

WARBSTOW PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

Pupil premium strategy statement 2021 – 2024

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 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	Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery
Number of pupils in school	76
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	14.5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-2024
Date this statement was published	November 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2023
Statement authorised by	Mike Brady
Pupil premium lead	Hannah Bancroft
Governor / Trustee lead	Aspire Trust Board

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£14795
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£2000
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	£16795

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

We aim to understand and overcome the forces that act explicitly and implicitly to reinforce disadvantage over time. The pandemic has not been felt evenly, it has exposed and entrenched disadvantage and threatens to define and harm a generation. Our aim is to make sure that what we do between 09:00 and 15:20 every day is so robust that it is enough to get every child where they need to be, regardless of what they 'have' or 'do not have' at home.

We seek equity over equality to support disadvantaged learners to have the opportunity and experiences that will allow them to be successful. "There are no great schools without great teachers. The quality of teaching is the single most important in-school factor for improving pupil outcomes and it is particularly important for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds." DfE 2021. Therefore our aims are as follows:

- Identify the specific challenges faced by disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils.
- Ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils by establishing baselines, regular formative assessment takes place and gaps are taught to.
- Ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups. This specifically includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are addressed. In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who are eligible for free school meals, (or have been eligible in the last 6 years) are socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We therefore allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils that are identified as being vulnerable.

Over the past three years there has been a period of academic disruption. Our Year 3 children for example have missed 30% of their education and EYFS have had disrupted access to their preschool provision. We know that the disruption to pupils' education can affect disadvantaged pupils significantly. Our intention is that all pupils are included in challenging learning. Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following annual needs analyses which will identify priority classes and groups. Termly tracking meetings will monitor the impact of targeted support for identified pupils. Children who are entitled to receive Pupil Premium and the Recovery funding are: children in receipt of free school meals, looked after children.

All intervention and strategy put in place has been planned by consulting a range of independent, high-quality reviews of evidence, such as the evidence summaries published by EEF.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Pupils' gaps due to whole school restructure need assessing; teaching, learning and additional support in place to close gaps.
2	<p>Reading development</p> <p>Across the school, reading is a priority, with the successful implementation of the RWInc DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme last academic year, now being further embedded. Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers.</p> <p>We aim to continually review and develop our phonics teaching, including the development of further resourcing for SEND provision, to ensure we are at least in line or better than national averages for the Year One Phonics Screening Check.</p>
3	We know that disadvantaged pupils who are in school on time, every day, learning ready achieve well. Some of our disadvantaged pupils with lower attendance or with 'lost minutes' of learning through lateness do not make as good progress as those who attend well. Some pupils have a Lower than National Attendance % and more lost minutes of learning through lateness, and so our challenge is to continue to support these target pupils into school.
4	'Learning Readiness' - Due to their emotional state, challenges with family finances, some disadvantaged children are not yet ready to learn at all times or participate in extracurricular activities.

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
All gaps in pupils' core skills/knowledge are identified and the curriculum is shaped to meet these gaps. Teaching and learning is sensitive to individual needs and quickly moves pupils forward from their post closure starting points.	Planning and teaching is reflective of assessments and effective in closing gaps in learning. All staff to receive high quality CPD to support in the planning and delivery of high-quality lessons with a consistent approach across the school. End of Key Stage assessments show disadvantaged pupils performing as well as non-disadvantaged pupils nationally.

<p>Frequent reading of all children working below the expected level will help support and underpin their learning. This will enable them to access quality wave one teaching and learning materials more effectively and with confidence.</p> <p>Pupils will be able to apply their reading learning and strategies within and across lessons.</p>	<p>Sustained progress and attainment from 2024/25 demonstrated this year and future years by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the percentage of pupils attaining the expected and greater depth standards, will be in line with, or exceed, national averages for reading. the percentage of children passing the phonics screening test will be in line with national average or higher. RWInc Phonics data will show that children are meeting their target group at the expected time to ensure that they are keeping up with the phonics programme. data comparisons between pupil premium pupils and their non-pupil premium peers show the same progress and high attainment.
<p>To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils.</p>	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the overall absence rate for all pupils, and pupil groups, being no more than national averages. the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below national averages, with support in place to reduce this for all pupils. attendance data comparisons between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers show the same progress and high attainment.
<p>To sustain high levels of wellbeing for all pupils in our school.</p>	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/2025 demonstrated this year and future years by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations a significant engagement in participation in enrichment activities, from all pupils, including pupil premium. Use of TIS approach to support children across school.

