

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL FINDON

PUPIL PREMIUM



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Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (for the 2025 - 2026 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	St. John the Baptist CofE Primary School, Findon.
Number of pupils in school	121
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025 -2026
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2026
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Pupil premium lead	J Sharrock
Governor / Trustee lead	M Scott

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£13,635 (FSM) £2,630 (PP+)
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
National Tutoring (Not included as total amount clawed back	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0 PP
Total budget for this academic year	£16,265

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

When making decisions about how to use Pupil Premium, it is important to consider the context of the school and the pupils that we serve, as well as the research in this area. In this document, we refer to the “The EEF Guide to Pupil Premium” (Updated September 2024) material.

We know that there is strong evidence that “what happens in the classroom makes the biggest difference...good teaching for all pupils has a particular benefit for disadvantaged students” (EEF Attainment Gap Report 2018). Therefore, at St John the Baptist, we prioritise teaching and focus on the strategies and principles of Quality First Teaching (QFT). We also know that targeted academic support can have a positive impact on learning and we give a lot of consideration to using proven interventions to improve outcomes.

In addition, we carefully consider the non-academic challenges (attendance, behaviour, social and emotional needs) that can have a negative impact on academic outcomes. To help support our children, we use key adults in school, the monitoring of data, pupil progress discussions, and communications with our families.

Taking the time to get to know our children and families is key when looking at common barriers to learning. There may be complex family difficulties that can prevent children from thriving.

Teachers and staff will be involved in the identification and support of the children and the leadership of the school will monitor and evaluate this work to ensure that the impact of is reviewed and adjusted as appropriate.

Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children can be linked to Speech and Language challenges, lack of confidence, reduced vocabulary and home circumstances. These are evident in increasing numbers of children needing additional speech and language, social communication and phonics support. However, there is no “one size fits all response” and we aim to support all of our children. We will use this funding to target the most vulnerable namely those children that receive free school meals or are “looked after” (CWCF).

While our use of the Pupil Premium budget is always centrally focused on those children as identified as eligible for this funding, we also believe that by supporting quality school wide teaching approaches and targeted support, we are providing the conditions for all pupils, including those experiencing disadvantage, to thrive in our school.

Our aim is to narrow the gap between our disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils whilst providing for the needs of **all** our children.

This plan addresses their needs through both focusing on targeted interventions which will support academic attainment **and** supporting their emotional health and well-being.

Teaching is built on strong relationships and so the guiding principle is to ensure that the children are working alongside members of staff from our school with whom they already have a positive relationship. This will mean that the learning can be followed up informally during class time on other occasions throughout the school week. This will help to embed the learning and our own work last year showed this to be an effective model to use.

This will be supported by weekly high-quality lessons and support from specific members of staff, as needed, to help the development of the children's resilience and emotional well-being.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Weak speech and language skills especially as children start in reception
2	Comprehension skills
3	Resilience when faced with challenges developing strategies with anxieties
4	Social communication skills

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 to make expected or better progress based on their starting point at the beginning of the year for reading, writing and maths	Children to make expected or better progress year on year evidenced through assessments and achievements of targets from ILPs/EHCPs
Children will access a wide range of vocabulary through the reading spine and engaging, rich texts are used to develop vocabulary and comprehension	Children will be more fluent readers and have a wider understanding of the world to develop their understanding and support with writing
Children will have a range of strategies to support them when they are faced with challenge and anxieties	Children become more successful learners with greater resilience when dealing with challenges
Children build confidence in communicating with their peers and adults	Children will confidently interact with their peers and teachers at different times throughout the school day

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: £3800.02

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Various training for teaching assistants in each phase including QFT and the role of a teaching assistant.	Higher % of children have entered school with varying issues that relate to: Speech and language Social communication In Reception and Key Stage 1, we have a high % of children requiring speech and language support	1, 3 and 4
Staff CPD SLT release time to work with staff/support staff	SLT and English Lead embed the reading spine and finalise the long term plan for writing throughout school. Specific training for teaching assistants High quality staff CPD following EEF principles and research around Early Years, use of TAs, scaffolding and cognition Adaptation strategies embedded Training in Executive Functioning NCETM – 3-year training programme	1,2,3, and 4
QFT with Local Authority SEND and Inclusion Lead dedicated day in school	Build on the principles of QFT to ensure high quality teaching SEND Lead time to monitor the wider strategies and how they are impacting children Rigorous systems in place for identifying need early	1,2,3,and 4

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

Budgeted cost: £8436.50

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
1. Use of TA time in class and through: 1:1 interventions and small group teaching of Speech and Language, interventions, precision teaching, phonics and other specific and proven interventions.	Speech and language material both in house and support from SALT team is shown to impact on pupil's development of early learning skills which support reading and writing.	1, 2, and 4
2. 1 to 1 support Several children receive 1 to 1 support to help them to fill gaps in Maths and English	<p>These identified children struggle with retention of information so over learning of skills will help them in the classroom setting.</p> <p>This is a focused intervention session which builds on skills or revisits skills to support with learning strategies that can be used back in the classroom.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition</p>	1,2, 3 and 4
3. Time for member of staff to track progress of children and report this to Governors	Reports to Governors essential part of the funding accountability and tracing enables feedback to staff regarding progress made and any changes that may be needed as each half term is evaluated.	1,2,3.and 4

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

Budgeted cost: £4028.48

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Contribution of 4 hours per week employment of SEND teaching assistant to support pupil emotional well-being and resilience.	<p>Transition throughout the school day can be very difficult for children. We have several children who need support to settle at the start of the school day.</p> <p>Slots allocated on specific needs.</p> <p>The involvement of a mentor is very powerful as the support gives the children the opportunity to self-regulate</p>	3

	<p>and talk through any issues that may have arisen during transitions.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p>	
Financial Support for the Pupil Premium children eg. PGL residential, school clubs and uniform and trips.	<p>Supporting the development of team building skills, independence and resilience. Ensuring Pupil Premium children have the option to play a full part in school life.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation</p>	3 and 4
Support for Music Tuition via WSCC	<p>All children should have the option to learn and musical instrument.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation</p>	3 and 4

Total budgeted cost: £ 16,265

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Song of Sounds	Song of Sounds
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance
Widget	Widget
Times Tables Rock Stars	TTRockstars
Language Links	Speech and Language Links

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This provides a summary of the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

Interventions and enhanced opportunities planned for disadvantaged pupils and put in place at the onset of the academic year. Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding and other pupils identified as vulnerable were prioritised for learning within school.

The premium has supported with wider school events and given the children the opportunity to experience creativity, sport and music.

This increases the importance of a well-structured and co-ordinated strategy for supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils in the current academic year and in using this as a starting point for developing a coherent and sustained set of interventions and learning approaches as part of a 3-year strategy plan.