Pupil premium strategy statement – Hoole CE Primary School

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery 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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	405
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	23%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022-2025
Date this statement was published	December 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2023 November 2024 November 2025
Statement authorised by	Rosalind Flanders
Pupil premium lead	Clare Watling
Governor / Trustee lead	

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£116,690.00
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	
*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.	
Total budget for this academic year	£116,690.00
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

In line with the Church of England vision for education, our aim for all children, including children who are disadvantaged is that they can experience life in all its fullness. Our intention is that all children are enabled to 'let their light shine' through exposure to a rich and broad curriculum. We want all pupils to achieve the highest academic standards that they can in all areas of the curriculum and want to ensure that any barriers than hinder this are overcome as quickly and as fully as possible. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged children achieve this through a clear identification of primary barriers and targeted support to overcome these. As a school, we are committed to access and ambition – overcoming barriers children have in accessing the curriculum and ensuring that we provide an ambitious curriculum for all children. High quality teaching is our primary strategy as we know this is the most important strategy in overcoming the gap between disadvantaged children and their non-disadvantaged peers but we recognise too that targeted academic support may be needed also to address specific gaps or to accelerate progress for some disadvantaged children. This has become more evident because of the coronavirus pandemic which has led to school closures in recent years. It is recognised that disadvantaged children were impacted most by the partial school closures caused by the pandemic. We also recognise that for many disadvantaged children there are other barriers to accessing learning such as attendance and mental health and wellbeing, which need addressing to enable more successful engagement with academic learning. Our approach is based on diagnostic assessment of needs and evidenced based research. We recognise the need to act early and decisively to help minimise the impact of disadvantage, Robust monitoring is undertaken by class teachers and senior leaders to ensure we have a flexible and responsive process.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Children in receipt of Pupil Premium start school with lower attainment and more gaps in learning than their non-disadvantaged peers resulting in a smaller proportion of disadvantaged children attaining the Early Learning Goals 2021-2022

Group	Pupil Premium (5 pupils)	Non Pupil Premium
Proportion achieving GLD	20%	83%

2022-2023

Group	Pupil Premium (12 pupils)	Non Pupil Premium
Proportion achieving GLD	62%	83%

2023-2024

Group	Pupil Premium (2 pupils)	Non Pupil Premium
Proportion achieving GLD	40%	76%

2024-2025

Group	Pupil Premium (2 pupils)	Non Pupil Premium
Proportion achieving GLD	50%	74%

Attainment in reading, writing and maths is lower for children in receipt of Pupil Premium than their peers in all year groups. Whilst Pupil Premium pupils on the whole make the same or better progress than their peers, the gap between them has not closed.

2021-2022

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
Reception	20%	0%	20%
Year 1	50%	40%	40%
Year 2	45%	45%	45%
Year 3	25%	25%	51%
Year 4	50%	31%	37%
Year 5	50%	19%	56%
Year 6	62%	62%	61%

2022-2023

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
Reception	62%	62%	62%
Year 1	67%	0%	50%

Year 2	42%	25%	33%
Year 3	50%	42%	58%
Year 4	22%	11%	33%
Year 5	77%	24%	42%
Year 6	56%	61%	67%

2023-2024

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
Reception	40%	40%	40%
Year 1	41%	58%	42%
Year 2	50%	25%	50%
Year 3	54%	31%	38%
Year 4	54%	55%	45%
Year 5	40%	10%	40%
Year 6	75%	44%	44%

2024-2025

Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
Reception	50%	50%	50%
Year 1	33%	17%	33%
Year 2	54%	36%	36%
Year 3	50%	0%	50%
Year 4	55%	55%	45%
Year 5	62%	54%	62%
Year 6	54%	64%	63%

The proportion of our disadvantaged children passing the Year 1 Phonics Screening is below that of national and of their non-disadvantaged peers.

Year	Proportion of children in receipt of Pupil Premium passing Phonics screening
2021-2022	70%
2022-2023	67%
2023-2024	75%
2024-2025	33%

A significant number of our disadvantaged children also have recognised special educational needs or first concerns raised re

	possible special educational needs and this impacts on their overall attainment and progress.
5	Effects of early childhood trauma, attachment needs and emotional needs on overall attainment and progress on a significant number of our disadvantaged pupils
6	All children's social and emotional wellbeing has been impacted by their experiences through the pandemic and as such many of our disadvantaged children now require increased levels of support to develop strong attitudes to learning, their self-esteem and engagement in learning. Many of our disadvantaged children have experienced trauma or display attachment difficulties. Many disadvantaged children lack enrichment opportunities
7	Attendance of our disadvantaged children is below that of their non-disadvantaged peers. In 2021-2022, attendance for disadvantaged children was 93.22% compared with 96.64% for non-disadvantaged 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
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children In EYFS to attain Early Learning Goals in reading, writing and maths	Attainment of children in reading, writing and maths will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured using external data for EYFS and monitored termly via internal tracking.
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children to be working at the expected standard in all year groups in reading	Attainment of children in reading will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured and monitored termly. Progress for children with SEND will be monitored via their SEND profile
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children to be working at the expected standard in all year groups in writing	Attainment of children in writing will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured and monitored termly. Progress for children with SEND will be monitored via their SEND profile
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children to be working at the expected standard in all year groups in maths	Attainment of children in maths will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured and monitored termly. Progress for children with SEND will be monitored via their SEND profile
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Robust systems are in place to identify and support children who have experienced trauma and monitored through supervision