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)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding the culture of reading for pleasure through high quality phonics provision, the teaching of reading and interventions Training of group leaders and resourcing the schemes	The reading framework - teaching the foundations of literacy (publishing.service.gov.uk) Reading has been prioritised to allow all pupils to access the full curriculum offer. A rigorous and sequential approach to the reading curriculum develops pupils' fluency, confidence and enjoyment in reading. RWInc is a validated SSP Programme that will enable regular assessment and gaps to be addressed quickly and effectively.	1 & 2
Enhancing the reading learning environment to embed a pedagogy of reading for pleasure	More Than Just a Book Corner - Oxford Education Blog (oup.com) Providing reading books that match phonic ability is essential. Teachers modelling a love of reading is also essential and this requires current, exciting, interesting books Interesting, exciting and engaging books purchased to support Guided Reading	1 & 2
Ongoing CPD for teaching staff in Quality First Teaching strategies including provision for SEN, feedback and gap closing	Wider strategies EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) "There are no great schools without great teachers. The quality of teaching is the single most important in-school factor for improving pupil outcomes and it is particularly important for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds." DfE 2021	1, 2 & 4
CPD in what a greater depth learner looks like and how planning can support children	Teaching a broad and balanced curriculum for education recovery (publishing.service.gov.uk) A curriculum giving opportunities for depth and breadth is essential for	2

to meet the EXC standard	children to progress with their learning beyond the expected standard	
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Providing one to one tuition for children who have fallen behind in their learning. Use of the RWInc tuition program and Maths pre-teaching	One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) One to one tuition is very effective at improving pupil outcomes. One to one tuition is an effective strategy for providing targeted support for pupils that are identified as having low prior attainment or are struggling in particular areas. Tuition is more likely to make an impact if it is additional to and explicitly linked with normal lessons.	1 & 2
Online learning platforms to support children in consolidating learning, skills practice and additional activities for possible periods of covid isolation.	Proven to accelerate progress and demonstrate impact on learning. (sumdog.com) The element of regular, daily practice improves children's fluency. Online platforms add a creative element that engages and encourages children to practice. Times Table Rockstars	1 & 2

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

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Work with Peninsula Education (Educational Welfare team) to monitor attendance and plan further actions	Securing good attendance and tackling persistent absence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Children that attend regularly and on time succeed in their learning. Attendance must be monitored and families supported in maintaining high levels of attendance.	3

Targeted support for children experiencing life story difficulties	Play Therapy offering short term targeted support	3
Parent partnership for target pupils through structured conversations to close the gaps.	Wider strategies EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Working with and communicating with our families is key for successful partnerships	4
Offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Financially supporting families to fully participate in extra-curricular activities, swimming lessons, residential trips	Warbstow is an inclusive school, it is imperative that all children have access to the full curriculum offer regardless of family finances. They gain a sense of belonging and comradery by attending these activities.	4

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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

- This academic year, revisiting and sharing our Trust Attendance Policy, and working together this resumes fully. Attendance will be a focus, as detailed in this plan.
- As evidenced in our parent survey last academic year, alongside parent feedback, we sustain positive relations with parents and support our most vulnerable families. This will continue to be achieved by ensuring open communication with parents and through the support of class teachers, EWO and DSL team.
- Meetings with parents take place if their child's attendance is below the level deemed acceptable, which is broadly: 85% (Autumn term), 90% (Spring Term), 92% (Summer term). Expectations for future attendance has been shared during these meetings.
- RWInc DfE validated phonics programme was introduced and implemented last academic year, with 77% of Year 1 pupils attaining the phonics screening check pass mark or above. This includes the phonics teaching, guided reading and keep up interventions which we will embed further this academic year.
- **Lowest 20% readers** continue to be a priority in every classroom for additional daily reading, with all staff knowing who these pupils are in their classroom and supporting, as appropriate.
- Our assessments and observations indicated that pupil behaviour, wellbeing and mentalhealth were significantly impacted following COVID-19-related issues. The impact was particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils. 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.
- Staff in both Reception and Nursery have received the We Thinkers training. As this will be the first full academic year using this programme, we will implement the program, measuring its effectiveness.
- During the academic year, all staff again have pupil premium as a focus with clear provision matrices identifying individual barriers, actions and impact for 2022-23. Staff will be actively enriching curriculum opportunities for all children, and continuing CPD to increase both progress and attainment across the curriculum, aiming to diminish any gaps that have developed between PP and non-PP attainment (particularly at greater depth standard, GDS), as detailed in this plan. Our internal assessments during 2022/2023 suggest that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was lower than in the previous years in key

areas of the curriculum. Despite being on track during the first part of the year, the outcomes we aimed to achieve in our previous strategy by the end of 2021/22 were therefore not fully realised and we are continuing to work on this.

- KS2 data shows that 71.4% met the expected standard in reading, 57.1% in writing and 85.7% in maths. There were, however, no children in receipt of Pupil Premium in this cohort.

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

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

Further information (optional)

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