

Pupil premium strategy statement 2021-2024

This statement details Moorgate Primary Academy's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils for 2023-2024

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	Moorgate Primary Academy
Number of pupils in school	312
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	29%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/2022 to 2023/2024
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Mr. J. Williams Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Mrs. V. Eaglefield Deputy Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr. H. Griffiths, lead for pupil premium

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£134,890
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£13,195
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	£145,085

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Moorgate Primary Academy is at the heart of the community where children will 'Achieve, Challenge & Enjoy'. We provide children with an enriched curriculum and extended opportunities to thrive and develop into lifelong learners. Moorgate is a place where we:

- Set high expectations for all children and support them to ensure they achieve their potential
- Create a challenging and vocabulary rich curriculum, which is accessible to all
- Provide a safe and secure environment where children achieve their best
- Ensure that children enjoy coming to school and develop compassion and tolerance for others
- Develop the spiritual, social, moral, cultural needs of all

The intent of the Pupil Premium Strategy spend at Moorgate Primary Academy is designed to address the potential barriers as set out in the Curriculum Intent statement. It will be underpinned by the school values above.

The school's strategy in respect of the Pupil Premium focusses clearly upon two co-dependent approaches.

1. **Structure:** Pupil Premium families require the social and emotional support to ensure that the children attend school frequently and have well established routines. This provokes a positive approach to both the school and education. It ensures that children enter the classroom exhibiting effective behaviour for learning.

2. **Interaction:** Children are exposed to a collaborative and cooperative pedagogy where they learn through experience, self-reflection and from their peers thus building learners that are resilient and who persevere. They shall receive focussed and proportionate high quality teaching from all adults in the classroom.

The way in which this money is spent on our learners reflects those barriers to educational achievement faced by Pupil Premium learners at Moorgate Primary Academy in the **21st Century**. These are:

1. Ensuring the most disadvantaged children receive quality support in lessons
2. Ensuring that a well trained workforce deliver high quality intervention programmes to ensure children make accelerated progress
3. Providing enrichment activities which the children might not otherwise get
4. Ensuring the attendance of these groups is above national average (97%+)

High quality first teaching is at the core of our approach, Our focus is to support pupils to make good progress in all areas of learning. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap, this in turn will impact on non pupil-premium pupils within our school.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Early Reading Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers particularly due to the missed learning with the school closures during their Early Years. This negatively impacts their development as readers. Parental voice highlights the want to have further support with synthetic phonics and the teaching reading at home, however reduced take up of phonics workshops, due to lack of face-to-face opportunities, impacts on families' confidence.

