



St. Jude's Catholic Primary School

Pupil premium strategy statement

Reviewed and updated December 2024

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. Jude's Catholic Primary School
Number of pupils in school	196 (+ 17 nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	64%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/2022 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2025
Statement authorised by	Bernadette Smith
Pupil premium lead	Bernadette Smith & Damien McGarrigle
Governor / Trustee lead	Dawn Thompson

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 193, 488
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 9, 642
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£ 37, 175
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	£240, 305

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our aim is to ensure that our pupils are not disadvantaged as a result of their socio-economic context. We believe that with the correct support all pupils can achieve their full potential, as long as the provision meets their needs.

Our ultimate objectives are to:

- Remove barriers to learning created by poverty, family circumstance and background.
- Narrow the attainment gaps between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged counterparts both within school and nationally.
- Ensure ALL pupils are able to read fluently and with good understanding to enable them to access the breadth of the curriculum.
- Develop confidence in their ability to communicate effectively in a wide range of contexts.
- Develop and challenging curriculum across all subjects which enables pupils to know more and remember more.
- Enable pupils to look after their social and emotional wellbeing and to develop resilience.
- Access a wide range of opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world.
- Remove barriers for pupils and their families which impact on their attendance at school.

Context:

- On the IDACI index, our school is in Band A meaning that it is situated in one of the most deprived areas of the country in terms of income deprivation, employment deprivation, education deprivation, crime, health deprivation and barriers to housing and services.
- In our most recent primary IDSR report, the following information on absence is notable:

Absence (whole school) Autumn 2024 absence

■ Overall attendance in autumn 2024 was 93%, in-line with the national figure which is also 93%.

■ Persistent absence in autumn 2024 is 21%. The national figure for persistent absence is 21%.

We are very aware of the range of socio-economic difficulties unique to our local area and work hard to address these with quality pastoral care.

- The IDSR report also hi-lights that the school deprivation indicator is 0.46 compared to 0.21 nationally.

Achieving our objectives

In order to achieve our objectives and overcome identified barriers to learning we will:

- Provide all teachers with high quality CPD and reading materials to ensure that pupils access effective quality first teaching
- Provide the school community with the resources needed to ensure quality first teaching.
- Provide targeted intervention and support to quickly address identified gaps in learning including the use of small group work, 1:1 tuition
- Support pupils with SEND barriers to learning to ensure that they access the curriculum and make sustained progress inside the classroom.
- Target funding to ensure that all pupils have access to trips, residential, first hand learning experiences
- Provide opportunities for all pupils to participate in enrichment activities including sport and music
- Provide appropriate nurture support to support pupils in their emotional and social development.

This is not an exhaustive list and strategies will change and develop based on the needs of individuals.

Key Principles

We will ensure that effective teaching, learning and assessment meets the needs of all pupils through the rigorous analysis of data and subsequent actions to support PP pupils achieve in-line with their peers. Class teachers will identify through the class pupil premium plan specific intervention and support for individual pupils which will be reviewed at least termly. Alongside academic support, we will ensure that those pupils who have social, emotional and mental health needs will access high quality provision from appropriately trained adults.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Pupils entering the EYFS with language and listening skills well below their developmental age and stage. A lack of early language skills within

	the early years impacts on pupils' ability to hear sounds when practising blending and segmenting. This impacts on early reading and fluency.
2	Pupils achieve at least in line with other schools nationally by the end of KS2 but fewer PP pupils convert to a greater depth standard.
3	Pupils' vocabulary is limited due to a lack of exposure to the wider world, this in turn impacts on their ability to comprehend and read fluently. This also impacts on their writing and ability to access the broader curriculum.
4	Pupils, especially those with SEND needs, are not always able to use rapid recall and fluency skills without support.
5	Pupils' attendance is currently in line with national and persistent absence is historically above national data for all including PP children.
6	Pupils have complex social and emotional needs which act as a barrier to their academic achievement.

