



Pupil premium strategy statement – Park Street Primary School

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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	152
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	19%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement each academic year)	2024-2025 2025-2026 2026-2027
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2026
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Governor / Trustee lead	Ruth Ward

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£41205
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (<i>enter £0 if not applicable</i>)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£41205

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Park Street, we are committed to nurturing the potential of every child, regardless of their background or circumstances. We endeavour to provide a supportive, inclusive, and aspirational environment that enables all pupils to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

We recognise that disadvantaged pupils often face unique barriers to success, and our approach is designed to support the whole child, addressing both their academic needs and their personal development. Our approach specifically aims to:

- Narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers, especially in core subjects such as English and maths.
- To foster high aspirations and confidence in all disadvantaged pupils, equipping them with the skills and resilience necessary for future success.
- To address barriers to learning, including academic, social-emotional, and attendance-related challenges, ensuring all pupils can access and benefit from a broad, balanced and enriching curriculum.
- Providing access to extra-curricular activities, school trips, and cultural experiences to help disadvantaged pupils develop cultural capital, raise aspirations, and broaden their life experiences.

The targeted and strategic use of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) will support us in enabling disadvantaged pupils to leave Park Street as confident, resilient individuals, ready to thrive in the next stage of their education and beyond.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Low academic starting points (<i>communication and interaction</i>)
2	Attendance and punctuality issues
3	Multiple vulnerabilities/barriers to learning. (SEND, P/LAC or CIN/CP need)
4	Social and emotional difficulties
5	Lack of cultural capital

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
<p>All disadvantaged pupils benefit from consistently high-quality teaching that supports their academic progress and closes attainment gaps.</p>	<p>Lesson visits and learning walks demonstrate consistent use of evidence-based teaching strategies.</p> <p>Internal and external data show a reduction in attainment gaps in core subjects between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.</p> <p>Pupil books reflect high expectations, regular feedback, and evidence of progress.</p>
<p>Disadvantaged pupils make good progress in communication and interaction skills, enabling them to engage effectively with the curriculum.</p>	<p>Increased percentage of pupils meeting age-related expectations in speaking, listening, and comprehension by the end of the academic year.</p> <p>Regular assessment shows steady progress in speech, language, and communication through targeted interventions (e.g. speech therapy or language enrichment programs).</p> <p>Observations and pupil voice demonstrate improved confidence in verbal interactions.</p>
<p>Improved overall attendance for disadvantaged pupils and persistent absenteeism is reduced.</p>	<p>Persistent absence rates for disadvantaged pupils are reduced to below 10%.</p> <p>Daily monitoring and follow-ups show improvements in punctuality.</p> <p>Parent engagement initiatives result in improved family cooperation in supporting regular attendance.</p> <p>Attendance for disadvantaged pupils gradually aligns with national average</p>
<p>Pupils with multiple vulnerabilities receive personalised, integrated support to address their needs and participate fully in learning.</p>	<p>Targeted pupils show progress in individual plans or personal targets.</p> <p>All relevant pupils have access to external agency support, and services (e.g., educational psychology, social care) are actively engaged.</p> <p>Positive feedback from pupils, parents, and staff regarding the effectiveness of interventions.</p>
<p>Pupils develop resilience, self-regulation, and emotional well-being, enabling them to engage positively with peers and staff.</p>	<p>Reduction in behavioural incidents involving disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Assessments (e.g., Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) show improvements in emotional well-being.</p> <p>Increased engagement in learning, as evidenced by observations and teacher feedback.</p> <p>Participation in nurture groups and pastoral support leads to measurable improvements in confidence and relationships.</p>

<p>Disadvantaged pupils experience a broader range of cultural, social, and educational opportunities, enriching their learning and aspirations.</p>	<p>All disadvantaged pupils participate in extra-curricular activities, trips, or enrichment opportunities to broaden horizons.</p> <p>Pupil surveys/voice indicate increased awareness and enjoyment of cultural and educational experiences.</p> <p>Teachers report greater pupil engagement in class discussions and tasks linked to these experiences.</p> <p>Increased parental engagement in cultural and learning events, with positive feedback on the school's inclusivity.</p>
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Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £19550