2	<p>Pupils rely on low tier vocabulary in both speaking and writing. They do not have a wide vocabulary resulting in barriers to comprehension; as a result many disadvantaged pupils attain below ARE within English.</p> <p>Observations, pupil voice and discussion with families suggests that pupils have limited experiences outside of school including visits and clubs. Last academic year fewer families that attract the pupil premium funding paid towards the extended enrichment offer than non-pupil premium, this highlights that there is overwhelmingly a need to support families. Limited experiences and enrichment/trips directly have an impact on pupil's oral language skills and higher-level vocabulary. It also affects their life long aspirations and mental health and wellbeing having an overall impact on their attainment. This is evident from Reception through to Key Stage 2 and in general, is more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers. Communication and language is consistently the lowest achieving area on the Reception Baseline Assessment.</p>
3	<p>Reaching age-related expectations at the end of Key Stage 2</p> <p>Internal assessment indicates that progress within core subjects for disadvantaged pupils has been impacted by the partial school closures to a greater extent than for others. This has led to gaps within subjects meaning that pupils are at risk of falling further behind age-related expectations and thus making limited progress. This is especially noticeable in writing with 15% of pupil premium pupils within Key Stage 2 making limited progress last academic year.</p> <p>Reception baseline data shows that only 34% of pupils are on track in writing, 40% of pupils are on track in numbers and 34% are on track in reading.</p>
4	<p>Attendance:</p> <p>Our attendance data for last academic year (2022-2023) was 93.5%, for disadvantaged pupils. Whole school attendance last academic year was 94.4%</p> <p>2021-2022 shows that attendance for disadvantaged pupils was 94.2% with whole school attendance at 91%, which is the biggest decrease in attendance for disadvantaged pupils in recent years.</p> <p>Contributing factors for recent attendance include separation anxiety since returning to school full-time. Many families are seeking help with morning routines, structure and struggling to get to school on time.</p>
5	<p>Emotional resilience and learning behaviour. – (Lack of self-regulation and understanding of metacognition)</p> <p>Our assessments (including wellbeing survey), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified behavioural, social and emotional issues for many pupils, notably due to a lack of routine and enrichment opportunities during school closures. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.</p> <p>Teacher referrals for support to the Early Help Team have increase during the pandemic. 89 pupils currently require additional support with social and emotional needs such as separation anxiety and low mood. This is equal to 29% of our total school cohort.</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 attainment amount disadvantaged pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent use of a phonics scheme within Early Years and Year 1 with pupils ready to move onto spelling in Year 2. • Reading outcome at the end of Key Stage 1 show that disadvantaged pupils met age-related expectations and make progress from their entry point in reception. • Increased percentage of pupils achieving a good level of development in Early Years each year, including reading. • Phonics screening at the end of Year 1 is in line with, or better, than National average. • Pupils that re-take the phonics screening in Year 2 make accelerated progress • Internal tracking of reading books and book bands show that children make good progress • Interventions such as precision teaching, delivered by a skilled LSA shows that pupils are making accelerated progress • Learning walks and lesson observations show that classrooms are rich with books relating to all topics • A well-trained workforce deliver high-quality intervention programmes to ensure children make accelerated progress.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils consistently demonstrate high levels of positive learning behaviour and engage with a range of strategies within the classroom to support their emotional wellbeing. This will be evidenced through pupil voice, staff voice, learning walks and lesson observations • Increased participation in enrichment activities and after school clubs, particularly disadvantaged pupils. Both parent and pupil voice show impact and value that enrichment has on pupils. • All Key stage 1 pupils to have Forest School sessions over the academic year • Commissioned support from outside agencies to support delivery of interventions such as 'Relax Kids' and 'Lego Therapy' • Continue to develop strong links with outside agencies such as Malachi and the Hope Project • A reduction of overall behaviour incidents at pinch points within the day e.g. lunch time/break time
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 2 outcomes show that pupils have made expected progress from their starting point each year using internal data • Formative assessments and observations indicate improved oral language skills among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence e.g. engagement in lessons, book looks • Pupils will attain age-related expectations or better at the end of KS2. Outcomes will be in line with National average • A well-trained workforce deliver high quality in class-support and intervention programmes to ensure children make accelerated progress. • A greater number of pupils are achieving greater depth within Maths within internal and external assessments

<p>Attendance of pupils will improve with persistent absence reducing resulting in less lost learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in pupils that are persistently absent or late evidenced through sustained high attendance by 2024/2025. • The attendance of disadvantaged pupils is in line with non-disadvantaged pupils and that any gap is being reduced. • Commissioned support from Educational Welfare Officer to show reduction in pupils that are absent • Early Help Team to continue to support families and strengthen links with the Educational Welfare Officer. • Parent and pupil voice to show that attendance has a high priority and that learning time in school is seen as valuable • All staff attend appropriate safeguarding updates and are secure in the knowledge of their role
<p>Pupils are able to speak and communicate with confidence using appropriate language for the topic.</p> <p>They build on their bank of vocabulary and use it well when interacting with others as they move through each year group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children leave Moorgate able to communicate using a variety of communication tools e.g. writing, computing, speech. They are able to use ambitious subject specific vocabulary with accuracy and confidence • Assessments and observations indicate improved oral language skills among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence e.g. engagement in lessons, book looks • At the end of KS2, disadvantaged pupils will have made at least expected progress (based on their starting point) within reading and writing • Pupils will attain age-related expectations or better in English at the end of KS2. Outcomes will be in line with National average • At the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, children will be able to speak in clear sentences to communicate their needs and understanding. Pupils achieving a good level of development will be in line with national average or better • A well-trained workforce delivers high-quality intervention programmes to ensure children make accelerated progress • Increased participation in enrichment activities and after school clubs, particularly among disadvantaged pupils

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: £90,085

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum with a specific focus in Early Years.</p> <p>These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary.</p>	<p>Speaking in July 2018, Damian Hinds expressed concerns about the number of children who finish their reception year still not able to talk in full sentences. Closing the word gap is the top priority in the UK government's social mobility action plan.</p> <p>Mind the word gap Oxford University Press: Word Gap Matters</p> <p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading:</p> <p>Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) The EEF Making best use of teaching assistants</p>	2
<p>Embedding of a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils through a range of CPD activities lead by the English Lead.</p> <p>We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance and work with the English hub.</p>	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils:</p> <p>Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	1
<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance.</p> <p>We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Teaching for Mastery training and teaching of fluency).</p>	<p>The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches:</p> <p>Maths guidance KS 1 and 2.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3</p>	3
<p>Retention of additional LSA provision to ensure consistency and support daily in each class. Ensure that LSAs implement quality, timely interventions and delivery high quality in-class</p>	<p>Support the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>More successful schools identify the strengths of each member of staff and find the best ways to use them. They are quick to spot potential and 'grow their own staff'. They ensure that teaching assistants (TAs) are well trained in supporting pupils' learning as well as in specific learning</p>	1,3

