



Banks Lane Junior School

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Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024-2025

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery 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.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Banks lane Junior School
Number of pupils in school	352
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	22% (77 pupils)
Academic year that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2021- 2025
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	April 2025
Statement authorised by	Ed Milner Headteacher Helen Timperley Business Manager
Pupil premium lead	Nicola Windas
Governor / Trustee lead	Judith Patel

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this financial year	£109 830
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this financial year	£109 830

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to *ensure* all pupils, irrespective of their background or barriers they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas, including progress for those who are already high attainers. It is our intention and a priority for our school to identify social and emotional barriers to support wellbeing to ensure disadvantaged pupils are better equipped to achieve their goals.

We consider the barriers faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have safeguarding issues. The activity we have outlined in this statement is intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be monitored to ensure progress is sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers and alongside the National Average for disadvantaged pupils.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education intervention, notably in its targeted support through tutoring; targeting the lowest 20% of readers and mathematicians . Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. To ensure they are effective we will:

- Provide social and emotional support for vulnerable children
- Act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- Ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- Ensure disadvantaged pupils receive a rich and varied curriculum

We adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve, with social and emotional wellbeing at the heart of our approach.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our assessments (including wellbeing survey), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils. These challenges affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.
2	Outcomes for the 2022 cohort indicate that Pupil Premium children are working significantly below than the National Average in reading, writing and maths. Outcomes for the 2021 cohort indicate that Pupil Premium children are working below in writing.
3	Our understanding, from several national studies, is that disadvantaged pupils have a lack of enrichment opportunities; impacting wellbeing, communication, achievement and independence.

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
Improve reading, writing and maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils for the 2022 cohort.	Outcomes in 2024/2025 show a 10% increase in disadvantaged children inline with the National Average.
Improved writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	Writing outcomes in 2024/25 show that writers are broadly inline with the National Average.
Sustained maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	Maths outcomes in 2024/25 show that Maths is inline with the National Average.
Sustained reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	Reading outcomes in 2024/25 show that reading is inline with the National Average.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by:

	Qualitative data from pupil voice, surveys and teacher observations, including the use of Zones of regulation.
To achieve and improve opportunities for enrichment, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils.	An increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.

Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number (s) addressed
<p>Continue to use robust reading assessment tools: YARC (York Assessment of Reading for Comprehension) to identify gaps to put targeted intervention in place.</p> <p>Apply phonics training appropriately and develop routines for teaching phonics consistently (Read, Write, Inc).</p> <p>Continue to enhance quality first teaching for reading- a whole class reading approach.</p>	<p>Robust assessment is fundamental to help to put targeted support in place and accelerate progress.</p> <p>Training and follow up training helps to enhance quality first teaching for all staff to ensure phonic knowledge is transferred into everyday learning in the classroom.</p> <p>Reading is fundamental to education. Proficiency in reading, writing and spoken language is vital for pupils' success. Disadvantaged pupils need to keep up with their peers rather than be helped to catch up later. The whole class reading model aims to help children to understand vocabulary which is vital for comprehension and also for wider learning and progress. Ofsted (2024) stated "The school fosters a love of reading. A comprehensive reading programme underpins the curriculum. Through this, all pupils have access to high-quality reading texts. This</p>	2

<p>Continue to embed 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' (Grammarsaurus) to enhance quality first teaching for writing.</p>	<p>links to a strong focus, across all subjects, on the explicit teaching of vocabulary."</p> <p>Grammar and the place value of punctuation uses progressive grammar foci to develop syntax; how words are combined to form phrases and clauses and arranged into coherent sentences with meaning.</p> <p>The reading framework - GOV.UK</p> <p>Read Write Inc. Phonics and Fresh Start - trial EEF</p> <p>Grammar and syntax EEF</p>	
<p>Employment of Pupil Premium Champion/lead</p>	<p>School leaders focus on a small number of priorities each year in areas that are likely to make the biggest difference, with a focus on effective implementation.</p> <p>The approaches adopted are selected on the basis of external and internal evidence to ensure teaching, targeted academic support and wider strategies improve outcomes for the challenges detailed above.</p> <p>The EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium Education Endowment Foundation</p>	2
<p>Lesson study enables staff to share best practice and enhance quality first teaching to develop adaptive practice.</p>	<p>Lesson Study is a professional development programme that involves teachers working in small groups to plan lessons that address a shared learning goal for pupils, including disadvantaged pupils. They then deliver these lessons while their peers observe, and refine the lesson plans based on feedback and review. The focus of peer observations is on the learning of particular pupils rather than the teacher.</p> <p>Understanding Adaptive Teaching v11 Lesson Study - trial EEF</p>	2

