with their SEMH needs to make progress both socially and academically.	Whole school approach (TIS) supports children's emotional resilience.	
	Pupils able to adapt better to adversity.	Named teacher has completed the Senior Mental Health training.	
	Pupils more able to manage emotions and resilience successfully in order to access learning.	Individualised interventions to support specific children.	
		SEMH / SEND children supported to attend enrichment opportunities.	
		SCARF (PSHE Scheme) is embedded across the school.	
Attendance and punctuality.	The level of persistence absence will reduce for	The school offer an 'open door' policy to discuss any parental issues or concerns	

disadvantaged and non- disadvantaged pupils.	around their child / children's attendance.
Attendance figure to be 95% or above.	Full information available on the website and regular Attendance Newsletters.
Reduce number of persistent absences.	Regular communication with parents on a 1:1 basis.
	Support meetings with parents.
	Referrals to EHH and/or school nurse service as required.

#### **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	
White Rose Resources	White Rose	
Number Sense	Number Sense Maths	
SCARF	Coram Life	
Wellcomm	GL Assessment	
TT Rock Stars	Times Tables Rock Stars	
Read Write Inc	Read Write Inc Phonics	
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance Place	
Letter Join	Letter Join	
WE Thinkers	Thinking Books	
Numbots	Maths Circle Ltd	
Mathsbots	Maths Bot	

### Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year

The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

### **Further information (optional)**

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.