<p>support to ensure impact on pupils' progress.</p>	<p>interventions, so TAs can provide effective support to individual pupils or small groups. They also ensure strong teamwork between teachers and support staff.</p> <p>The EEF Guide to Pupil Premium states that evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have, including on those who are not making good progress across the spectrum of achievement. Considering how classroom teachers and teaching assistants can provide targeted academic support, including how to link structured one-to-one or small group intervention to classroom teaching, is likely to be a key component of an effective Pupil Premium strategy.</p> <p>The EEF Making best use of teaching assistants</p>	
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £3,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>We will purchase resources and fund ongoing training and release time for a member of the Early Help Team.</p>	<p>The Public Health England report in 2014 found close links between improved mental health and wellbeing of pupils.</p> <p>Report: The link between health and wellbeing</p> <p>A strategically, well planned approach to Social and Emotional learning can add to the progress of pupils by up to +4 months. Edukit UK allows us to carefully monitor the wellbeing of pupils and act upon their needs. It opens a space for safe communication and further safeguards our pupils –providing them with links to support and encouraging a healthy mind. Our approach to SEL is guided by the EEF's 6 recommendations to for improving SEL in school.</p>	<p>1,2</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £55,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Whole staff training on behaviour management approaches with the aim of developing our school ethos and improving behaviour across school.</p>	<p>Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects:</p> <p>Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Retention of the Early Help Leader who has the responsibility for liaising with families whose attendance, behaviour or appearance is a cause for concern</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.</p> <p>Framework for securing full attendance</p>	<p>4</p>

and therefore embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice. Commissioned support EWO.		
Year 6 Residential	Whilst the EEF evidence is still unclear, there is evidence to suggest that outdoor learning increases pupils' self-confidence and resilience. EEF Outdoor learning report In addition, the Forestry Commission put together a report highlighting the importance of outdoor learning opportunities for pupil's health and wellbeing.	2,5
Enrichment activities and resources to ensure that pupils are given a range of activities to ensure that they engage fully with both curriculum and school life that they may not otherwise get.	The importance and impact of immersive experiences can be seen in improved outcomes in lessons where pupils have been given the opportunity to engage with real world events and experiences. Evidence from pupil work and use of vocabulary supports the need and positive impact of this 1,2,3,4 12 approach. Our work is further guided and supported by the Cultural Learning Alliance whose work, guidance and approach can be found in the above link. As well as this, A New Direction has commissioned a series of case studies explore how schools providing disadvantaged pupils with opportunities to engage in arts and cultures.	2,3,5
Retention of the Early Help Leader within school who has the responsibility of delivering and commissioning external specialist support and interventions in the form of relax kids and specific interventions such as nurture groups.	The Public Health England report in 2014 found close links between improved mental health and wellbeing of pupils. Report: The link between health and wellbeing	2, 3

Total budgeted cost: £145,085

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.

Please see below a review of last years (2022-2023) strategy:

Outlined below is our internal assessment during 2022-2023:

Internal Data Headlines:

- 26% of disadvantaged pupils across Key Stage 1 & 2 made limited progress in reading.
- 27% of disadvantaged pupils across Key Stage 1 & 2 made limited progress in writing.
- 24% of advantaged pupils across Key Stage 1 & 2 made limited progress in maths.

Termly pupil progress meetings have been conducted with teaching staff to review the support in place for pupils making limited progress across the core subjects. Moderation both internally and externally have happened over the academic year. Careful consideration to attainment data and gaps analysis has taken place and used to identify areas for development for individual pupils.

The introduction of a validated phonics program has become embedded within the Early Years and Key Stage 1. Additional dedicated time has been given up for CDP for all staff including those working within Key Stage 2 as well as Key Stage 1 & Early Years. Regular learning walks have been conducted to ensure that there is consistency within the teaching of phonics. Careful consideration has been given to the reading book scheme to ensure it carefully matches the letters and sounds taught at each stage ensuring all reading books sent home are fully decodable whilst additional traditional tales and storybooks are included to encourage a wider love of reading. Pupils are carefully tracked through their reading book bands through teacher assessment and half-termly benchmarking to ensure that the reading books are appropriately pitched. Children who do not make the expected progress within phonics are supported through additional interventions within school using precision teaching. At the end of the academic year, 11% of pupils not passing the phonics screening at the end of Year 1 were disadvantaged. At the end of Year 2, 100% of disadvantaged passed the phonics screening.

