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 pupil premium 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	Wallisdean Junior School
Number of pupils in school	205
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	37%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022/2023 to 2025/2026
Date this statement was published	November 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2023
Statement authorised by	Sandra Cammish Executive Head Teacher
Pupil premium lead	Naomi Milczarek Inclusion Lead
Governor	Barry Harwood

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£96,949.50
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£11,745.00
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	£108,694.50

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all children, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good academic and social and emotional progress. Also that they have high ambitions, beyond academic achievement to become successful citizens.

Across our Federation we develop children's skills in key areas, using The Six Strands approach. We use Learning Powers (respect, resilience, confidence, responsible, resourceful and independent) to promote positive attitudes to learning which reflect the values and skills needed to promote responsibility for learning and future success and to have the confidence and skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners.

The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support pupil premium children to achieve that goal, including progress and ambitions for those who are already high attainers.

We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable children, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The activities we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are pupil premium or not.

High-quality inclusive teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which pupil premium children require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-pupil premium children in our school.

At Wallisdean Infant School the curriculum is designed to: recognise children's prior learning, provide first hand learning experiences and focus on the development of language and vocabulary. This will allow the children to develop interpersonal skills, build resilience and become creative, critical thinkers. provide enrichment opportunities to engage learning.

Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-pupil premium children's attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their pupil premium peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help children excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure pupil premium children are challenged in the work that they're set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for pupil premium children' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many pupil premium pupils. These are evident across the Federation and, in general, are more prevalent among our pupil premium pupils than their peers. A strong emphasis is needed on development of language understanding, narrative skills, speech sound pronunciation and vocabulary, including technical subject-specific vocabulary.
2	Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and well- being of many of our pupil premium pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies. This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps, leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations.
	Autumn 22 – Internal assessments indicate that Reading, Writing and Maths attainment among pupil premium pupils is below that of non pupil premium in Year 4. This is a dip from the end of KS1 and Year 3 data. In Year 3 and Year 5 non pupil premium are outperforming pupil premium in reading and writing. In Year 5, pupil premium pupils are outperforming non pupil premium. In Year 6 non pupil premium are outperforming pupil premium in writing and maths.
3	Our assessments and observations indicate that many pupil premium pupils need support to develop their emotional literacy, social and emotional skills, positive learning behaviours and good mental health and wellbeing. Pupil premium children can often be more tired and find it harder to concentrate. Some pupil premium children lack real life experiences which build resilience and other skills needed. Turbulence affects some pupils who have had multiple school moves. Turbulent family situations can impact on some children's physical and emotional wellbeing. Some children require additional emotional support, particularly in starting the day.
4	Our assessments and observations indicate that many pupil premium children have difficulties with fine and gross motor skills (something which has been amplified by the national lockdowns).
5	Our attendance data from 2021/22 indicates no significant difference in the attendance of pupil premium pupils when compared to non-pupil premium pupils. Pupil premium attendance data 21/22 94.3% Non pupil premium 21/22 97.2% Attendance will continue to be monitored.

	The percentage of pupil premium children who are persistently absent is 16.6% (12 children). Poor attendance adversely affects the progress of some children, their attitudes to learning and social and emotional development.
6	Our observations show that some pupil premium children do not come to school with suitable clothing and equipment (uniform, PE kit) to access the curriculum. They also cannot afford to pay for extra-curricular clubs or school trip.
7	Our observations show that additional emotional support for some Service children is needed. It also benefits these children to form links with other Service children.

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
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among pupil premium pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among pupil premium pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our pupil premium pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2025/26 demonstrated by:
	 qualitative data from pupil conferencing, student and parent surveys and teacher observations.
	 significant participation in enrichment activities, particularly among pupil premium pupils.
Improved reading attainment among pupil premium pupils.	KS2 reading outcomes in 2025/26 show that 83% or more pupil premium pupils met the expected standard.
Improved maths attainment for pupil premium pupils at the end of KS2.	KS2 maths outcomes in 2025/26 show that 79% or more pupil premium pupils met the expected standard.
Improved writing attainment for pupil premium pupils at the end of KS2.	KS2 writing outcomes in 2025/26 show 78% or more pupil premium pupils met the expected standard.

This will also show the improvement of fine and gross motor skills.	
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our pupil premium pupils.	 Sustained high attendance from 2025/26 demonstrated by: the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-pupil premium peers being reduced the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being reduced and the figure among pupil premium pupils being equal to their peers.
To provide children with adequate equipment to access the curriculum	All children being able to participate in activities requiring equipment eg PE, swimming lessons etc.
To provide emotional support for Service children and enable them to form links with other Service children.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2025/26 for Service children, demonstrated by:
	 qualitative data from pupil conferencing, student and parent surveys and teacher observations
	 significant participation in enrichment activities for Service Children.

