

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2025 to 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	Leighfield Primary School
Number of pupils in school	194
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	11%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025-2028
Date this statement was published	November 2025
Date this statement was last revised	November 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2026
Statement authorised by	Sarah Eaton
Pupil premium lead	Steph Wallace
Governor / Trustee lead	Claire Cunniffe

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 36,169.05
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
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	£36,169.05

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to reach their full potential, including those who are attaining beyond the expected standard. We foster a holistic approach that considers the individual needs of our children to support them in the best way possible.

Our pupil premium strategy aims to support children's academic achievement as well as their emotional, social and behavioural needs and is rooted in robust diagnostic assessment to ensure the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged is closed. Children who are identified as vulnerable, will be well supported and their needs met irrespective of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High quality teaching and teacher development is at the heart of our strategy, with a particular focus on early reading. Offering children receive the very best teaching will ensure that all children make progress and reach their potential. Our intention is for consistent, high-quality teaching and learning across the school to close the attainment gap and benefit all children.

Our approach will:

- Ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they are set
- Offer early intervention to prevent minor challenges from becoming significant obstacles
- Adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessment data shows that attainment in reading for our disadvantaged children is below their peers across most year groups.

2	<p>Observations and discussions with pupils and parents indicate that children's social, emotional and behavioural needs are causing a barrier to their attendance, progress and readiness for learning.</p> <p>This has resulted in an impact on wellbeing, behaviour, readiness for learning and their attitudes towards learning.</p>
3	<p>Our school tracking system suggests that disadvantaged children are accessing fewer clubs than their peers, despite the fact that these clubs are free.</p>
4	<p>Attendance figures indicate that the overall attendance of our disadvantaged children across the year was below National.</p>

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
Improved reading outcomes among disadvantaged children.	<p>Assessment and observations indicate improved reading outcomes for disadvantaged children.</p> <p>This will be triangulated with ongoing formative assessment, moderation, pupil engagement and learning behaviours in class.</p>
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2025-2028 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data from pupil voice, parents and staff. • Positive feedback from pupils, parents and staff following ELSA intervention • A reduction in behaviour/bullying incidents • Quantitative data from pupil wellbeing survey • Successful completion of the National Nurturing Schools Award • Improved attendance. • An improvement evident on our whole school wellbeing screener for disadvantaged children
To improve and sustain access to wider school opportunities and experiences for our disadvantaged pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in participation in enrichment activities, including sporting clubs, particularly amongst disadvantaged pupils. • More educational experiences and opportunities for our children across the Curriculum (ie Author visits, music events, sports, etc) • 100% attendance for school trips and residential.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>Attendance is above National Average from 2025/2026 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well tracked attendance • Absence gap narrowed between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Percentage of pupils who are persistently absent sits below the national average.• Effective support from school ELSA for families• Effective links with external organisations (ie Rutland Inclusion Partnership)
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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: £12,564.85 (this is PH's role – 3 days) + £750 (LW) + £900 CC

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Deliver high quality phonics teaching which leads to positive outcomes for children across the school by	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFE Reading Guidance July 2021 • DFE approved systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programmes. • EEF teaching and learning toolkit – Phonics (+5 months) 	1, 3
Dedicated role for the delivery of Little Wandle reading sessions for EYFS and Year 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF Teaching Assistant intervention (+4 months) • DFE Reading Guidance July 2021 • DFE approved systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programmes. • EEF teaching and learning toolkit – Phonics (+5 months) • EEF Reading Comprehension Strategies (+ 6 months) 	1, 3
Writing CPD support and moderation from an external consultant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF teaching and learning toolkit 	1, 3
Systematic, synthetic phonics scheme subscription – Little Wandle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFE approved systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programmes. • EEF teaching and learning toolkit – Phonics (+5 months) 	1, 3
Development of technology within the classroom focussed on supporting high quality teaching and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF 'Using Digital Technology to Improve Learning'. 	1, 3, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £12,830.15 (NI & CL TA role) + £250 (resources)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provide high quality interventions and targeted support by teaching assistants, including DIPT, Toe by Toe and rapid interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF Teaching Assistant intervention (+4 months) • EEF small group tuition (+4 months) • EEF 1:1 Tuition (+5 months) • EEF Feedback (+6 months) 	1, 3
Providing resources to support specific interventions such as Toe by Toe, Nessy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF small group tuition (+4 months) • EEF 1:1 Tuition (+5 months) • EEF Feedback (+6 months) 	1, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £9030.02 (elsa) + £2500 (trips) + £1382 staffing retreat (CP)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
ELSA support (4 afternoons) for disadvantaged children to provide support for families and social, emotional and behavioural interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF Parental Engagement (+4 months) • EEF social and Emotional learning (+4 months) 	2, 4, 5
ELSA support to track attendance and work with families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF Parental Engagement (+4 months) 	2, 5
Financial support to ensure children have opportunities and experiences through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF, Physical Activity (+1month) 	4