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Further develop evidence-based teaching and learning strategies through high quality professional development</p>	<p>EEF Guidance report – Effective professional development</p> <p>High quality teaching improves pupil outcomes, and effective professional development offers a crucial tool to develop teaching quality and enhance children's outcomes in the classroom.</p> <p>To improve pupil outcomes, careful attention should be paid to how PD is designed.</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
<p>Strategic leadership of Pupil Premium including development of PP strategy and individual plans, monitoring, analysis of data and reporting.</p>	<p>EEF Guidance to Pupil Premium</p> <p>Effective use of funding is closely linked to strong leadership and a clear understanding of pupil needs. Annual external data and termly internal data is analysed by SLT and all teachers. The analysis will be used to identify and plan interventions for every PP pupil across the school. Interventions need to be led, monitored, measured and costed for impact.</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
<p>Embedding the new phonics scheme following a change.</p>	<p>EEF Toolkit - phonics</p> <p>Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.</p>	<p>1, 3, 4</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £8750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
TAs to support high-quality provision within the classroom or delivering structured interventions	EEF Toolkit – Teaching Assistant Interventions Research which focuses on teaching assistants who provide one to one or small group targeted interventions shows a stronger positive benefit of between four and six additional months on average. Often interventions are based on a clearly specified approach which teaching assistants have been trained to deliver.	1, 3, 4
Targeted interventions to support language development (WELLCOMM)	EEF Toolkit – oral language interventions The average impact of Oral language interventions is approximately an additional six months’ progress over the course of a year. Some studies also often report improved classroom climate and fewer behavioural issues following work on oral language. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two all show positive impacts on attainment.	1, 3, 4
ELS Targeted interventions (phonics)	EEF Toolkit - phonics Studies in England have shown that pupils eligible for free school meals typically receive similar or slightly greater benefit from phonics interventions and approaches. It is possible that some disadvantaged pupils may not develop phonological awareness at the same rate as other pupils, having been exposed to fewer words spoken and books read in the home. Targeted phonics interventions may therefore improve decoding skills more quickly for pupils who have experienced these barriers to learning.	1, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £12905

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Weekly use of a Behaviour & Emotional Support Worker to support children in need to enable them to thrive at school.	EEF Toolkit – Behaviour Interventions and Social and Emotional Learning The average impact of behaviour interventions is four additional months’ progress over the course of a year. Evidence suggests that, on average, behaviour interventions can produce moderate improvements in academic performance along with a decrease in problematic behaviours.	1, 3, 4
Weekly targeted Forest School Nurture Groups	EEF Toolkit – Social and emotional learning	3, 4, 5

developing resilience, communication and teamwork skills.	The average impact of successful SEL interventions is an additional four months' progress over the course of a year. Alongside academic outcomes, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.	
Targeted art therapy sessions and therapeutic interventions, focused on reducing anxiety, supporting calming strategies and improving emotional self-regulation.	EEF Toolkit – Social and emotional learning The average impact of successful SEL interventions is an additional four months' progress over the course of a year. Alongside academic outcomes, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.	2, 3, 4
Use of a Family Support Worker to work alongside and offer more sustained and intensive support for families where needed, including attendance support.	EEF Toolkit- parental engagement Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress. It is crucial to consider how to engage with all parents to avoid widening attainment gaps.	2, 3, 4
Continue to embed a whole school therapeutic approach to behaviour through training	EEF Guidance report- Improving behaviour in schools Whole school approaches can promote inclusion, improve school culture, engender positive role models, and clarify organisational principles, ultimately improving the school for staff as well as pupils; thus, a comprehensive behaviour strategy might, in time, expect to see an impact on wide-ranging measures such as pupil and staff attendance and wellbeing	4
Attendance support strategies including workshops and meetings	EEF Toolkit- parental engagement Pupils from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds were nearly twice as likely to be persistently absent than their classmates. With clear links between poor attendance and poor attainment and behaviour, tackling persistent absence is an important part of improving outcomes for all pupils.	2
Pastoral Lead/Mental Health Champion offering one to one support and Protected Behaviour sessions for children who need it	EEF Toolkit – Social and emotional learning Alongside academic outcomes, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.	1, 3, 4
Subsidising or offering free school services including trips and clubs.	EEF Toolkit – Arts participation Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum. Wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported.	4, 5

Total budgeted cost: £41205

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

This details the impact that our pupil premium strategies had on pupils in the 2024 to 2025 academic year.

-Targeted interventions for specific groups led to progress being made, particularly in core areas. Pupil progress discussions enabled early identification of need and support to be quickly put in place.

End of key stage pupil outcomes for disadvantaged pupils (based on a small no. of pupils):

R 67% GLD

Y2 50% (R, W, M)

Y6 67% (R, W, M)

-High-quality CPD, particularly on inclusive practice, continues to empower staff with the skills and strategies required to address the needs of disadvantaged pupils effectively. Teachers reported increased confidence in adapting provision and supporting disadvantaged pupils effectively.

-Through our own pastoral support and our partnership with VISTA, our most vulnerable pupils received high-quality emotional, behavioural and therapeutic support, resulting in improved emotional literacy, including pupils' ability to identify and articulate feelings and increased confidence.

-Attendance for disadvantaged pupils was supported through close monitoring, pastoral check-ins and early help for families. Regular communication and tailored support reduced barriers to attendance, resulting in improved attendance compared with last year.

-Disadvantaged pupils accessed a wider range of enrichment activities including clubs, workshops and trips. Participation in such activities continued to boost confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

-Disadvantaged pupils have benefited from a holistic approach combining academic support, pastoral support, high-quality teaching and enriched experiences. This resulted in improved wellbeing, an increase in attendance and steady progress across the school.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Family worker/Behaviour & Emotional Support Worker	Vista