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: £42,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary. We will purchase resources and fund ongoing teacher training and release time.	There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inex- pensive to implement with high impacts on reading: Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF Speaking and listening are at the heart of all language development. They are foundational for reading and writing, whilst proving essential for thinking and communication. Teaching should focus on pupils' language development, particularly their expressive language, which will also support their writing. <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educat</u> <u>ion-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</u>	1
Continued Purchase/ Resourcing of a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupil.	 Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for pupil premium pupils: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF Synthetic phonic programmes have one thing in common: they teach children GPCs, to blend phonemes into spoken words and segment spoken words into phonemes. However, programmes use programme-specific systems and terminology such as actions, mnemonics, prompts, key words and routines to teach knowledge and skills. It is important not to confuse children by mixing material from different programmes or across different classrooms – hence the phrase 'fidelity to the programme'. 	24

	DFE The Reading Framework 2021 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the- reading-framework-teaching-the-foundations-of- literacy Actively teaching reading fluency is important for all pupils, with those judged to be struggling likely to benefit from targeted support. When considering targeted support, diagnosis of the specific issues should be the first step before selecting an intervention. For example, it is important to check for weaknesses in decoding or comprehension before concluding that reading fluency should be the primary focus of targeted support. Most children learn how to decode words in Reception and Key Stage 1.	
Purchasing of home reading books that effectively work	 However, pupils are likely to continue to benefit from some phonics work in Key Stage 2. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educat_ion-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2 Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily 	2
alongside our <u>DfE</u> <u>validated Systematic</u> <u>Synthetic Phonics</u> <u>programme</u> to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupil.	comprehension), particularly for pupil premium pupils: <u>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment</u> <u>Foundation EEF</u> Decodable' books and texts for children to read "So that beginner readers read books at the right level of difficulty, teachers should make sure their organisation of the books matches exactly the order in which GPCs are introduced in the programme". DFE The Reading Framework 2021 <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the- reading-framework-teaching-the-foundations-of- literacy</u>	
	Promote high quality dialogue in the classroom, between the teacher and the pupils and between pupils, to support pupils to develop their thinking and use of language. Extend pupils' vocabulary by explicitly teaching new words, providing repeated exposure to new words, and providing opportunities for pupils to use new words. <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educat</u> <u>ion-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</u>	

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 led by our Mental Health Lead and Wellbeing Team	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (eg, improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): <u>EEF_Social and Emotional Learning.pdf</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3
Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund leader release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to support teachers with planning.	The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches: <u>Maths_guidance_KS_1_and_2.pdf (publishing.ser- vice.gov.uk)</u> Teachers must draw on their knowledge of mathematics, professional experience and judgement, and assessment of their pupils' knowledge and understanding. The focus is on improving the quality of teaching. Excellent maths teaching requires good content knowledge, but this is not sufficient. Excellent teachers also know the ways in which pupils learn mathematics and the difficulties they are likely to encounter, and how mathematics can most effectively be taught. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) will be an important component of implementation and is key to raising the quality of teaching and teacher knowledge.	

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

Budgeted cost: £45,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional phonics sessions targeted at pupil premium pupils who require further phonics support.	 Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from pupil premium backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF Synthetic phonic programmes have one thing in common: they teach children GPCs, to blend phonemes into spoken words and segment spoken words into phonemes. However, programmes use programme-specific systems and terminology such as actions, mnemonics, prompts, key words and routines to teach knowledge and skills. It is important not to confuse children by mixing material from different programmes or across different classrooms – hence the phrase 'fidelity to the programme'. DFE The Reading Framework 2021 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-reading-framework-teaching-the-foundations-of-literacy One to one or small group instruction from qualified teachers and reading specialists are among the most effective. Structured interventions delivered by teaching assistants can also have a large positive impact on learner outcomes. To excel in literacy, pupils need high quality teaching and extensive opportunities to practice reading and writing. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2 	24
To provide additional fine and gross motor interventions	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one:	4
for pupil premium	One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfounda- tion.org.uk)	

pupils who have relatively low fine and	and in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education	
gross motor skills.	Endowment Foundation EEF	
To provide additional Maths interventions for pupil premium pupils who	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one: <u>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfounda- tion.org.uk)</u>	2
have relatively low number sense.	and in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endow- ment Foundation EEF	
	Schools should focus on improvements to core class- room teaching that support all children in the class. With this in place, the need for catch up intervention should decrease. Nevertheless, some high-quality, structured intervention may still be required for some pupils to make progress. Selection of the intervention should be guided by effective assessment of pupils' individual strengths and weaknesses. Interventions should start early, be evidence-based and be carefully planned. Interventions should include explicit and systematic instruction.	
	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/guidance-reports/maths-ks-2-3	
To provide a blend of tuition, and group	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one:	124
intervention for pupils whose education has	One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfounda- tion.org.uk)	
been most impacted by the pandemic. A significant	and in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	
proportion of the pupils who receive tutoring will be pupil premium,	High quality tutoring can offer crucial evidence-based support for pupils. High quality teaching is the most powerful lever schools have for improving pupil outcomes. However, especially post-pandemic, there may be children in need of additional support with their learning. When one-to-one and small group tutoring are	

including those who are high attainers.	implemented well, following key principles, it is likely that it can be impactful. <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-</u> <u>for-schools/making-a-difference-with-effective-tutoring</u>	
To provide additional emotional literacy support for pupil premium pupils if needed due to life changes, circumstances or experiences.	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (eg, improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3