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

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
National Tutoring Programme/mentors	<p>Tutoring for maths has taken place during the Spring and Summer (2024) term targeting PP children who are not on track to meet ARE. As a result, Pupil Premium children are working above the NA in year 6. Pupils targeted in year 4 have also improved the ARE from 38% to 44%</p> <p>There is a large body of evidence that tutoring and small-group tuition is effective - particularly where it is targeted at pupils' specific needs; and that it can be particularly effective for disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Small group tuition EEF</p>	2
<p>To embed reading opportunities for disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Read with disadvantaged pupils up to x3 per week.</p>	<p>Listening to children read 1-1 enables teaching staff to support word reading and language comprehension as the two key sides of reading that need to come together to enable reading comprehension (the ultimate goal of reading).</p> <p>The reading framework</p> <p>EEF blog: Supporting reading comprehension in Key Stage 2</p>	2

Engaging with pupils through focus group intervention in small groups.	Group work targeted at specific needs through diagnostic assessment can help to bridge gaps in knowledge and can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind. Small group tuition EEF	2
Purchase of additional resources, including grammarsaurus , TT rockstars and first news.	Using fun and interactive resources for learners to enhance engagement and provision at home.	2

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

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Develop social and emotional (SEL) learning. SEL approaches will be developed through follow up staff training with the intention to use Zones of Regulation as routine educational practice.	Developing self-regulatory skills helps children manage their own behaviour and aspects of their learning. Efforts to develop self-regulation often seek to improve levels of self-control and reduce impulsivity and are consistently linked with successful learning. Self-regulation strategies EEF	1&2
Enhance social and emotional (SEL) learning for wellbeing groups . New staff to observe experienced/trained well- being staff	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g. improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers) EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf	1&2

<p>Employment of a learning mentor.</p> <p>Develop and sustain social and emotional (SEL) learning for individual pupils and families supported by our learning mentor.</p>	<p>Mentoring aims to build confidence and relationships, to develop resilience and character or raise aspirations. Typically mentors build relationships with young people by meeting with them one to one for about an hour a week over a sustained period.</p> <p>Some studies have found more positive impacts for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, and for non-academic outcomes such as attitudes to school, attendance and behaviour.</p> <p>Mentoring EEF</p>	1&2
<p>Develop enrichment opportunities for all pupils and particularly disadvantaged children.</p> <p>Pupils are offered forest schools and other outdoor adventure pursuits throughout the school.</p>	<p>Evidence from the EEF indicates that enriching education has intrinsic benefits, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds, who deserve a well-rounded, culturally rich, education, which can directly improve pupils' attainment.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/guidance-for-teachers/life-skills-enrichment</p> <p>Outdoor adventure learning EEF</p>	1&3
<p>Purchase of CPOMS (software).</p> <p>Staff are trained to use CPOMS to embed safe practice procedures.</p>	<p>Staff use CPOMS to monitor safeguarding, wellbeing and all pastoral issues. CPOMS helps to ensure that children, young people and adults are safe and fully supported.</p>	1, 2 &3
<p>Providing uniform, subsidising residential visits and breakfast club for pupils, including disadvantaged pupils.</p>	<p>Wearing the appropriate uniform develops a school ethos, improves behaviour and discipline.</p> <p>Evidence suggests that by offering breakfast club attendance of disadvantaged pupils improves attendance.</p>	3

Subsidising music lessons/musical instruments	School uniform EEF	
Attendance	<p>Attendance below 85% is monitored closely by the school attendance office and fortnightly meetings are held with SLT and the learning mentor. Pupils are incentivised to attend school.</p> <p>Ofsted (2024) "The school has taken appropriate steps to improve pupils' rates of attendance. It carefully scrutinises attendance information so that any trends or patterns are identified. The school works closely with parents and carers to ensure that pupils who are often absent are supported to increase their attendance levels. As a result, most pupils typically attend school well."</p> <p>Summary of evidence EEF</p>	1

Total budgeted cost: £

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.

External assessments during 2022/2023 indicate that disadvantaged pupils working at age related expectations (ARE) in reading and writing above the National Average and broadly in line with the National Average in maths.

Internal assessments during 2022/2023 indicate that disadvantaged pupils in year 5 and 6 are working above the National Average in reading and maths. Disadvantaged pupils in year 4 are working broadly in line with age related expectations in maths.

Internal assessments during 2022/2023 show that disadvantaged writers are working below the age related expectations in writing in year 5 and 6. Disadvantaged pupils are not working inline with the age related expectations in writing or reading in year 4.

We continue to use pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required, including the National Tutoring Programme/academic mentoring. The Recovery Premium is targeted towards improving high quality teaching with a focus on reading and writing.