

# Pupil premium strategy statement 2023-2024

## Holywell C of E Primary School

### What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools for children of statutory school age from low-income families who are known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM) in both mainstream and non-mainstream settings to children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months and to children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

From 2012-2013, this also included pupils eligible for FSM at any point in the last six years (known as the Ever 6 FSM measure). Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However, they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families.

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 academic year) 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	Holywell C of E Primary School
Number of pupils in school	84
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	19%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2022/2023 to 2025/2026
Date this statement was published	September 23
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Robinne Lowrey
Pupil premium lead	Robinne Lowrey
Governor / Trustee lead	Christine Pratt

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£20,635
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£2000.00
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	£22,635

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

At Holywell, we create the best opportunities and experiences for every single pupil at the school. The aim of the strategy plan and the money provided, is to close attainment and progress gaps between Pupil Premium children and their peers. By creating a welcoming, safe and inclusive school, children are encouraged to fulfil their potential. We aim to develop the necessary skills to equip all children for life and encourage a love of learning that will continue after their time here.

Our current Pupil Premium strategy works to achieve these goals by:

- **Teaching:** High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school.  
This will be achieved this year through professional development, training and instructional coaching.  
We aim to remove barriers to learning created by poverty, family circumstance and background and narrow the attainment gap.  
We aim to ensure that ALL pupils are able to read fluently and with good understanding to enable them to access the breadth of the curriculum.
- **Targeted Academic Support:** Our data from last academic year shows the positive impact targeted support can have in increasing the progress and attainment of all children.  
The type of support a child receives will be determined through constant assessment and will consist of small group and where appropriate, 1-1 teaching. This includes, but not exclusive of, the teaching of new concepts or revisiting already taught learning to ensure they are embedded in the children's long-term memory.  
Early reading and writing will be a focus with RWI phonics being used to accelerate progress.
- **Wider strategies:** Due to the pandemic and many periods of home learning, many children's emotional and social needs and behaviours were impacted. At Holywell, this continues to be a high priority through nurture support and interventions.  
We are also targeting funding to ensure that all pupils have access to trips, residential and first hand learning experiences.  
We aim to provide opportunities for all pupils to participate in other enrichment activities including sport and music.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through School Led Tutoring for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<i>The gap in attainment between disadvantage and non-disadvantage children in their basic skills of reading, writing phonics and maths has widened.</i>
2	<i>Consistent quality first teaching across all classes is needed to support teaching and learning</i>
3	<i>The impact on wellbeing, mental health and behaviour of vulnerable pupils</i>
4	<i>Financial constraints on families making it difficult for disadvantaged pupils to attend trips, residential and wider experiences – cultural capital</i>

## 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
Children make better than expected progress in reading, writing and maths to close the gap on their non-disadvantaged peers both locally and nationally.	The % of children achieving their end of year targets across the school at or above age related expectations is more in line with non-pupil premium children. Rates of progress are at or above expected.
RWI is embedded throughout the school and is used as an intervention to accelerate the progress of children who have left the program.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading particularly for disadvantaged pupils. The % of disadvantaged children passing the phonics screening is more in line with non-pupil premium children.
Instructional coaching approach developed to maximise quality first teaching.	Teaching improves across all year groups and especially for the most vulnerable through teachers receiving quality coaching
Children will come into school happily and feel emotionally regulated even when challenged. Our processes for supporting the wellbeing, mental health and behaviour of vulnerable pupils are highly effective.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing and positive behaviours demonstrated through student surveys and teacher observations. Parents will report that their children feel safe and happy at school. Cpoms analysis will demonstrate fewer incidences of behaviour and demonstrable impact on given groups.

	<p>Pupil conferencing with disadvantaged pupils will record positive well-being and improved behaviours.</p> <p>Children will communicate their knowledge and understanding of BLPs and how it improves their learning.</p> <p>Attendance will improve, with children choosing to be engaged in schooling.</p>
Children's culture capital is built through experiencing a range of wider opportunities.	<p>A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities will be seen.</p> <p>There is a planned approach to the delivery of wider opportunities through: trips, visits and visitors, extra-curricular activities, residential and in-school opportunities.</p> <p>School to use elements of funding to improve wider opportunities for children, such as Shakespeare festival for schools.</p>

## 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

Budgeted cost: £ 6,885

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Teaching and learning is focussed on evidence based strategies to support quality first teaching</p> <p>Improve teaching and learning through staff receiving instructional coaching as part of the MAT appraisal process.</p> <p>Use Walkthrus books and programmes.</p>	<p>First class teaching accelerates progress for all in reading, writing and maths. High quality teaching in the classroom shown to be the most effective way of supporting PP children.</p> <p>Headteacher and apprenticeship coach will provide coaching for teachers throughout the year and create a culture of coaching within the school.</p> <p>School to improve coaching through purchase of steplab.</p>	1, 2
Ensure that RWI phonics program is embedded across the school	Data has shown that reading, phonics and writing attainment and progress needs to improve. Since the introduction of RWI we have seen an	1, 2

