

REVIEWED Pupil premium strategy statement for West Rise Junior School 2023-2024

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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	357
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils (National %)	126 35%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023-2026
Date this statement was published	January 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	End of year reviews: July 2024, July 2025, July 2026
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Governor / Trustee lead	Bridget Martin

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£194,525
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£18,815
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years <i>(enter £0 if not applicable)</i> <i>*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.</i>	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£213,340

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At West Rise Junior School, we inspire and empower independent and creative learners. We support a culture of high achievement and mutual respect. Our students will enrich their lives and those of others.

We are a Rights Respecting School. The articles of the Unicef Children's Rights Charter are at the heart of all school policy. We recognise that all children have a right to:

- learn
- be listened to
- join in cultural and artistic experiences
- be safe
- fair treatment
- a healthy lifestyle
- extra support if needed.

We have high expectations of all pupils within our school. With a high proportion of disadvantaged children, we recognise the importance of closing gaps and therefore ensure we are supporting and challenging these children appropriately, ensuring staff know who the disadvantaged children are in each classroom.

Teachers and TAs work together to provide in class support as well as additional pre and post learning sessions. In addition to this provision we are making full use of the NTP tuition to provide small group tuition in Mathematics, Writing and Reading Comprehension. This tuition aligns with the work carried out in the classroom as 'evidence suggests tuition should be additional to, but explicitly linked with, normal teaching, and that teachers should monitor progress to ensure the tutoring is beneficial.' EEF.

We recognise that reading needs to improve across the school. We will provide CPD for teachers to improve reading lessons. CPD for support staff will also be provided to ensure reading support is provided in line with the reading lessons. In addition to this, we will be purchasing Little Wandle Phonics to provide consistency for the children moving from the infant school as this is the scheme they currently use. Phonics training will be provided for at least Year 3 and 4 teachers and support staff in the first instance.

To ensure reading ability of our lowest readers and reading comprehension across the school in need of improvement, we are adding to our repertoire by buying in additional resources to support our continued focus on this area.

Quality first teaching is imperative and as such we are focusing some of our spending on CPD. There will be a continued focus on Mathematics, to ensure teachers are utilising the White Rose resources and manipulatives to their full extent for all learners. We will also be providing CPD for Reading and Writing, to improve teaching as well as the engagement levels of pupils.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Outcomes for children in Mathematics are still low across the school – improvements are being seen as teachers become more familiar with White Rose and further CPD will support this further
2	Outcomes in Writing are low across the school – CPD to be provided across the school to improve teaching of Writing and increase engagement
3	Outcomes in Reading comprehension is still low across the school – Accelerated Reader brought in in the latter part of last year – starting to see impact. CPD to be provided to improve the teaching of reading across the school
4	Poor attendance (below national attendance % of around 94%) and lack of parental engagement
5	Reduction in perceived value of school attendance since pandemic school closures
6	A rise in social and emotional issues with children, and their families

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	Review
Improved Mathematics outcomes	Key Stage 2 outcomes at the end of 2024 show that at least 51% of pupils met the expected standard, with continued progress in successive years.	Outcomes 56% - target met
Improved Writing outcomes	Key Stage 2 outcomes at the end of 2024 show that at least 29% of pupils met the expected standard, with continued progress in successive years.	Outcomes 28.4% - target missed by 0.6%
Improved Reading comprehension	Key Stage 2 outcomes at the end of 2024 show that at least 57% of pupils met the expected standard, with continued progress in successive years.	Outcomes 59% - target met
Increased attendance across the school	Sustained 95%+ attendance across the school.	94.4% across the year
Improved well-being throughout the school	Reduction in children accessing support from our pastoral/wellbeing	

	team and a reduction in parents accessing support from our Child and Family support.	
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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: £ 35,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	Review
Further White Rose training and purchase of manipulatives. CPD for two teachers accessing Maths Mastery training	The best available evidence indicates that great teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment. Ensuring every teacher is supported in delivering high-quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged among them. EEF PP Guidance	1	Outcomes show improvement. CPD continues as we continue to fully embed White Rose.
Times Table Rockstars	To become mathematically competent, learners need to develop a rich foundation of factual and procedural knowledge. EEF Teacher Toolkit Technology in today's world has grown significantly and suggests that as a result of the advances of technology, the way in which people are educated has improved. The impact of the action research is that teachers feel that in order to improve acquisition, accuracy and speed of times tables, children need to be engaged through technology. As a result of the Times Table Rockstars programme, children are enjoying the learning and rehearsing of times tables and have an increased level of confidence in their abilities to use	1	MTC outcomes: No. of chn scoring 20+ up by 22% on 2023 results No. of chn scoring 24/25 up by 12%

