

# St Peter's 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 effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

## School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St Peter-in-Thamet CE Junior School
Number of pupils in school	357 (Oct 24)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	33.89%  Pupil Premium Oct 23 = 117 (FSM6, PLAC, LAC, Service)  Pupil Premium Oct 24 = 121 (FSM6, PLAC, LAC, Service)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024/25
Date this statement was published	Dec 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	Nov 2025
Statement authorised by	Tim Whitehouse
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Governor / Trustee lead	June Binfield

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	Sept 24 – Mar 25 (7/12) = £95,060  April 25 – August 25 (5/12) = £70,300  £165,360
School Led Tutoring funding allocated this academic year	£0
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
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	£ 165,360

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

### **Objectives for our disadvantaged children:**

*To ensure that any external factors such as a family's financial circumstances are not a barrier to a child's success – there is success in every St Peter's child*

*To ensure that each child's different learning needs are met successfully through quality first teaching, appropriate staffing provision and placement and through targeted interventions*

*To foster a life-long love of reading*

*To ensure that all children gain the fundamental literacy skills – phonics, inference, vocabulary, confident speech and language – which are the building blocks for future success*

*To ensure that children are supported to be ready for learning – through social and emotional support, family support, attendance support*

*To ensure that the educational and wider school experience of disadvantaged children is as rich as that of their peers*

### **How we work to achieve those objectives:**

*Through high quality teaching across all areas of the curriculum*

*Through targeted and focused learning and intervention for literacy, phonics and speech and language across the school*

*Through an embedded understanding of a mastery approach to the teaching and learning of maths throughout the school*

*Through targeted and focused maths interventions across the school*

*Through targeted and focused phonic interventions across the school*

*Staffing structures and grouping of children to support quality first teaching and appropriate interventions*

*By providing high quality training for our teachers and teaching assistants*

*By providing funds for the wider work of the school – to encourage attendance, work with external agencies for support or intervention and enable extra-curricular activities*

***Key Principles of our strategy plan:***

- *Inclusivity – quality first teaching*
- *Appropriate resourcing, staffing and staff training*
- *Academic success through targeted teaching and learning*
- *Social, emotional and well-being support*
- *Wider support for families in need*

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Limited language acquisition – poor sentence structure and limited vocabulary for a significant amount of PP children. (This limits reading comprehension, writing standards and understanding of complex problems or concepts in curriculum areas such as maths and science).
2	Limited access to a range of experiences, including social, educational and out of school activities which impacts on their attitude and motivation to learning.
3	Lack of social skills and play skills as a result of lockdowns / school closures / poor housing
4	Variable engagement and access to remote learning through periods of school closure resulting in gaps in knowledge
5	Lack of resilience
6	Lack of parental engagement which effects progress and attainment for some eligible pupils.
7	Ongoing emotional and Well-being effect of Lockdown and Pandemic on vulnerable children and families.
8	Financial constraints – inability to access Extended Day, enrichment or extra-curricular activities because of cost of living crisis
National data shows that pupils from junior schools, on average, have lower progress scores at the end of key stage 2 than pupils at all other primary schools	

## 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
Difference between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children's outcomes and progress will be negligible	<p>In house data will demonstrate excellent progress for disadvantaged children.</p> <p>KS2 outcomes will demonstrate negligible achievement gap</p> <p>St Peter's PP children will perform well in comparison to all pupils nationally</p> <p>Pupil voice and book looks will demonstrate pride, confidence and engagement with learning</p>
Disadvantaged children access all aspects of school day and benefit from the broad and rich wider curriculum that St Peter's offers	<p>Clubs and activities are promoted and signposted for disadvantaged children – all PP children offered at least one free after school club each term</p> <p>PP children's involvement in Elite clubs and competitions encouraged</p>
Higher achieving disadvantaged children make sustained progress to achieve 'GDS' by the end of KS2	Children identified as high achieving on entry leave St Peter's at the end of Year 6 having maintained this higher standard of attainment
Children receive appropriate well-being and social and emotional support so that they feel happy, can care for themselves and for others and can approach their learning with confidence and resilience.	<p>Vulnerable children are given the emotional support and the tools they need for emotional resilience, allowing them to successfully access the social and academic elements of school</p> <p>Pupil voice demonstrates development in wellbeing and resilience.</p> <p>Behaviour records demonstrate improvements in social skills / learning skills and that tools are used effectively</p>
Disadvantaged and vulnerable families are a focus for attendance	PP children's attendance is in line with whole school attendance, giving disadvantaged children the same opportunity as others to learn and enjoy school

