

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2025-2028

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 the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

Detail	Data
School name	<i>West Horndon Primary School</i>
Number of pupils in school	<i>187</i>
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	<i>9.6%</i>
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	<i>2025-2028</i>
Date this statement was published	<i>December 2025</i>
Date on which it will be reviewed	<i>December 2026</i>
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	<i>£37,308</i>
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	<i>N/A</i>
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	<i>£0</i>

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	£37,308
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Section A: Pupil premium strategy plan 2025-26

Statement of Intent

When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding, it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. We have engaged in the research conducted by the [Education Endowment Foundation](#) (EEF) to help inform and support the decisions we have made around the usefulness of different strategies and their value for money in relation to our Pupil Premium Spend. Much like our approach to devising our [Covid-19 Catch-Up Premium](#) planned expenditure, we are operating a tiered approach to the spending of our Pupil Premium funding to achieve our objectives, with the tiered approach placing the greatest focus on promoting high-quality teaching supported by academic interventions and wider non-teaching strategies. Therefore, underpinning this three-year plan is a commitment to the ongoing development of high-quality teaching CPD aided by the recruitment/retention of high-quality teaching staff.

Core approach: EEF – A Tiered Approach

Figure 1: The tiered model for school planning



Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children can vary, from receiving less support at home, to having weak language and communication skills, a lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties or attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no “one size fits all”.

What are the key principles of our strategy plan?

The strategy plan is based on the following principles:

- That we create an ethos which promotes the school's commitment to ensuring that **all pupils**, regardless of disadvantage or need, are expected to **achieve well**.
- That we are an **evidence-based school**, and that decisions and interventions should be based on research and data.

- That the most effective method of addressing disadvantage is through a strong focus on **improving teaching and learning**, as advocated by the EEF
- That **developing literacy** of students, especially where literacy is below chronological age, is essential so that students can access the wider curriculum.
- That providing **high-quality pastoral support** is essential to meet the wider needs of all students
- That specific interventions should be based on **identified need**.
- That Pupil Premium funding is leveraged to benefit **as many students as possible**, including non-PP students.

Our ultimate objectives are:

To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.

To support our children's health and wellbeing to enable them to access learning at an appropriate level.

Pupils will develop their confidence and be able to demonstrate resilience and problem-solving skills across the entire curriculum and beyond

Children will develop good social skills, including developing a wide vocabulary. They will be able to apply these skills in differentiated ways across a variety of circumstances to a range of audiences.

Pupils will develop their identity and understanding of the world so that they are able to infer meaning from what they read and experience across the curriculum.

To increasingly address and remove the barriers faced by our Pupil Premium students e.g. literacy, poor attendance, lack of social capital, etc.

To ensure that all Pupil Premium students participate in the academic and wider curriculum to the same extent as their peers

We aim to do this through:

Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils

By recognising that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being disadvantaged.

Continually revising the curriculum to ensure opportunities are carefully planned for which aim to develop spoken language (radio station etc.)

Engaging in professional pupil progress meetings to ensure the needs of disadvantaged pupils are being met.

Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at one time.

We will achieve these objectives by:

Ensuring all teaching is good or better thus ensuring that the quality of teaching experienced by all children is improved.

To deliver our 'Individual Tuition' programme on at least weekly basis

Ensuring that outdoor learning and Forest School remain high-quality educational experiences through the recruitment of a specialist Forest School Lead

All our work through the Pupil Premium will be aimed at deepening understanding and ensuring there is a change in their long-term memory

Support payment for activities, educational visits and residentials, ensuring children have first-hand experiences to use in their learning in the classroom.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Some of our pupils experience difficulties with their mental well-being which impacts on them having good mental health, good self-esteem, strategies to stay mentally healthy, positive recent life experiences, a digital/real life balance and develop character
2	Some of our PP students' attendance is lower than their peers, and in certain cases, the attendance is significantly lower than expectations.
3	Some of our pupils lack global identity which can mean they struggle to have a sense of where they live, geographical knowledge, a pride in their heritage and an awareness of the diversity in their community, the UK and the wider world
4	Some of our pupils lack aspiration, which hinders ambition, the desire to challenge themselves and have pride in their work
5	Some PP students' home learning environment, social capital and parental engagement (e.g. attendance at parents' evenings) is on average lower than their peers, with many students living in areas of significant deprivation, especially educational deprivation.

Intended outcomes

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Continue to improve quality of teaching and learning with “quality first teaching” in all classrooms	Learning walks, book checks and assessment reviews, professional conversations, outcomes.
Improve attendance of PP students	Attendance for PP in line with peers by 2027
Pupils will develop their confidence and be able to demonstrate resilience and problem-solving skills across the entire curriculum and beyond.	Commando Joe challenges and problem solving in mathematics and the wider curriculum will demonstrate the effectiveness of our provision. Assessment tracker (Insight Tracking).
Children will develop good social skills, including developing a wide vocabulary. They will be able to apply these skills in differentiated ways across a variety of circumstances to a range of audiences.	Assessment tracker (Insight Tracking). Opportunities to perform (nativities, singing assemblies etc.)