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
Reduce the gap between non PP and PP pupils achieving Greater Depth in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of KS2.	Pupil data from the end of KS2 shows a higher percentage of PP pupils achieving a Greater Depth standard.
Implementation of a systematic phonics program (Rocket Phonics) shows an increase in pupils passing the Phonics Screening Test in Y1.	Increase in the Y1 pass rate with pupils achieving above national expectations for two years; in 22/23 & 23/24 results were in-line with national data.
An increased focus on the teaching of reading and writing has an impact on pupils' achievement across the curriculum.	Pupil data across school shows an improvement in pupils making increased progress and attainment in reading and writing.
Pupils' achievement in wider curriculum subjects is in line with non PP pupils and cultural capital is developed and sustained.	RAG data shows the PP pupils generally perform in-line with all pupils. Pupil voice shows a greater understanding of the world around them. They demonstrate that they know more and remember more.
PP pupils with SEND needs are able to develop a range of skills and become more independent in the classroom environment.	Pupil data from the end of KS2 shows a larger percentage of SEND pupils making greater progress.

Attendance for pupil premium children improves and persistent absence reduces.	Attendance data indicates that figures meet at least the national standard.
Pupils are well supported in managing their emotional and behavioural needs.	The number of fixed term and permanent exclusions has decreased rapidly.

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: £124,188.37

Activity	Rationale & Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Implementation of systematic phonics and early reading scheme of work.</p> <p>Increased focus on guided and oral reading instruction across school; this includes repeated reading to increase fluency; decoding; scaffolded reading strategies; modelled and supported practice.</p> <p>All teaching staff involved in small group support to ensure sustained progress and addressing of gaps.</p>	<p>Data shows that, historically, disadvantaged pupils struggle to convert to a Greater Depth Standard at the end of KS2. Speed of fluency reading is a barrier to this. 80% published phonics data for the end of Y1 (2023-24) is the same as the figure for national. Data for academic year 2022/23 showed an increased pass rate of 83% for disadvantaged pupils. The pass rate at St. Jude's for 23/24 for PP eligible pupils is 70%; the national figure for disadvantaged pupils is 68%.</p> <p>At the end of KS2 for 2023/24, published data shows the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading was 83% for all pupils and 80% for disadvantaged pupils; 30% of disadvantaged pupils achieved a greater depth standard in reading compared to 28% of 'all' pupils in Y6. These figures are both above the national standard.</p>	1, 2, 3
<p>A developed and targeted approach to teacher CPD taking in to account the context and needs of the school.</p> <p>CPD is more curriculum led building on teacher knowledge, developing technique, embedding practice.</p>	<p><i>'Leaders have ensured that staff are well trained. Access to websites providing subject-specific information and resources gives teachers confidence and sharpens their knowledge in particular subjects. Teachers plan the day-to-day learning for pupils so that they meet the longer-term learning aims. They clearly identify the key vocabulary for each topic, and make sure that everyone uses it correctly. Pupils make strong gains in their knowledge across the curriculum and remember well. Leaders ensure that all staff know about the</i></p>	3, 4, 6