## 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: £48,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Japanese Lesson Studies carried out within each Year Group – teaching team plan, observe, review and replan a lesson or series of lessons to refine and improve practice to ensure highest quality first teaching	<p><b>EEF Teacher Toolkit:</b></p> <p>‘research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap’</p> <p>‘To improve pupil outcomes, careful attention should be paid to how PD is designed. In particular, those who design and select PD should focus on mechanisms.</p> <p>Mechanisms are the core building blocks of professional development. They are observable, can be replicated, and could not be removed without making PD less effective. Crucially, they are supported by evidence from research on human behaviour—they have been found, in contexts beyond teaching, to change practice.’</p>	1 4 5 7
Phonics Groups led by Learning Mentors for Year 3 and 4 – staffing, training and resourcing – all children screened to identify gaps in phonic knowledge and then 8 interventions groups implemented by 2 HLTAs	<p><b>EEF Teacher Toolkit</b></p> <p>Structured Phonics:</p> <p>“Phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners”</p> <p>Reading Comprehension Strategies:</p> <p>“carefully tailored to pupils’ reading capabilities and involve activities and texts that provide effective but not overwhelming challenge”</p> <p>Small group tuition:</p> <p>“greater feedback from teacher”</p> <p>“more sustained progress”</p> <p>“work closely matched to learner need”</p> <p><b>Supporting the Attainment of Disadvantaged Pupils – DFE</b></p>	1 2 3 4 5

	Successful strategies: Deploying Staff effectively Reducing class size	
Accelerated Reader programme, training and resourcing	<b>EEF Teacher Toolkit:</b> Successful approaches: “targeted reading aloud and book discussion with young children” “explicitly extending pupils’ spoken vocabulary” “carefully tailored to pupils’ reading capabilities and involve activities and texts that provide effective but not overwhelming challenge”	1 2 3 4 5
Interventions for Maths and Literacy – specific targeted interventions based on identified gaps in knowledge. Targeted intervention for Primary Reading Skills, GPS, and Maths, looking to address specific gaps in understanding and deliver targeted individual and group intervention activities, for Years 3-5. It provides an overview and learning sequence to support class teachers and TAs to target pupils’ areas of weakness through guided models, practice texts and quizzes.	<b>EEF Toolkit:</b> ‘Targeted deployment, where teaching assistants are trained to deliver an intervention to small groups or individuals has a higher impact’	1 2 3 4 5
Take part in the ‘Mastering Number in KS2’ programme for teachers in Years 5 and 4. Use ‘Mastering Number in KS1’ for addressing gaps in knowledge in Yr3	EEF Toolkit +5 months ‘Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children’s outcomes. Indeed, research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap.’	1 2 4
Books to support Power of Reading initiative – higher interest books to support emerging readers to higher attainers	EEF Toolkit +5 months Reading comprehension strategies are high impact on average (+6 months). Alongside phonics it is a crucial component of early reading instruction.  2.	1 2 4 8
Restock the Barrington Stokes dyslexia friendly reading books to support the reading of dyslexic children	EEF Toolkit +5 months It is important to identify the appropriate level of text difficulty, to provide appropriate context to practice the skills, desire to engage	1 4 5

	with the text and enough challenge to improve reading comprehension.	
Further develop teachers' vocabulary pedagogy through the use of Mrs Wordsmith	EEF Toolkit +5 months 'Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes. Indeed, research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap.'	1 2 4
Use Jason Wade's Sounds and Syllables CPD and Resources to embed a common approach to spelling strategies used by children and staff to develop a rich and ambitious vocabulary in children's writing	EEF Toolkit +5 months 'Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes. Indeed, research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap.'	1 2 4
Improve teachers' and TAs' mathematical pedagogy and understanding of mastery in mathematics through teacher and TA CPD and coaching by mathematics mastery specialist teacher for new teachers	EEF Toolkit +5 months <b>EEF Maths Evidence Review</b> 'The evidence also indicates that, in mathematics, teacher knowledge is a key factor in the quality of teaching. Teacher knowledge, more particularly pedagogic content knowledge (PCK), is crucial in realising the potential of mathematics curriculum resources and interventions to raise attainment.'	1 4 5
Peer mentoring maths project whereby Yr5/6 mathematicians work alongside children in Yr3/4 to improve fluency and key concepts	EEF Toolkit +5 months 'Peer tutoring, on average, has a positive impact on both tutors and tutees and may be a cost-effective approach to delivering one to one or small group tuition in a school.'	1 4 5
To provide additional time above PPA for data tracking and analysis including assistant head and coordinator release time to drive progress.	<b>EEF Toolkit</b> 'To explore the real nuance of any lost learning, or specific issues for individual pupils, schools will put effective assessments to work'	4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 76,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Specific intervention strategies to overcome barriers to learning – auditory/visual memory, speech and language, Engaging eyes, fizzy/clever hands, etc	Small group tuition: “more sustained progress” “work closely matched to learner need”	1 2 4 5
Maths catch up groups – targeted maths catch up sessions led by the TA who was in the morning lesson with the children	EEF Toolkit Small group tuition: “greater feedback from teacher” “more sustained progress” “work closely matched to learner need”	1 4 5
Daily catch up groups for literacy led by the TA who was present in the lesson	Small group tuition: “greater feedback from teacher” “more sustained progress” “work closely matched to learner need”	1 4 5
Year 6 Extended Writing Group to provide support for small groups of writers not on track to make the required progress through KS2 due to the effects of lockdown on their writing skills	EEF Toolkit +5 months Small group tuition: “greater feedback from teacher” “more sustained progress” “work closely matched to learner need”	1 4 5
Targeted Maths Group intervention in Terms 3&4 – to improve GDS outcomes in maths for specific under-performing groups	EEF Toolkit +5 months Small group tuition: “greater feedback from teacher” “more sustained progress” “work closely matched to learner need”	1 4 5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 41,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
All vulnerable children to be offered an after-school club for no charge - After-school club manager to ensure a range of activities are available with careful tracking of the attendance of PP children.	<b>EEF Toolkit:</b> 'Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds may be less likely to be able to benefit from sport clubs and other physical activities outside of school due to the associated financial costs (e.g. equipment). By providing physical activities free of charge, schools give pupils access to benefits and opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.'	1 2 3 6 7 8
Places provided in breakfast club to ensure that our vulnerable pupils have a good start to the day and improve attendance and punctuality. Targeted children offered free places to improve punctuality and attendance and therefore attainment	<b>DfE National Breakfast Club Programme:</b> 'It is important for pupils to start the day with a nutritious breakfast. Evidence shows that providing a healthy school breakfast at the start of the school day can contribute to improved readiness to learn, increased concentration, and improved wellbeing and behaviour'	1 2 3 6 7 8
Provide support for specific families undergoing periods of significant financial hardship – eg clothing, uniforms, transport costs etc.	<b>EEF Toolkit:</b> School uniform policies are thought to complement the development and support of a whole school culture and approach, which in turn may assist pupil discipline and motivation	1 2 3 6 7 8
The development of the school's outdoor learning forest school to improve resilience and self-esteem,	<b>EEF Toolkit:</b> Physical activity has important benefits in terms of health, wellbeing and physical development.	1 2 3 5 7
Specific Attendance personnel to track attendance and punctuality and liaise with Deputy Heads to monitor attendance. Liaise with school SLO Celebrate good attendance.	<b>State of the Nation 2021:</b> 'Supporting a link between attendance and wellbeing, pupils with higher wellbeing ratings were more likely to have regularly attended school'	4 5 6 7
A specific Wellbeing Learning Mentor to provide support for	<b>EEF Toolkit:</b>	1 2