As we move into the next academic year, this will continue to be a focus for all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged through a carefully considered program of support to help pupils that need to catch up and keep up. The school is engaging with the English hub to further develop the phonics curriculum. To support pupils making limited progress, LSAs delivered morning interventions before the school day from 8:30-8:45am for each class, this will continue into 2023-2024. In addition, LSAs have been delivering precision teaching interventions during the school day.

To ensure that we have a well-trained work force, all adults received additional emotion coaching training, attachment and trauma training and all LSAs have been trained in precision teaching intervention to support early reading and phonics. Additional CPD including engaging with R.A.D.Y, Rosenshine Principles to support 'knowing more, remembering more' through retrieval of long term memory, de-escalation of behaviour, SEND within maths and progression in science.

We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required for pupils. For the academic year 2022-2023, Moorgate continued to employ an Early Help Leader to support pupils' wellbeing and mental Health. Through the strategic use of the Early Help Team, there were a range of nurture groups and programs in place that responded to the ever-changing needs of the children. In addition, the Early Help leader and SENDco developed a supportive 'Coffee Morning' with

parents to support families with the factors that influence engagement in school, behaviour and attendance. These were consistently well attended throughout the year and will continue into the next academic year. The following were internal or commissioned interventions delivered last year.

- Hope project (yearly via CAMHS)
- Midlands Mental Health Partnership with a linked practitioner on site weekly
- Draw and talk sessions
- Forest schools – working with 25 pupils
- Listening ear, weekly child/family check-ins
- Food & hygiene bank on school site
- Half termly hampers – including slow cookers
- Synergy Lego Therapy – supporting pupils with emotional wellbeing
- Christmas presents to 70 families from Derek’s Tree
- Relax Kids sessions for Early Years & Relax Kids
- 1:1 counselling sessions
- Resilience family workshops

The Early Help Team meet weekly to triangulate individual needs of pupils to ensure their mental health and wellbeing is supported through placing pupils into tiers; ranging from universal support and the way we set up our curriculum to very personalised and specialist support for those experiencing emotions that create a barrier to their learning. Regular check ins with teachers through the academic year took place. Tier 1 – Universal support for all children. Tier 2 – Targeted bespoke support for children with a specific emotional need in addition to universal support. Tier 3 – Individual support for children who may need additional support from outside agencies.

Attendance is consistently monitored within the role of the Early Help leader. Whole school rewards are in place to encourage positive whole school attendance with the addition of individual attendance rewards as appropriate. Attendance is a consistent item on the whole school agenda, shared weekly with parents and when attendance becomes of concern families are invited in for attendance check-ins. We continued to maintain positive relationships with the local EWO gaining support as needed. At the end of the academic year, whole school attendance was 94.4% with disadvantaged pupils closely below at 93.5%.

The enrichment experiences were carefully mapped out for the academic year 2022-2023 with children having an opportunity to go on a school trip such as visiting Packington Farm, Young Voices, Year 6 Residential or Pizza Express. We match funded out parental contribution of £10 per child for enrichment. To negate the ever increasing cost of school visits including transport costs, teachers carefully considered how to bring wider opportunities and enrichment into school with investment in resources such as Now>Press>Play, VR Headsets and performing arts companies each term. In addition, a wide range of after-clubs were offered ranging from craft club, relax kids, choir and multi-skills.

To promote taking a wider role in school life for pupils, the PSHE lead took training on developing a school council and further enhancing the pupil’s voice. As well as this, pupil wellbeing warriors were established with the role of promoting positive mental health for pupils. Wellbeing warriors took an active role within assemblies, developing a worry box and resources.

Last academic year, saw the first year that Moorgate had a nursery on site offering 24 places for 2 and 3 year olds. This is in its infancy but will be impactful in further supporting families and pupils by offering early support within the local community.

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

Further information

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activities that are not being funded by pupil premium or recovery premium. That will include:

- Embedding more effective practice around feedback. [EEF evidence](#) demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- Utilising a [DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead](#). The training we have selected will focus on the training needs identified through the online tool: to develop our understanding of our pupils' needs, give pupils a voice in how we address wellbeing, and support more effective collaboration with parents.
- All pupils from Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons on the school site by way of a hired swimming pool and changing rooms from Elite Sport UK. This will equip pupils with much needed life skills. We know that pupils have missed out on swimming instruction due to the impact of school closures.
- In addition to the enrichment offer, teaching staff will offer a wide range of extra curricular activities to boost wellbeing and aspiration. Activities will focus on building life skills such as confidence, resilience, and socialising. Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate.
- All staff will be trained with high quality strategies to ensure that children receive quality support in lessons through carefully considered CPD including the links within SUAT multi-academy trust and the use of National College materials. Additionally, coaching at all levels takes place systematically for all practitioners.