attending educational visits.		
Provide access to spare school uniform and PE kit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF, Physical Activity (+1month) 	2, 4, 5
Staffing for Lunchtime Retreat to enable a calm space to retreat to during social time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEF Behaviour Interventions (+4 months) • EEF Social & Emotional Learning (+4 months) 	2, 5
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Total budgeted cost: 36,169.05

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.

Intended outcome	Success criteria	Impact
Improved writing outcomes among disadvantaged children.	Assessment and observations indicate improved writing outcomes for disadvantaged children. This will be triangulated with ongoing formative assessment, moderation, pupil engagement and learning behaviours in class.	Writing outcomes are improving across the school.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2022-2025 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data from pupil voice, parents and staff. • A reduction in behaviour/bullying incidents • Quantitative data from pupil wellbeing survey • Achieve wellbeing award achieved in 2023. • Improved attendance. 	Achieved Wellbeing for Schools Award in March 2023. Parental feedback was very positive in relation to wellbeing support at Leighfield. Overall school attendance was above National.
Improved phonics and reading outcomes for all children in our school, particularly disadvantaged pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics assessment in Year 1 show that more than 90% of disadvantaged pupils pass the screener. • Phonics assessment in Year 2 show that 100% of disadvantaged pupils pass the screener. KS1 and KS2 reading outcomes for disadvantaged	Phonics results were 87% which is above the National average. Reading outcomes above National for all year groups

	<p>children are in line with National Expectations.</p>	<p>Reading outcomes for KS1 children: 74% EXP and 22% GD</p> <p>Reading outcomes for KS2 children: 82% EXP and 36% GD</p>
<p>To achieve and sustain improved opportunities and experiences in our school, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly amongst disadvantaged pupils. • More educational experiences and opportunities for our children across the Curriculum (ie Author visits, music events, sports, etc) 	<p>Tracked participation of disadvantaged children for all clubs.</p> <p>Enrichment to school included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Author visit - GB Athlete visit - Leicester Rider's Assembly - Music Performance - Problem Solving Company - Bikebility, scooter safety & pedestrian training. - Skipping Workshops - Theatre Trip - Student leadership conference - Uppingham Science labs - Spotlight
<p>To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.</p>	<p>Attendance is above National Average from 2022/2023 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well tracked attendance • Absence gap narrowed between disadvantaged and non disadvantaged pupils. • Percentage of pupils who are persistently absent being below the national average. 	<p>Effective tracking.</p> <p>Attendance health check from RCC was 'green'.</p> <p>Whole school attendance: 95.59%</p> <p>PP attendance: 91.58%</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective support from school ELSA for families • Effective links with external organisations (ie Rutland Inclusion Team) 	ELSA support for families in place.
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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?	To support children's social, emotional and mental health. To provide interventions and learning support where required.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Achieved above National across all subjects. Good attendance.

Further information (optional)

Leighfield have also decided to invest in ensuring teachers have access to Teacher Development Time in addition to their PPA time. This is to ensure that teachers have access to evidence, research and are able to collaborate and have time for their own professional development. Coaching is in place to support teacher's development. This will result in quality first teaching in classrooms ensuring children's needs are met and outcomes improve.