	process as well as through pupil voice and teacher observations. Support is given to raise self-esteem and support children in managing their emotions.
	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2022-25 demonstrated by:
	 qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations.
	 an increase in participation in enrichment activities e.g. clubs, visits, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.
Attendance for our disadvantaged children to be in line with national and non-	Individual disadvantaged pupils having an attendance of 96% or above
disadvantaged peers in school	Lateness for disadvantaged pupils minimised through effective tracking and parental engagement.
	This will be tracked via school absence reporting procedures.
Children identified as having SEND to fulfil their potential through accessing appropriate specialist support	Children with Speech and Language difficulties or with dyslexic traits to access specialist support and achieve their targets as demonstrated on their pupil profiles.

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: £21,647.79

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding Little Wandle phonics to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (particularly for disadvantaged pupils): Embedding Little Wandle involves Using a systematic approach that explicitly teaches pupils a comprehensive set of letter-sound relationships through an organised sequence	1, 2, 3

	 Carefully monitoring progress to ensure that phonics programmes are responsive and provide extra support where necessary Carefully consider any adaptions to systematic programmes that might reduce impact. Phonics	
Develop whole staff understanding of the needs of pupils with needs relating to Attachment and Developmental Trauma	In order to feel ready to learn, children need to feel safe and have positive attachments with people. All staff to be trained in attachment theory and how to support all children affected Social and emotional learning	5
Ongoing CPD to support a mastery approach to teaching mathematics	Evidence shows that this method for teaching maths helps ensure more children achieve the objectives Mastery learning	1, 2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £90,577.83

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Pre and post teach sessions with teachers / teaching assistants to support Mastery approach to learning	Small group interventions Extending school day through early bird interventions before start of registration Extending school day	1, 2, 3
Small group interventions to target specific gaps in children's learning	Some of our children have gaps in their earlier learning which impacts their ability to grasp new learning quickly. Small group work with a teacher or trained TA is proven to help close these gaps. Small group tutition	1, 2, 3
Specialist SEND teaching Use of qualified SEND support teachers on site to deliver interventions in school	Qualified dyslexia tuition and speech and language specialists working with children Speech and language interventions One to one tution	4

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

Budgeted cost: £63,106.55

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
SLT and Learning Mentor to work closely with staff supporting children displaying ongoing challenging behaviour and learning engagement patterns and those children.	A number of our disadvantaged children have displayed challenging patterns of behaviour and struggle to maintain good behaviour during unstructured periods, such as lunchtime. Through the provision of Lunch Club, these children are supported to build positive relationships, talk through problems and play structured games with adults and one another Behaviour interventions	5
Improve attendance of children through robust tracking processes and systems to engage parents when attendance is below 96%	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence. Improving school attendance	7
Deliver interventions to boost emotional wellbeing, support children in processing emotions that a causing them to have barriers to learning	Social and emotional learning ELSA sessions use practices that are approved by the Educational Psychology Team. We also use approved interventions to support children who have experienced difficulties with attachment	5, 6
Build cultural capital to address children's gaps in experiences through experiences such as trips and partners	Evidence shows that positive wellbeing and participation will ensure understanding and learning is meaningful with key life skills explored within the local community.	5, 6

Total budgeted cost: £116,690

Actual fund received £116,690

Total expenditure £175,332.17

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Year 3 Review – 2024-2025				
Action	Desired outcome	Impact	Lessons learned	Cost
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children In EYFS to attain Early Learning Goals in reading, writing and maths	Attainment of children in reading, writing and maths will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured using external data for EYFS and monitored termly via internal tracking.	2024-2025 In Reading, Writing and Maths, the attainment of disadvantaged children was lower than that of their non-disadvantaged peers. There are only two children in receipt of Pupil Premium in the cohort, one of whom joined part way through Reception and is in the process of being assessed for SEND. Both were assessed as working significantly behind their peers on entry and whilst they have made progress, they are not yet working at age-related expectations.	Little Wandle for phonics and subsequent keep up programs are having a positive effect as is work done on Pathways to Write and the First4Maths approach. Continue with interventions and additional support from external agencies for children who need it.	
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children to be working at the expected standard in all year groups in reading	Attainment of children in reading will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured and monitored termly. Progress for children with SEND will be monitored via their SEND profile	In Summer 2025 20% of Pupil Premium children passed the phonics screening test (compared with 89% non-disadvantaged). Those who did not pass have SEND, 2 with EHCPs and one was in another school for a large part of the year. This year all Key Stage 2 Pupil Premium children have had a weekly reading session with a Guardian Angel and all of these not working at the expected standard or better have accessed a reading intervention. Whilst fewer of these children continue to be working at the expected standard or better, all disadvantaged children in Years 3, 5 and 6 have made expected or better progress. 2 children in Year 4 who have not made expected progress in reading are in the process on SEND assessments or have had significant home	Continue with interventions targeting improving attainment in reading such as reading buddies and comprehension intervention groups. Include engagement with reading hub to boost reading for pleasure activities	£18883.87