Activity in this academic year

This section details how we intend to spend our pupil premium and recovery premium funding this academic year to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (e.g. CPD, recruitment and retention)

Total budgeted cost: **[£0]**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teaching and Learning focus on evidence-based strategies to support Quality First Teaching.	Supporting the Attainment of Disadvantaged Pupils (DFE, 2015) suggests high quality teaching as a key aspect of successful schools. Wider educational literature e.g. Lemov (2010) & Sherrington, (2019) suggests that selected methodologies are most effective at improving student outcomes. This is further supported by the EEF Tool Kit (2021) which claims significant improvement in learning e.g. Interleaving and questioning +7 Months Assessment for learning / feedback + 6 Months	1, 3, 4, 6
Purposeful assessments to identify underperforming students and to signpost interventions.	Wider educational literature e.g. Lemov (2010) & Sherrington, (2019) highlights importance of effective assessment improving student outcomes. This is further supported by the EEF Tool Kit (2021) which claims effective assessment has a significant improvement in learning i.e..+7 months impact	1, 4, 6

Targeted academic support (e.g. structured interventions, tutoring, one to-one support)

Total budgeted cost: [**£17,250**]

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Online learning subscriptions to help scaffold disadvantaged pupils in their learning to narrow the attainment gap between them and their nondisadvantaged peers (£1,373) Lease of iPads (£14,852)	Education Endowment Foundation Scaffolding materials can be effective in helping pupils access age-related materials. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/scaffolding-more-than-just-a-worksheet?utm_source=/news/scaffoldingmorethan-just-a-worksheet&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_search&search_term=scaffold What does the evidence say? HLP15—Provide scaffolded supports: Scaffolded supports provide temporary assistance to students so they can successfully complete tasks that they cannot yet do independently and with a high rate of success. Teachers select powerful visual, verbal and written supports; carefully calibrate them to students' performance and understanding in relation to learning tasks; use them flexibly; evaluate their effectiveness; and gradually remove them once they are no longer needed. Some supports are planned prior to lessons and some are provided responsively during instruction. Figure 67 McLeskey et al. (2017)—high-leverage practice 15 SEN in Mainstream Schools Evidence Review, EEF, 2020 eef.org.uk/evidence-review/figure-67	1,4,6

Wider strategies (e.g. related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing) Total budgeted cost: **[£16,589]**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Kids Inspire to support children who are having difficulty accessing learning through behavioural/emotional/social/mental health issues (£2,500). Mindfulness sessions (£5,420).	EEF (+4) Social and Emotional Learning – interventions which target social and emotional learning seek to improve a pupil's interaction with others and selfmanagement of emotions, rather than focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learning. SEL interventions might focus on the ways in which students	1,2,5
Mini-bus lease contribution to make trips affordable (£7,444)	Sutton Trust (+4) The development of cultural capital gained through educational trips or visits can improve learner outcomes by up to 4 months.	,4

Section B: Review of outcomes in 2023/24

Pupil Premium Strategy Outcomes and Further Information

This section details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2020/21 academic year.

Analysis and Impact:

The current financial year's Pupil Premium expenditure focused on a range of resources and programs aimed at enhancing the educational experience and outcomes of disadvantaged students at West Horndon Primary School. The allocated funds were utilised for various purposes, including sensory area enhancement, mental well-being support, and emotional development.

Key Highlights:

- The "My Happy Mind" subscription contributes to the promotion of mental well-being and emotional resilience among disadvantaged students.
- The increased funding targeted towards mindfulness sessions has had an impact in children's wellbeing.

- The minibuses allow for more educational visits, ensuring pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds have opportunities to develop their cultural capital.

The above initiatives and resources align with West Horndon Primary School's commitment to addressing the specific needs of disadvantaged students and fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment. By implementing these targeted interventions, it is expected that the Pupil Premium spend will positively contribute to the educational progress, well-being, and overall attainment of the eligible students at West Horndon Primary School.

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- The purchase of a translator for this pupil aims to facilitate effective communication and support for students with language barriers.
- The ongoing services of a wellbeing and mindfulness coach has enabled bespoke, individual support for pupils to help them develop strategies to independently manage their wellbeing
- Sensory area enhancements, such as mirror tunnel lamps, galaxy light projectors, and wall stickers, create an engaging and stimulating environment for students with sensory needs.
- Investment in bubble tube floor lamps promotes sensory stimulation and relaxation.
- The provision of beanbag chairs offers a comfortable and supportive seating arrangement for students.
- Assorted coloured liquid floor tiles for nurture spaces provide opportunities for sensory exploration and creative expression.
- The inclusion of a bubble fish light in the nurture area supports a calming and soothing atmosphere.
- The "How Do I Feel Wheel" from *LinkyThinks* aids emotional development by helping students identify and express their emotions effectively.
- The COJO School-led Gold Programme demonstrates investment in a comprehensive educational initiative for enhanced learning outcomes. COJO continues to be a key component of our curriculum which provides opportunities to develop character, develop teamwork skills and to encourage creative thinking and problem solving.