St. Ethelbert's RCP - 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 outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St. Ethelbert's RCP, Bolton
Number of pupils in school	217
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	31%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023/2024 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	1 st October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	1 st October 2025
Statement authorised by	Mandy Messham
Pupil premium lead	Mandy Messham
Governor / Trustee lead	Joe Roberts

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£75,480
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£75,480

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

St. Ethelbert's RCP allocates its PPG funding to ensure that targeted pupils reach their full potential, both academically and socially. The school aims to raise the attainment and accelerate the progress of all disadvantaged pupils so that their outcomes are at least in line with their peers, both within our own school and in comparison to similar children nationally. We aim to ensure that all pupils are given the same opportunities to develop their potential and participate in extra-curricular activities both in and outside of school.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	A very high proportion of children enter school with communication and language skills which are well below or below age-related expectation.
2	Although they make progress, very few of our disadvantaged pupils make <u>rapid</u> progress. There are a small number of children with social and emotional difficulties, who lack confidence or stamina for learning.
3.	Some disadvantaged pupils do not have access to support at home, either due to poor home conditions or difficult family circumstances; this has a negative impact on their progress.
4.	An increasing proportion of disadvantaged children also have additional barriers to learning, including Special Educational Needs and English as an Additional Language. In-year admissions are high, meaning that a significant number of children come into school from overseas with little or no English – this is a particular issue in KS2.
6.	Some disadvantaged pupils do not attend school regularly enough; holidays in term time and extended trips abroad are an issue and adversely affect the progress of individual pupils.

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 oral language skills for pupils eligible for PP in Nursery & Reception and for targeted pupils in Y1, 2, 3 & 4 and all International New Arrivals (KS1 & KS2)	All pupils eligible for PPG in Nursery & Reception will make rapid progress so that by July 2025, at least 60% of this group will achieve age-related expectations. All

Measured through: Outcomes from: Communication & Language assessments (e.g. Wellcom); observations; test outcomes in reading; writing assessments (Y1, 2, 3); outcomes from the Voice 21 programme targeted pupils in Y1, Y2 and Y3 will catch up due to accelerated progress and will achieve the standards they were working at prior to lockdown. All INAs will make good progress based on their individual starting points.

Through effectively addressing gaps in learning particularly for those children in Years 3 & 4, the attainment of pupils eligible for PPG will be at least in line with previous levels.

By July 2025, all disadvantaged pupils will make good progress from their starting points as a result of highly effective teaching and intervention strategies. They will catch up in their learning and will achieve their expected targets by the end of the academic year. End of KS2 progress data for PP children will compare favourably with 2025 national benchmarks.

Measured through: Assessment of achievement – test scores; assessment of work against year group criteria; observations; pupil interviews

In 2024/2025, targeted disadvantaged pupils will have access to 1:1 / small group tuition, in addition to other interventions.

Increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils who receive additional support both in and out of school, so that progress is accelerated.

Measured through: Assessment of achievement – test scores; assessment of work against year group criteria; observations; pupil interviews

Pupils will have access to a wide range of experiences in the form of visits and visitors and other extra-curricular activities, which will have a positive impact on achievement.

Measured through: Visits & visitor records; outcomes from communication & language assessments; assessment of reading & writing; pupil interviews

Increased attendance rates and levels of good punctuality for targeted pupils eligible for PP.

Measured through: half termly analysis of attendance data

By July 2025, following high quality experiences both in and out of school, all pupils eligible for PP will improve their ability to speak and communicate; they will use and understand a wider vocabulary; they will be able to write at length about the experiences they have had.

All PP children will make at least sufficient progress in writing, with **at least 25%** making stronger progress

By July 2025, overall PP attendance will improve to at least 95% in line with other pupils. The number of lates for PP pupils will decrease by 20% by the end of the year and will compare favourably with other pupils.

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: £ 25,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Improve oral language skills for pupils eligible for PP in Nursery, Reception & Y1 class. Revisit staff training on Communication & Language strategies (ELKLAN; Wellcomm assessment materials: Nursery & Reception Narrative; Sign Along; Bolton Speech & Language Toolkit As part of the Voices 21 project, the school will develop a range of strategies to improve oracy across the school for all pupils, including those in receipt of PPG SLA for Speech & Language Therapy – school to receive 10 sessions of support to identify and work with targeted pupils in Reception class	We want to identify those children who potentially have speech and language difficulties as early as possible so that future provision, including interventions, can be shaped appropriately. Therefore, all children in EYFS will be assessed by the staff and then targeted intervention put in place for identified children. The resources will also be used as a general teaching resource, where appropriate. EEF findings indicate that oral language approaches have a high impact on pupils' outcomes of 6 months additional progress.	1 2 3 4
Raise the attainment of pupils eligible for PPG through high quality first teaching through: Provision of high quality CPD in reading, phonics, writing & maths for KS1 & KS2 teachers & TAs	We want to ensure that all pupils, including those eligible for PP, make at least sufficient progress based on their starting points, with an increasing proportion making strong progress and exceeding their expected end of year targets. Through the provision of high quality CPD for all staff, particularly in the key areas of reading, writing, phonics and maths, we aim to develop a greater consistency in the quality of teaching and the approaches used across school (for example, providing feedback to pupils). CPD provision will be shaped by the priorities in the SDP; wherever possible, multiple staff will attend training together to facilitate discussion, encourage collaboration in school and to develop a shared understanding of progression. EEF findings indicate that the use of good quality feedback, particularly verbal feedback, can increase progress by	1 2 3 4