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

Budgeted cost: £22,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challe nge numb er(s) addre ssed
Continued whole staff training on behaviour management approaches, with the aim of continuing to follow school ethos and sustain behaviour across school.	Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects: Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org. uk)	32
Whole school staff training on the Attachment and Trauma Approach. Auditing current practice and creating an action plan to developing the use of this approach throughout the year.	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (eg, improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): <u>EEF_Social and Emotional Learnin g.pdf</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org. uk)	3

To provide for or access to equipment, uniform for pupil premium children without the correct equipment to access the curriculum.	School level approaches to developing a school ethos, which also aim to support greater engagement in learning Social and Emotional Learning – Toolkit <u>https://educationendowmentfoundatio</u> <u>n.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</u> Our own observations indicate that for pupil premium children not being provided with the correct equipment or uniform not only affects their academic progress but can impact on their social and emotional learning.	6
	Providing the correct equipment or uniform for them out of pupil premium funding means they are not impacted by lack of equipment or uniform both emotionally and academically. There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (eg, improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): <u>EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learnin g.pdf</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org. uk)	
To provide access to trips for all children to enhance the curriculum and develop their cultural capital	Both oral language and literacy research support that children need first hand experiences to develop their use of language. Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	6
To provide funded places for pupil premium children to our range of after school clubs.	Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum.	23

	Arts Participation <u>https://educationendowmentfoundatio</u> <u>n.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/arts-participation</u> There is some evidence that involvement in extra-curricular sporting activities might increase pupil attendance. Physical Activity <u>https://educationendowmentfoundatio</u> <u>n.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/physical-activity</u>	
To provide parenting support to families who need support with issues such as behavior, parenting and accessing services.	Case studies from our setting show that parents being supported with routine, sleeping and behaviour strategies have impacted on children's attendance and readiness to learn.	35
To identify any gaps in learning service children's education caused by moving between schools and address with targeted support.	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one: <u>One to one tuition EEF (educa- tionendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u> and in small groups: <u>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand </u> <u>Education Endowment Foundation </u> <u>EEF</u>	7
To provide staffing and resources for an after school club for Service children.	Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum. Arts Participation <u>https://educationendowmentfoundatio</u> <u>n.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/arts-participation</u> There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life	7

	(eg, improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): <u>EEF_Social and Emotional Learn- ing.pdf (educationendowmentfounda- tion.org.uk)</u>	
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's publication 'Working together to improve school attendance'. <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/pu</u>	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	
blications/working-together-to- improve-school-attendance		
This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures and appointing attendance/support officers to improve attendance.		
Contingency fund for acute issues.	Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	

Total budgeted cost: £109,000

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 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Our end of year data 2022

In Year 3, the gap between pupil premium and non pupil premium had narrowed by the end of the year. There continues to be a gap in Maths of 23%, which will be a focus this year.

In Year 4, the gap had closed in Maths but remains in Reading and Writing, which will continue to be a focus this year.

In Year 5, the gap had narrowed in all subjects at ARE.

In Year 6 the gap had narrowed in all subjects.

We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required. We are building on that approach with the activities detailed in this plan.

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
Read, Write Inc	Ruth Miskin

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your Service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	One of our Teaching Assistants is dedicated to the emotional wellbeing of Service children. Our Inclusion Leader is responsible for the academic achieve- ment of Service children.
	Service children attended a weekly after school club staffed by the designated Teaching Assistant.
	In these sessions they did activities such as crafts, sports and cooking and were supported to develop relationships with other Service children. Pupils created 'still photo books' to stay connected to their deployed parent, and a teddy was provided for the deployed parent to take away with them. When the parent returned they were invited to the club to share their experiences and the children shared their photo book. We also identified and gaps in Service children's education caused by moving
	between schools, which we addressed with targeted support.
What was the impact of that spending on Service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Teachers observed improvements in wellbeing amongst Service children. Assessments demonstrated good progress in all subject areas.

Further information (optional)

Additional activity

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activity that is not being funded by pupil premium or recovery premium. That will include:

• embedding more effective practice around feedback. <u>EEF evidence</u> demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly pupil premium pupils.

Planning, implementation, and evaluation

In planning our new pupil premium strategy, we evaluated why activity undertaken in previous years had not had the degree of impact that we had expected.

We triangulated evidence from multiple sources of data including assessments, engagement in class book scrutiny, conversations with parents, pupils and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by pupil premium pupils.

We looked at a number of reports, studies and research papers about effective use of pupil premium, the impact of disadvantage on education outcomes and how to address challenges to learning presented by socio-economic disadvantage. We also looked at studies about the impact of the pandemic on pupil premium pupils.

We used the <u>EEF's implementation guidance</u> to help us develop our strategy, particularly the 'explore' phase to help us diagnose specific pupil needs and work out which activities and approaches are likely to work in our school. We will continue to use it through the implementation of activities.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach and will adjust our plan over time to secure better outcomes for pupils.