<p>vulnerable children with a range of needs. To run groups for children on the autistic spectrum To provide support for bereavement etc. To provide 1:1 and small group activities for social interventions. To provide social stories when needed. To work closely with outside agencies such as: Project Salus, Headstart, Counselling Services, Thanet Inclusion Services and Early Help To undertake EBSA and ELSA training and support for the Emotional and Wellbeing Mentor</p>	<p>'Social and Emotional Learning interventions in education are shown to improve SEL skills and are therefore likely to support disadvantaged pupils to understand and engage in healthy relationships with peers and emotional self-regulation, both of which may subsequently increase academic attainment.'</p>	<p>3 5 6 7</p>
<p>Engage with the Nurture UK project to Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning. SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff. SEL approaches to be shared with parents and support for vulnerable families provided and signposted</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>	<p>1 2 3 5 6 7</p>
<p>Additional lunchtime sports coach time and equipment. To work with pupils to increase confidence and self-esteem.</p>	<p><b>EEF Toolkit:</b> Physical activity has important benefits in terms of health, wellbeing and physical development.</p>	<p>3 5 7</p>
<p>PSHE/RSE/Heartsmart programmes and resources to improving resilience, social skills, and confidence whilst reducing anxiety</p>	<p><b>EEF Toolkit:</b> They include the ability to respond to setbacks, work well with others, build relationships, manage emotions, and cope with difficult situations. There is growing evidence that these skills are important to children's later outcomes.</p>	<p>1 3 5 7</p>

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

### Pupil premium strategy outcomes

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the 2023/24 academic year using key stage 2 performance data that has been published so far.

### **Our Pupil Premium children continued to perform exceptionally well.**

#### **Our Results**

##### **2024 Provisional Results**

Another strong set of results for St Peter's. A very pleasing 74% of our children achieved the Combined Expected Standard (in Reading, Writing and Maths) compared with 61% Nationally.

86% achieved Expected in Reading, compared with 74% Nationally.

82% achieved Expected in Writing, with 72% achieving this Nationally.

77% achieved Expected in SPAG, 5% above National at 72%.

83% achieved the Expected Standard in Maths compared with 73% Nationally.

We do not yet know the National FSM figures for comparison – but we like to compare our FSM outcomes with the overall National figure anyway!

73% of our FSM children achieved the Combined Expected Standard compared to 61% of all children Nationally.

77% of our FSM children achieved Expected in Reading compared with 74% Nationally.

77% achieved Expected in Writing, compared with 72% of all children Nationally.

In Maths 82% of our FSM children achieved the Expected Standard, with the National figure for all being 73%.

The strength of our outcomes for Pupil Premium children at St Peter's – outperforming All Children nationally let alone outperforming Kent's Pupil Premium children (the only wider comparison we are able to make at this point) shows the positive impact that attending St Peter's has for our children and how the Pupil Premium Strategy contributes to this success.

St Peter's is proud of the achievements of all its pupils – there is success in every child.