	times tables in all areas of Maths. Research from the EdReview		
Accelerated Reader purchase and training	It is a web-based programme that encourages children to read for pleasure. EEF evaluation shows 5 months progress of FSM children. This also enables children to access books online, which could help with parental engagement	2, 3, 4 & 5	Outcomes show improvement
Better Reading Partnership Intervention and training for all support staff	This trains a teaching assistant or volunteer to support reading effectively; develops phonic and comprehension skills; promotes engagement with and enjoyment of reading; enables pupils to make rapid progress in reading and provides detailed evidence of progress and impact. The EEF states that the use of a commercial provider typically has a larger impact	2, 3	Every child who has participated has made improvement. We will continue to use this programme – training more staff to enable us to open it up to more children
CPD for teachers in how to teach reading effectively. Purchase of books to support improved reading lessons	Teresa Cremin et al (2014) suggest that the acquisition of the habit of reading is helped when teachers build communities of readers in their classrooms, developing a love of reading and the motivation to do so – building both the will and the skill. Likewise, Jerrim and Moss (2018) argue that reading fiction is a predictor of long-term academic success. EEF	2 & 3	Outcomes show an improvement. Continued CPD as we continue to embed 30 minute reading lessons
Purchase of Little Wandle Rapid Catch Up programme and reading books to go with it – match funded by Kingsnorth English Hub. This is the same Phonics scheme that the infant school use. This will ensure a consistent approach is provided to children. Training and support for staff to deliver this programme effectively.	Phonics has been shown to have a positive impact of 5+ months. EEF	2 & 3	

1:1 reading support with HLTA Training for other support staff to provide this intervention in order to increase capacity	EEF suggests that 1:1 tuition regularly, 3 to 4 times a week can have a positive impact of 5+ months.	2 & 3	All children that have received this have made progress.
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support, structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 100,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	Review
Additional Teaching Assistant (with QTS) employed to provide targeted support for Year 6 children initially in writing and maths in small groups. To then move onto working with Year 5 children in May	Small group tuition has an average impact of four months additional progress over the course of a year. EEF	1, 2 & 3	Outcomes show improvements in all areas
Small group tutor employed to provide targeted support for Year 6 children in writing and maths in small groups. To then move onto working with Year 5 children in May	Small group tuition has an average impact of four months additional progress over the course of a year. EEF	1, 2 & 3	Outcomes show improvements in all areas
TAs employed each afternoon to provide 1:1 and small group intervention in reading, writing and maths as directed by the teachers	Small group tuition has an average impact of four months additional progress over the course of a year. EEF	1, 2 & 3	Outcomes show improvements in all areas

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

Budgeted cost: £ 50,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	Review
TAs employed from 8:30am each day (additional 10 minutes) to support pupils as they arrive and check in using Zones of Regulation	Evidence from the EEF's Teaching and Learning Toolkit suggests that effective Social and Emotional Learning can lead to learning gains of +4 months over the course of a year	6	Dysregulation continues to be an issue particularly at the start of the day. Staff on hand to provide support is essential for these children
Pastoral support from Wellbeing team for all children as needed	Social and emotional learning (SEL) interventions seek to improve pupils' decision-making skills, interaction with others and their self-management of emotions, rather than focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learning. EEF study shows 4+ months progress	4, 5 & 6	Mental health continues to challenge some children. Having access to specific adults is an essential part of helping them to remain or get back on track throughout the day
Forest School	Forest Schools: impact on young children in England and Wales (www.forestresearch.gov.uk) confirms that participation in Forest School improves young people's confidence, social skills, communication, motivation, physical skills and knowledge and understanding	4 & 6	Difficult to measure but teachers constantly report how impactful this is for certain pupils. Looking to add a different focus in future rather than always providing this as a blanket provision
Enrichment – such as school trips and music lessons	EEF and National Curriculum say that all children, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, deserve a well-rounded, culturally rich, education. This not only enhances wellbeing but also has impact upon attainment too.	2, 4, 5 & 6	A few children have taken up free places and lessons
Breakfast club funding for PP children and bagels for all in classrooms	Breakfast clubs that offer pupils in primary schools a free and nutritious meal before school can boost their reading, writing and maths results by the equivalent of two months' progress over the course of a year, according to	1, 2, 3, 4 & 6	Breakfast club numbers have increased and children enjoy having access to free bagel at the start of the day

	the results of a randomised controlled trial published by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).		
Child Therapy Service	The Child Therapy Service are dedicated professionals focused on preventative measures and early intervention strategies for children struggling with their social, emotional and mental health needs. This will help our wellbeing team to support our large number of pupils and families with MHEW issues. Taking a coordinated and evidence-informed approach to mental health in schools and colleges leads to improved pupil and student wellbeing, which, in turn, can improve learning. (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mental-health-and-wellbeing-support-in-schools-and-colleges)	6	Upon review we did not find this service to be as advantageous as we had hoped. This will not be continued.

Total budgeted cost: £ 185,000

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Outcomes for 2022-2023			
	Maths	Writing	Reading
All children	43.3%	20.0%	53.3%
PP children	30.3%	6.1%	42.4%

Externally provided programmes

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

Programme	Provider
White Rose Premium resources	White Rose
Times Table Rock Stars	Maths Circle Ltd
Little Wandle Rapid Catch Up Programme	Wandle Learning Trust

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

<i>For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year</i>
NA
The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils
NA