	<p><i>additional needs of pupils with SEND, and how best to help them. As a result, these pupils also learn well.'</i> (Ofsted, November 2022)</p> <p>As a direct result of ongoing training and CPD, teachers have successfully implemented a well-planned and sequenced curriculum. Long term planning and investment is needed to secure the continued success of this work. CPD continues to be planned around the needs of our pupils – we have had whole staff phonics CPD, for example, in September 2024 to update the delivery of Rocket Phonics teaching; resources have also been updated/replenished. CPD for fluency in reading will be delivered to all staff in March 2025.</p>	
<p>CPD and a new approach to the planning and teaching of writing across school; teaching writing composition strategies through modelling and supported practice; developing pupils' transcription and sentence construction skills through extensive practice; teaching challenging vocabulary in context.</p>	<p>In September 2022, after CPD for staff, a new scheme of work to support effective practice in writing was introduced – 'Read into Write'. This requires a subscription fee and school have decided that all pupils should have access to copies of texts to themselves rather than sharing texts. We believe that it is something worth investing in. Writing outcomes for 2022/23:</p> <p>KS1:</p> <p>Expected standard: 63% (Nat.60%) GDP standard: 23% (Nat 14%) Disad. Exp. standard: 53% (Nat. 65%) Disad. GDP standard: 6% (Nat. 10%)</p> <p>KS2</p> <p>Expected standard: 60% (Nat. 69%) GDP standard: 23% (Nat 14%) Disad. Exp. standard: 47% Disad. GDP standard: 5%</p> <p>Writing outcomes for 2023/24 (no longer published data for KS1):</p> <p>KS2</p> <p>Expected standard: 76% (Nat. 72%) GDP standard: 14% (Nat 12%) Disad. Exp. standard: 70% Disad. GDP standard: 10%</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £33, 887.23

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group tuition – phonics and reading recovery; focussed approach to vocabulary understanding. (EYFS & KS1)	80% pass rate published phonics data for the end of Y1 in 23/24 is the same as the national figure. Disadvantaged pupils in this cohort achieved a pass rate of 70%.	1, 3, 6
Wellcome Speech and Language intervention	Over 40% of EYFS and Y1 cohort require S & L intervention	1, 6
Fluency Reading and Writing Interventions (KS2)	In 22/23, published data shows that there are still attainment gaps in KS1 & KS2 in reading and writing especially at the writing greater depth standard. In 23/24, end of KS2 data shows that 80% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, compared to 83% of the whole cohort. 30% of the disadvantaged group achieved the GDS compared to 28% of the while cohort. In 23/24, end of KS2 data shows that 70% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in writing, compared to 76% of the whole cohort. 10% of the disadvantaged group achieved the GDS compared to 14% of the whole cohort.	1, 2, 4
Maths Catch-Up (LKS2)	Published data (22-23) and internal data shows that at the end of KS1, the gap between all pupils and disadvantaged pupils is narrowing. Internal data also shows that in LKS2 the gap is narrowing. Intervention is used to ensure that this is sustainable long term.	4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 71, 975.57

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Access to wider development opportunities in school – theatre, music tuition, CBSO performances and workshops, cooking, play support, parent partner	IDACI contextual data. Recognised that many pupils do not have access to wider development opportunities.	3, 5, 6
Access to wider development opportunities outside school – residential trip, other trips heavily subsidised by school.	IDACI contextual data. Recognised that many pupils do not have access to wider development opportunities.	3, 5, 6
Inclusion team support to address barriers to learning and attendance and provide Early Help Intervention.	Attendance data Autumn 24 Whole school: 93% (Nat. 93%) Overall absence: 7% (Nat. 5%) Authorised absence: 5% (Nat. 4%) Unauthorised absence: 2% (Nat. 1%) Persistent Absence: 21% (Nat. 20%) Our internal data also shows that SEND disadvantaged pupils have a higher PA rate than other groups.	5, 6

Total budgeted cost: £230, 051.27

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Internal data based on teacher assessment and the use of diagnostic testing as well as moderation with colleagues from other schools.

EYFS GLD 2023/24

Whole class	72%
Disadvantaged	69%

Y1 Phonics 2023/24

Whole class	80%
Disadvantaged	70%

KS2

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM Combined
Whole class	83% expected 28% greater depth	76% expected 14% greater depth	83% expected 21% greater depth	72% expected 3% greater depth
Disadvantaged	80% expected 30% greater depth	70% expected 10% greater depth	80% expected 10% greater depth	65% expected 0% greater depth

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
Wellcom	Wellcom Trust
TT Rockstars	Maths Circle
Power Maths	Pearson Education
Whiterose	

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?	n/a
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	n/a

Further information (optional)

Sports Premium Funding used to develop sport at all levels and to support the mental health and well-being of pupils.