7 months. Other approaches, such as Mastery Learning (+5 months); phonics (+ 5 months) and the teaching of reading comprehension strategies (+6 months) can all have a high impact on learning.	
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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
Improve oral language skills for pupils eligible for PP in Nursery & Reception and for targeted pupils in Y1, 2 & 3 through the high quality delivery of Communication & Language strategies & interventions (ELKLAN; Wellcomm assessment materials: Nursery & Reception Narrative; Sign Along; Bolton Speech & Language Toolkit Use strategies developed through the Voices 21 project to support individuals	We want to identify those children who potentially have speech and language difficulties as early as possible so that future provision, including interventions, can be shaped appropriately. Therefore, all children in EYFS will be assessed by the staff and the Speech Therapist and then targeted intervention put in place for identified children. The resources will also be used as a general teaching resource, where appropriate. EEF findings indicate that oral language approaches have a high impact on pupils' outcomes of 6 months additional progress.	1 2 3 4
SLA for Speech and Language Therapy Service Daily language provision	EEF findings indicate the following	1
for targeted EAL pupils (Y2-6) will be extended so that pupils at an early stage of learning English (particularly INAs) will make rapid progress and will be able to access the curriculum.	rates of success: Oral language interventions - +6 months progress Small group tuition - +4 months progress TA interventions - +4 months progress	2 3 4
Specific morning interventions will be provided for those pupils at an early stage of learning English, particularly INAs – a TA		

will deliver this provision		
Targeted interventions for pupils in Years 1-6, delivered by TAs. These will include: • 1:1 reading • Reading Recovery • Maths — preteach/ small group recap • Tables recall • Additional phonics • IDL	 EEF findings indicate the following rates of success: Small group tuition - +4 months progress TA interventions - +4 months progress Phonics + 5 months progress One to one tuition - + 5 months progress Individualised instruction - +4 months progress 	1 2 3 4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 10,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provision of model lessons / workshops / guidance for all parents, but particularly the disadvantaged, in supporting learning at home	EEF findings indicate that engaging parents can have a medium impact on children's progress by up to 4 months. The greatest success will be engaging parents of the youngest children.	4
Pupils will have access to a wide range of experiences in the form of visits and visitors and other extra-curricular activities, which will have a positive impact on achievement.	By subsidising some extra-curricular activities, the school will ensure that all children will have access to a range of experiences.	4
The parents of pupils, including those in receipt of PP, who are or are in danger of being persistent absentees will be provided with targeted support through school and the Trust's Attendance Officer. The Early Help process will be used to support families.	The EEF has found the following: Parental communication approaches and targeted parental engagement interventions have had some positive impact on levels of attendance. The average impact was larger for targeted parental approaches. Responsive interventions in which a member of staff or team use multiple interventions and target approaches specifically to the needs of individual pupils was also found to be effective.	5

Parental contracts	will
be utilised.	

Total budgeted cost: £ 80,000

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 2023/2024 academic year.

At the end of 2022/2023, the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for PPG was as follows:

Year 1 (8 pupils)	Reading	Writing	Maths
Working below Y1 objectives	0%	0%	0%
Working towards Y1 objectives	50%	50%	50%
Achieved Expected Standard in Y1 objectives	50%	50%	50%
Made expected progress	100%	100%	100%
Made better than expected progress	38%	38%	38%

Year 2 (7 pupils)	Reading	Writing	Maths
Working below Y2 objectives	14%	14%	14%
Working towards Y2 objectives	43%	29%	29%
Achieved Expected Standard in Y2 objectives	43%	57%	57%
10-%Achieved expected progress	100%	100%	100%
Made better than expected progress	29%	43%	0%

Year 3 (11 pupils)	Reading	Writing	Maths
Working below Y3 objectives	18%	18%	18%
Working towards Y3 objectives	45%	45%	45%
Achieved Expected Standard in Y3 objectives	37%	37%	37%
Achieved Greater Depth Standard in Y3 objectives	0%	0%	0%
Made expected progress	100%	100%	100%
Made better than expected progress	27%	27%	27%

Year 4 (10 pupils)	Reading	Writing	Maths
Working below Y4 objectives	0%	10%	20%
Working towards Y4 objectives	70%	60%	20%
Achieved Expected Standard in Y4 objectives	20%	30%	50%
Achieved Greater Depth Standard in Y4 objectives	10%	0%	10%
Made expected progress	100%	100%	100%
Made better than expected progress	50%	0%	20%

Year 5 (12 pupils)	Reading	Writing	Maths
Working below Y5 objectives	17%	17%	17%
Working towards Y5 objectives	25%	33%	33%
Achieved Expected Standard in Y5 objectives	41%	33%	33%
Achieved Greater Depth Standard in Y5 objectives	17%	17%	17%
Made expected progress	100%	100%	100%
Made better than expected progress	17%	33%	0%

Year 6 (101 pupils)	Reading	Writing	Maths
Working below Y6 objectives	27%	27%	27%
Working towards Y6 objectives	19%	46%	46%
Achieved Expected Standard in Y6 objectives	45%	27%	27%
Achieved Greater Depth Standard in Y6 objectives	9%	22%	9%

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Voice 21 Oracy Programme	