	<p>increase in the phonics attainment in all children.</p> <p>EEF (Improving literacy in EYFS) – prioritise the development of communication and language</p>	
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## Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: £ 12,250

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>The use of targeted small or 1-1 groups implemented across the school determined by ongoing data and during pupil progress meetings.</p>	<p>EEF research suggests that short, regular sessions of about 30 minutes, 3-5 times a week over a set period of time, such as 6- 12 week, appear to result in optimum impact.</p> <p>Evidence also suggest 8+ months progress from giving more appropriate feedback. As a school we have noticed, since Covid and lockdowns, that some pupils still lack motivation and resilience in their learning.</p> <p>Staff TA time allocated to pre-teaching enabling more vulnerable groups to keep up with their peers.</p>	1, 2
<p>25% top up funding for targeted tutoring.</p>	<p>EEF research states that small group tuition has an average impact of 4 months additional progress over the course of the year.</p> <p>School Led Tutoring funding is allocated for around 60% of pupils, in Year 1 to11, eligible for pupil premium. 75% of the cost is subsidised in the academic year 2022/23. Schools will need to fund the remaining 25% through other budgets, for example recovery premium or pupil premium. At Holywell, we will use this to target individuals in Year 6 to maximise opportunity before transition to secondary school.</p>	1, 2

## Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £ 3,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Encourage our most vulnerable pupils to show positive behaviours and positive attitudes towards learning during lessons and around school.</p> <p>Improve the wellbeing and mental health of all pupils, especially PPP</p>	<p>Those children with the highest need often struggled to regulate their behaviour in the main class setting. Personalised support, behaviour plans and targeted interventions have all supported their behaviour.</p> <p>These seek to improve outcomes by reducing dysregulated behaviour. The impact is difficult to quantify but interventions are monitored and impact assessed. The number of incidents of dysregulated behaviour will be monitored for a reduction over time.</p> <p>Throughout the school, we also found high quality PSHE sessions (through One Decision), supported the children to self-regulate their behaviour and emotions better during these uncertain years.</p> <p>Work alongside the Mental Health Team to choose mental health ambassadors as well as elect a mental health lead for the school.</p>	3
<p>Help develop pupils' cultural capital through:</p> <p>Subsidising trips, visitors and residential.</p> <p>Subsidising extra-curricular activities.</p>	<p>The EEF states that 'All children, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, deserve a well-rounded, culturally rich, education'</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/guidance-for-teachers/life-skills-enrichment">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/guidance-for-teachers/life-skills-enrichment</a></p> <p>All PP pupils will receive individual letters about trips, events and residential detailing the support that is available to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records will be kept by the office of support provided.</li> <li>• Regular liaison will take place with parents to make them aware of opportunities available to them (e.g. clubs).</li> <li>• Attendance of PP pupils at clubs will be monitored and all PP pupils will be encouraged to attend a club. • Impact of attendance at financially supported activities will be monitored and evaluated by school staff</li> </ul>	4

**Total budgeted cost: £ 22, 635**

## 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.

End of year 2022 assessments showed that:

- 75% of Year 1 disadvantaged children passed their phonics screening test.
- Year 2 SATs and teacher assessment showed that in reading 66% were working at or above, in maths 66% working at or above and in writing 33% working at or above.
- The year 6 SATs and teacher assessment showed that 100% of our disadvantaged were working at or above ARE in all three areas, reading, writing and maths.
- The data for disadvantaged pupils across the whole school is : reading 58%, writing 50%, maths 50% working at or above ARE.

Attendance in school has improved, with fewer children reporting episodes of anxiety. Those children who do experience school based anxieties have been referred for support and/or are receiving alternative provisions.

Staff continued to work very hard throughout the year to ensure they have an in-depth knowledge of the circumstances of our disadvantaged families ensuring holistic family needs are met. Attendance and school based anxieties has affected some of our children, particularly those with additional needs and the school has worked quickly to identify needs

Targeted support through small groups, 1:1 support and school led tutoring in Y6 ensured that pupils were given extra support and opportunities to make greater progress.

Those children who are not yet at the expected level all have other identified need and are on the SEN register. Many of these children are exceeding targets at their expected level and some have potential to reach the expected standard by the end of KS2.

Enrichment opportunities for all pupils but especially those disadvantaged were provided throughout the year. So far, this has included opportunities for residential activities, swimming, sporting events, cross-country and arts festivals such as the Shakespeare for schools festival.



## 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*

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Provider</b>
Accelerated Reader	Renlearn

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

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

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Details</b>
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?	

## Further information (optional)

*Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.*