

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024-2027



Selston Church of England Infant and Nursery School

Opening hearts and minds through the grace and love of God

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 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	Selston CE Infant and Nursery School
Number of pupils in school	49 (main school) 46 (nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	22% (main school) 24% (nursery)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	4 December 2023
Date of first review	December 2024
Date of second review	December 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£18,869.19
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£18,869.19

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

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- Give priority to the national and international dimensions of the curriculum, particularly important in a predominantly white British culture, so that children develop a growing understanding of different cultures, traditions and faiths.
- Prioritise literacy and numeracy skills so that children have the necessary vocabulary, listening and communication skills, to be able to play a full and active role in society.
- Provide opportunities for enhancing physical and emotional health and well-being, to improve long-term health, reduce health inequalities, increase social inclusion and raise achievement for all.
- Encourage the active participation of parents and carers in all aspects of their children's development, valuing their own skills and talents, so that the self-esteem of both adults and children grows and leads to self-belief.

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Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Less well-developed language skills (the ability to form sentences, express needs, follow instructions, use and understand age-appropriate vocabulary).
2	Less well-developed reading skills (sometimes a result of limited exposure to books and stories, low parental confidence in their own literacy skills, fewer opportunities for reading outside of school).
3	Mental health needs as a result of multiple vulnerabilities (lower self-esteem and confidence, weaker resilience and ability to 'bounce back', sometimes communicated through challenging behaviour).
4	Inconsistent attendance at school (for a minority of pupils) leading to gaps in learning.
5	Fewer wider experiences leading to a lack of cultural capital (knowledge and understanding).

6	Hardships for parents/carers including the cost of living and their own mental health needs, hindering the ability to parent effectively.
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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 oral language skills for all pupils entitled to PP, with a particular focus on those in the EYFS, using quality first ECAT/Hanen strategies and evidence-based speech and language interventions.	<p>80% pupils entitled to PP achieve expected+ in CL at the end of the EYFS.</p> <p>80% pupils entitled to PP achieve expected+ in speaking and listening at the end of KS1.</p> <p>Pupils' interactions demonstrate understanding and the ability to use a wide range of appropriate vocabulary.</p> <p>Pupils demonstrate greater confidence when interacting with peers and adults.</p>
Ensure all pupils entitled to PP learn to read, with a strong focus on systematic phonics, through quality first teaching of reading and the use of evidence-based interventions.	<p>80% pupils entitled to PP achieve expected+ in Literacy at the end of the EYFS.</p> <p>80% pupils entitled to PP achieve the standard in the Phonics Screening Check by the end of Year 2.</p> <p>80% pupils entitled to PP achieve expected+ in Reading at the end of KS1.</p> <p>20% pupils entitled to PP to achieve GDS in Reading at the end of KS1.</p> <p>Pupils demonstrate a love for books and reading through their independent choices and play.</p> <p>Most families of pupils entitled to PP work in partnership with school to help their children learn to read.</p>
Ensure all pupils entitled to PP have good mental health and well-being, including the vocabulary to express themselves and their needs when things are difficult for them.	<p>Data from the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires indicates good progress in the identified areas.</p> <p>Children can talk about their feelings and can identify trusted adults in school.</p> <p>Incidents of challenging behaviour in the classroom are reduced and children have strategies for managing their feelings when they are anxious.</p>
Ensure all pupils entitled to PP consistently attend school well.	<p>Pupils entitled to PP attend as well as, or better than, those not entitled. Attendance is at least in line with national expectations.</p> <p>Persistent absence is substantially reduced (for affected pupils).</p> <p>Families of pupils who are persistently absent are working in partnership with school on achieving bespoke attendance targets.</p>

<p>Ensure all pupils entitled to PP have full access to a wide range of clubs, visits and residentials and have opportunities to work with artists, musicians and sports specialists to build their cultural capital.</p>	<p>Pupils entitled to PP have full access to all wider opportunities at school, as demonstrated by school data.</p> <p>Pupils entitled to PP can talk about their experiences with understanding, using appropriate vocabulary.</p>
<p>Work with parents/carers to support them with their children at home, using the school's graduated approach.</p>	<p>Parents/carers of pupils entitled to PP feel supported by school, work in partnership with school staff and feel they have strategies for supporting and managing their children at home.</p>

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:

