

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	St Edwards Catholic Primary School.
Number of pupils in school	192(R-Y6)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	15.6%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022/2023-2025/2026
Date this statement was published	October 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2026
Statement authorised by	Louise Flanagan
Pupil premium lead	Louise Flanagan
Governor / Trustee lead	Natalie Halsall

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£53,167
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
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	£53,167

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their backgrounds or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. We recognise that disadvantaged children can face a wide range of barriers which can impact on their learning and we want to ensure and support disadvantaged pupils to achieve their goals. We consider the challenges faced by many of our vulnerable pupils, disadvantaged pupils and those in care, could be the following:

- Limited life experiences
- Lack of exposure to a wide range of rich vocabulary across various contexts
- Lack of social and emotional wellbeing to develop resilience

This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Target intervention and support to quickly address gaps in learning will also ensure that the attainment gap between disadvantages and non-disadvantaged children is reduced.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for educational recovery. We will ensure all pupils who need 'recovery' in terms of their academic achievement have extra targeted support with qualified professionals. We will make sure that as a school we will:

- Act early to intervene at the point where needs are identified
- Ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work they are set
- Adopt a whole school approach where all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged outcomes
- Provide teachers and support staff with high quality CPD to ensure that pupils access effective quality first teaching
- Target funding so that disadvantaged children will have access to cultural capital and school trips and experiences
- Provide appropriate nurture support to enable pupils to access learning within and beyond the curriculum.

- Carefully track and monitor the progress of disadvantaged children and ensure rapid robust intervention if needed.

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils for 2024-2025.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Internal assessments indicate that attainment in core subjects among disadvantaged pupils is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils. Our disadvantaged pupils arrive below age-related expectations compared to other pupils. This gap remains steady to the end of KS2 although it is reduced.
2	Historically, attendance for disadvantaged pupils has been significantly lower than non-disadvantaged pupils. This negatively impacts children's progress.
3	Financial challenges of extra-curricular activities offered.

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
Improve children's experiences of the world/life through planning vocabulary rich experience days	Children access a wider range of life experiences to help improve their reading, writing and understanding of the world
Improve attainment among disadvantaged pupils	KS2 reading outcomes in 2024-2025 show that disadvantaged pupils are in line with all other pupils
To provide children resilience with their social and emotional wellbeing.	Children to be able to use strategies to manage their emotions.

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: £ 27000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teaching and Learning focus on evidence-based strategies to support Quality First Teaching.	Teaching and Learning focus on evidence-based strategies to support Quality First Teaching. Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils (DFE 2015) suggests high quality teaching as a key aspect of successful schools.	2

Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: £ 17, 594.17

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Establish small group intervention for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age-related expectations.	EEF Toolkit guidance: 'Some pupils may require additional support alongside high-quality teaching in order to make good progress. The evidence indicates that small group and one to one interventions can be a powerful tool for supporting these pupils when they are used carefully.'	2
Teaching Assistant timetable re-evaluated to deliver, intervention, pastoral groups, positive play at lunchtimes.	When TAs are deployed in more informal, unsupported instructional roles, they can impact negatively on pupils' learning outcomes.	2,3
To analyse summative assessment data and identify the children who require catch up and more targeted intervention. Closely monitored by HoS and PP Lead Pupil progress meetings termly Regular monitoring of targeted interventions	Insight assessment tool utilised; These interventions should be targeted at specific pupils using information gathered from assessments and their effectiveness and intensity should be continually monitored. Some pupils may have made quick gains once they returned to school full time, so assessment need	2

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

Budgeted cost: £ 2340

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Subsidised visits	Many pupils do not have access to activities which promote cultural capital.	1, 3, 4, 5
Uniform support		3, 4
To support disadvantaged children to access all	Using Pupil Premium funding to provide a wider range of curriculum opportunities and/or to ensure that	4, 5

activities offered. Pupil premium finding will cover the cost of all activities offered	money did not become a barrier to equality of access to an enhanced curriculum. Parents of chi	
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Total budgeted cost: £ 46,934.17

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

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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
TT Rockstars	Maths Circle
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance
Nessy	
Supersonic phonics	