

Pupil premium strategy statement

New Swannington Primary School



This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (for the 2024-2025 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.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	180
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	19 (11%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025
Date this statement was published	14 th December 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2025
Statement authorised by	Judy Ramsell (HT)
Pupil premium lead	Karen Palumbo (Deputy HT)
Governor lead	David Bull

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£33,500
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium (and recovery premium) funding carried forward from previous years	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£33,500

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At New Swannington Primary School, quality first teaching is at the heart of our curriculum with a clear focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. We believe with quality first teaching, pastoral support, effective engagement with parents and a personalised approach to meeting children's needs, every child can fulfil their potential and be prepared for life beyond New Swannington. This supports the closing of the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time benefits the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school.

Research conducted by the EEF supports our vision and decision making regarding the most effective targeted academic support and wider strategies.

In our strategy, we detail wider school plans for education recovery post pandemic through targeted support for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils. The planned in-school interventions are detailed in this document.

Key principals:

Quality first teaching to ensure positive educational outcomes

A bespoke approach to identify and address barriers to learning

To support our children's health and well-being to access learning

We aim to do this through 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	Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils, with a number of children being identified and referred for mental health and well-being support services
2	Internal assessments and observations indicate, as a group, combined reading, writing and maths attainment and progress of our disadvantaged pupils is below that of our non-disadvantaged.
3	We have observed a narrowing of this gap in the academic year 2020/2021, with disadvantaged children having higher percentage rates of attendance than non-disadvantaged. This is due to school closures during the 2020 pandemic and the school remaining open for disadvantaged children. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism significantly negatively impacts disadvantaged pupils' progress and social and emotional wellbeing. Therefore, we continue to monitor this area of challenge in order to ensure the closure of the gap in attendance levels between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged is sustained.
4	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest that some disadvantaged pupils have difficulties with phonics than non-disadvantaged pupils. This negatively impacts their development as readers.

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
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing by 2024/25 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils
Improved reading, writing and maths attainment and progress among disadvantaged pupils.	Whole school, end of year combined assessment data shows that at least 80% of disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standards of attainment and progress.
To sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance by 2024/25 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall unauthorised absence rate for all pupils being no more than 0.8%, • the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 3%
Improved reading attainment and progress among all children including disadvantaged children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 phonics screener results in 2024/2025 show that at least 80% achieve the expected standard. • Whole school, end of year 2024/25 reading comprehension assessment data shows that pupils are in line with national results.

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

Budgeted cost: £25,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Purchase of Oxford Reading Buddy to secure stronger guided reading, increased range and quality of books and teaching for all pupils.	Guided reading approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on reading comprehension, particularly for disadvantaged pupils: 2017 the Education Endowment Fund's Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2 and 2000 The National Reading Pane. Training through Leicestershire County Council.	2,4
<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).</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>	2
Financially supporting school's HLTA / TA structure	<p>There is strong evidence linking the effective use of Teaching Assistants with raised attainment:</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions</p>	2,3,4

Power Maths Scheme of Work purchased to support the teaching of Maths Mastery across the whole school	Power Maths is a whole-class mastery programme created in partnership with White Rose Maths and recommended by the DfE*. It is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and help nurture confidence in maths. For EYFS to Year 6. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mastery-learning	2,3
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Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: £4,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional guided reading sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further comprehension support.	Guided reading approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies	2,4
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2.4

Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £ 4,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice.</p> <p>This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures and appointing attendance/support officers to improve attendance.</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence</p>	<p>2,3</p>
<p>Pastoral one-to one and group support</p>	<p>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):</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1,2,3,4</p>
<p>Contingency fund for acute issues.</p>	<p>Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4</p>

Total budgeted cost: £33,500

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils 2023/24

Aim	Outcome
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Pupil voice demonstrates that all children feel safe and are happy in school. 100% of pupils agreed that school promotes and support their physical and mental health and wellbeing. All the children agreed that if any bullying occurs staff address and deal with this quickly. 100% of the children attended at least one lunchtime or afterschool clubs. The school ELSA, Family Link Worker and the School Councillor have supported children's wellbeing last year.
Improved reading, writing and maths attainment and progress among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessment data shows 71% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.
To sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Attendance is consistently above 96%. The children are in school and are enjoying their learning.
Improved reading attainment and progress among all children including disadvantaged children.	Reading lead completed Guided Reading training through Leicestershire County Council and this is now in the implementation phase. 83% of Year 1 children passed the phonics screener in 2022/23.

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Improved reading, writing and maths attainment and progress among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessment data shows 75% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.
To sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	60% have consistent attendance of at least 96%. Barriers to attendance are family holidays, lateness and family circumstances.

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Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Project X	Oxford University Press
Essential Letters and Sounds (including intervention)	Oxford University Press
Reading Buddy	Oxford University Press
Mastery Number	East Midlands Maths Hub
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Power Maths (including Maths Flex Intervention)	Person Education
Nelson Handwriting	Oxford University Press