£4,000 CPD (including National College and Pupil Premium Leader)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
CPD Deliver and embed 'Let's Interact' training for all staff based on Hanen principles, identifying staff mentors who are experienced and effective in this practice.	EEF Early Years Toolkit - Communication and Language Approaches Overall, studies of communication and language approaches consistently show positive benefits for young children's learning, including their spoken language skills, their expressive vocabulary and their early reading skills. On average, children who are involved in communication and language approaches make approximately six months' additional progress over the course of a year. All children appear to benefit from such approaches, but some studies show slightly larger effects for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	1
CPD Work with the English Leader, Headteacher and Assistant Head to provide classroom-centred coaching and mentoring to further develop the quality first teaching of reading, including phonics.	EEF Early Years Toolkit – Early Literacy Approaches (e.g. storytelling, group reading, early phonics, introductions to writing) Early literacy approaches have been consistently found to have a positive effect on early learning outcomes. The early literacy approaches evaluated to date led to an average impact of four additional months' progress, with the most effective approaches improving learning by as much as six months. EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit – Phonics Phonics approaches have been consistently found to be effective in supporting younger pupils to master the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional five months' progress. Research suggests that phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners (4–7 year olds) as they begin to read. Teaching phonics is more effective on average than other approaches to early reading (such as whole language or alphabetic approaches), though it should be emphasised that effective phonics techniques are usually embedded in a rich literacy environment for early readers and are only one part of a successful literacy strategy.	2

	DfE 2023 – The Reading Framework	
CPD Work with our partner school, All Saints Infants, to further develop assessment for learning strategies to ensure all work is carefully matched to pupils' needs and appropriately adapted.	EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit – Feedback Providing feedback is a well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve.	1, 2
Recruitment Appoint a new Pupil Premium Leader to further develop the strategy.	This post is designed to raise standards of teaching, learning and attainment throughout the school, with particular regard to matters of inclusion and entitlement for children entitled to Pupil Premium.	1-6

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

Budgeted cost:

£10,120 teaching assistant support for 1-1 tuition and small group interventions

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Implement and evaluate the impact of Hanen training, including speech and language interventions for pupils entitled to PP (listening groups, narrative groups, NELI, Talkboost, Attention Autism).	EEF Teaching and Learning 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. DfE 2023 – The Reading Framework	1, 2
Implement and evaluate the impact of phonics, Switch On, Reading Recovery and bespoke reading interventions for pupils entitled to PP.	EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit – Phonics The average impact of the adoption of phonics approaches is about an additional five months' progress over the course of a year. Greg Brooks – Switch On Reading A small scale, randomised control group developer-led research project in 8 Nottingham City schools showed Switch-on Reading to have a useful positive impact. Greg Brooks – Reading Recovery A 2007 report on a meta-analysis of the five most rigorous studies on RR showed positive effects on both	1, 2

	reading accuracy (word identification) and comprehension. DfE 2023 – The Reading Framework	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost:

£4,252 teaching assistant support for small group interventions, including ELSA

£1,000 Solihull programme (SENCO time)

£1,500 cultural opportunities

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Improve mental health and well-being; build children's vocabulary so that they can express themselves and their needs (continue to work with MHST, train an ELSA lead).	EEF Teaching and Learning 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.	3
Reduce persistent absence for identified pupils, working closely with families and building a positive culture of attendance.	Achievement for All – Evaluation Reports	4
Increase cultural opportunities, including extra-curricular clubs, residentials (Ravenstor), school visits (including to universities), visitors to school and sporting activities.	Children from disadvantaged families benefit most from extra-curricular activities but are much less likely to have access to sport, arts or cultural pursuits (according to Australian researchers). Research by academics from Flinders University, released as part of Anti-Poverty Week, found 34% of children from lower socio-economic communities missed out on extra-curricular activities, compared with 13% from wealthier areas (October 2021).	5
Further support parent/carers to build the skills and capacity to parent well, with a	EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit – Parental Engagement Approaches The average impact of the parental engagement approaches is about an additional four months' progress	6

focus on the Solihull approach.	<p>over the course of a year. There are also higher impacts for pupils with low prior attainment.</p> <p>EEF Guidance Report – Working with parents to support children’s learning</p> <p>Achievement for All – Evaluation Reports</p>	
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Total budgeted cost: £20,872

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.

Additional activity

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

- utilising a DfE grant to train a second 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.
- offering an invite-only after school reading club to ensure identified pupils in Year 2 get additional support and practice from qualified teachers.
- offering induction meetings for all EAL families.

Planning, implementation, and evaluation

In planning our new pupil premium strategy, we considered carefully why some of the strategies we adopted in previous years have not always resulted in accelerated progress for this group of pupils. Both leaders and staff understand that barriers to learning for PP eligible pupils are varied and multiple – this is not a homogenous group. We therefore reviewed pupil progress data, held discussions with parents and carers, and analysed other information gained during quality assurance activity to establish each child's strengths and development areas. This has enabled us to target our provision more specifically and accurately.

Our strategy has been developed using reliable research information from a range of sources (e.g. reports from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the EEF's guidance reports and their implementation guidance, 'What Works' evidence from Greg Brooks). It has also been developed following considerable discussion between staff, governors and colleagues from a range of academies in different contexts across our Trust. Research on the impact of the pandemic on PP eligible pupils has also informed our thinking and planning.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach. This includes the ongoing collection of pupil progress information (both formally and informally) and a commitment to focussed CPD that effectively builds knowledge, motivates staff, develops teaching techniques and embeds practice. We will take swift action if changes or amendments to our chosen strategies are required.