Increased proportion of disadvantaged children to be working at the expected standard in all year groups in writing	Attainment of children in writing will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured and monitored termly. Progress for children with SEND will be monitored via their SEND profile	stress over the year impacting attendance and attainment. 2024-2025 Whilst attainment of Pupil Premium pupils continues to be lower in writing than that of their non-disadvantaged peers, the progress of disadvantaged pupils between Summer 2024 and Summer 2025 is broadly in line with that of non-disadvantaged peers in all year groups Disadvantaged children are targeted for early bird interventions and key skills interventions during the day.	Continue with early bird interventions and keep up sessions targeting disadvantaged children first Continue with key skills interventions addressing gaps in learning in writing	£18883.87
Increased proportion of disadvantaged children to be working at the expected standard in all year groups in maths	Attainment of children in maths will be closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. This will be measured and monitored termly. Progress for children with SEND will be monitored via their SEND profile	2024-2025 Whilst attainment of Pupil Premium pupils is lower in maths than that of their non-disadvantaged peers, the progress of disadvantaged pupils between Summer 2024 and Summer 2025 is in line or better than that of non-Pupil Premium peers in all year groups. In Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 all children in receipt of Pupil Premium made expected or better progress last year.	Continue with early bird interventions and keep up sessions targeting disadvantaged children first Continue with key skills interventions addressing gaps in learning in maths	£18883.88
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Robust systems are in place to identify and support children who have experienced trauma and monitored through supervision process as well as through pupil voice and teacher observations. Support is given to raise	Financial subsidies enabled disadvantaged children in Year 6 to attend residential Funded music lessons Enrichment club with Passion for Learning for Years 5 and 6 included theatre visits, careers fair and visits to care homes	Continue with enrichment club focusing on Year 4 and 5 children Continue with enrichment club mentors.	£75404.72

	self-esteem and support children in managing their emotions. Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2022-25 demonstrated by: • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations. an increase in participation in enrichment activities e.g. clubs, visits, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.	Enrichment activities for targeted children with Passion for Learning mentors ELSA and DESTY interventions for children emotional and behavioural needs Post experience surveys with children show that they have gained from the experience and are able to reflect on the impact	ELSA and DESTY sessions for targeted children	
Attendance for our disadvantaged children to be in line with national and non-disadvantaged peers in school	Individual disadvantaged pupils having an attendance of 96% or above Lateness for disadvantaged pupils minimised through effective tracking and parental engagement. This will be tracked via school absence reporting procedures.	Attendance at school continues to be above national and persistent absentees is below national. Attendance of Pupil Premium children in all year groups except one is above national figures for Pupil Premium children. 24% of our Pupil Premium children in 2024-2025 were still persistently absent. This is broadly in line with national figures for the same period. Their attendance was managed closely following agreed procedures such as medical evidence, and Fixed Penalty Notices where applicable. Work done by attendance officer has strengthened systems for monitoring attendance and managing non-attendance including attendance rewards for good attendance.	Continue with work started to address non-attendance	£32580.21

Children with Speech and During the academic year 2024-2025 specialist Dyslexia support is needed Children identified as £10695.62 having SEND to fulfil Language difficulties or Dyslexia teacher provided provision throughout the across school. Specialist teaching with dyslexic traits to Easter holidays and also the summer holidays. This their potential through has a positive impact for accessing appropriate access specialist support ensured that children could keep up their learning individual children who need it. momentum during breaks from school. All children that specialist support and achieve their targets Rapid assessments of and as demonstrated on their worked with specialist teacher made a good level or interventions for children who are pupil profiles. progress from their starting points. This was measured identified as needing support through standardised tests such as the York means that children are quickly Assessment of Reading Comprehension (YARC) and supported. Single Word Spelling Assessment (SWST). The Summer tuition helps to narrow specialist teacher was also able to identify visual stress the gap in attainment for these barriers for children and therefore specialist reading children with their peers. rulers and tinted paper were purchased to support with those difficulties. Having SALT therapy closes the service gap so children who Our Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) has been essential in closing the gap for those children on a 12 desperately need access to it are not having to wait up to 12/18 month waiting list for speech and language therapy months which would impact them through CWP. She is able to access resources and negatively. The demand for this support children who would usually have to wait for this has increased with the children intervention. The impact of this is measured on an entering Reception in September individual basis and all children, once receiving support 2024 are children who have had and assessment from SALT from CWP have made delayed referrals due to the leaps in progress. This in turn has an impact upon COVID pandemic. attainment figured for those children.