

Hindlip Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2025-26

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	92
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	14%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025-26
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	Alex Gromski, Executive Head
Pupil premium lead	Alex Gromski
Governor / Trustee lead	Matthew Davies

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£25,610.50
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years <i>(enter £0 if not applicable)</i>	£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>	£25,610.50

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

As with every child in our care, a child who is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant is valued, respected and entitled to achieve their very best irrespective of their background or the challenges they face. The focus of our Pupil Premium Strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to overcome barriers whether they are to learning, behaviour, self-confidence or social skills. This reflects our ethos of 'Love and respect ourselves, others and God's world' and our Christian Vision to serve with Grace and do our very best for every member of our school community.

The approaches used have proven to be effective in improving the achievement and opportunities for disadvantaged pupils. These approaches include: High-quality teaching and targeted academic support, with focus upon areas that we have identified where disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have a strong impact on closing the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils in our setting, as well as benefitting all pupils. Our high expectations for all pupils ensure that the progress of our disadvantaged pupils is sustained, including those who are already high attainers, and at least comparable to the progress made by their non-disadvantaged peers. Wider strategies employed support the social and emotional wellbeing, involvement and resilience of our disadvantaged pupils, ensuring they are ready and able to learn and that their families feel supported and engaged with our school.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils where specific need has been identified. Our approach will be responsive to developing need, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help all pupils do their very best. To ensure they are effective we will: ensure all pupils are challenged in their academic work, no pupil should have a glass ceiling placed upon their learning, act rapidly to respond to developing/identified needs, adopt a whole school approach in which all staff set the highest expectations for all pupils.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers and learners.

2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils.
3	Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and well-being of many of our disadvantaged pupils continue to be impacted to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies, which show persistent attainment gaps between disadvantaged pupils and their peers across England. For our school, we are seeing gaps evident from the early years onwards.
4	Our assessments (including wellbeing), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils, notably due social isolation and a lack of enrichment opportunities in recent years. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils and can be seen in the impact on their confidence, self-esteem, which in turn impact on their readiness to learn and learning behaviours.
5	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicates that parental engagement with homework is, in general, lower with disadvantaged pupils than their peers.

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
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved reading and writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	Reading and writing outcomes in 2025/26 show that the attainment gap between non-disadvantaged and disadvantaged pupils has narrowed with progress measures at least in line with non-disadvantaged pupils. Significant accelerated progress measures for disadvantaged pupils in reading and writing. Accelerated phonics progress from baseline to attain above National.
To support targeted individual pupils with home learning	Outcomes show that disadvantaged pupils are successfully supported with home learning and that this is evident when triangulated with different sources of evidence, including pupil voice, targeted support feedback and formative assessments.

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: £1500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continued enhancement of our English Curriculum in line with DFE and EEF guidance. We will fund release time for staff to develop key areas (including grammar focus and phonics) and cascade training.	<p>EEF Evidence shows that these key areas reflect a very high impact for low cost, based on extensive evidence.</p> <p>NLT guidance highlights the importance of language, oracy and writing skills for strong education recovery.</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: Maths_guidance_KS_1_and_2.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	2,3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 17,179.50

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Specific hours given to employ a 'floating' teaching assistant to provide targeted	Higher than expected adult: pupil ratios in class, when deployed effectively, raises the standards for the most vulnerable children, particularly those with attachment issues and complex social and emotional needs. In addition, this provides the flexibility to target pupils	2,3,4

support to PP learners.	appropriately whatever their specific needs. This may be individual support or within the classroom or playground, including brain breaks to support emotional regulation.	
Targeted phonics, reading and language interventions, including PP pupils, led by trained support staff to support improved language skills and phonics	Small group interventions have shown to be effective. Evidence indicates that 1:1 tuition can be effective, on average accelerating learning by approximately five additional month's progress. Short regular sessions often have optimum impact. Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	2,3,4
Social and emotional support sessions for identified individuals including PP pupils	Evidence is clear, pupils suffering from anxiety and emotional distress are unable to learn. Happy children learn.	2,3,4
School led tutoring, specific focus on reading skills, for pupils who are reading below ARE. A significant proportion of the pupils who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one: One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) And in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2,3,4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6,931

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice, involving release time for implementation of revised systems and attendance support	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	1
Funded/subsidised support with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Club 	Learning outside the classroom is a vital part of children's learning and development, providing the children with the wider experiences they need to develop in this widest sense. It is a vital element of	1, 2, 3, 4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school clubs • School visits • Music tuition • Uniform expenses • School Milk • Hot dinners 	<p>broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum and supports the development of a lifelong love of learning.</p> <p>Children who learn to play an instrument develop a sense of personal achievement and pride. Playing an instrument requires the brain to work at advanced speeds. Reading music is converted in the brain to the physical motion of playing the instrument. It has been shown that learning to play an instrument can help kids grow socially and academically. This has proven to have a positive impact on parental involvement with school and upon attendance.</p> <p>Involvement in these activities often allows PP pupils to gain wider experiences and participate in social situations they would otherwise be excluded from. By enabling PP pupils to be fully involved in school life with this extra financial support we have improved parental involvement over time, supported pupil key skills development impacting on achievement and developing social and personal skills.</p> <p>The cost of living crisis has had a huge impact on the outcomes of pupils, in particular those from PP households. Support is vital to ensure the attainment gap and wellbeing of these pupils does not widen and the gap closes with those from more advantaged backgrounds.</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>all</p>
<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice, involving release time for implementation of revised systems and attendance support</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.</p>	<p>1</p>

Total budgeted cost: £ 25,610.50

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Our monitoring of our disadvantaged pupils shows that we have facilitated positive results for our disadvantage and non-disadvantaged pupils. This monitoring underwent thorough validation via both internal and external moderation, with teacher assessments further reinforced by age-standardised tests.

In the academic year 2024 to 2025, the progress measures of our disadvantaged students were in-line with of non-disadvantaged peers. Strong progress measures for disadvantaged pupils are evident in Reading and Writing, particularly in Y1 and Y4 as the strong foundations supported by the measures in place for these pupils has helped ensure they are next phase ready. Attainment outcomes for disadvantage pupils remain below their non-disadvantaged peers, with strong progress measures successfully narrowing the gap. However, our disadvantaged pupil's attainment was in line or above that of disadvantaged pupils nationally. It will be important to continue the successful initiatives into the next academic year.

The involvement of PP students in extracurricular learning has continued to enhance their confidence and resilience, enabling them to actively participate in a broader spectrum of opportunities. Pupils engaged in pre-school phonics and reading provision have shown improved outcomes and progress measures or accelerated progress against their personal targets. Pupils participating in the breakfast club were settled and prepared for classroom learning, displaying commendable concentration levels. Furthermore, students adhered to the correct uniform, fostering a sense of belonging within the school community. Parents report feeling supported and express active engagement with the school.

Interventions have been wide ranging and not limited to academic support, with social and emotional work prioritised for pupils where this was a barrier to learning, supporting readiness to learn and engagement.

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
Purple Mash Computing	2 Simple
Times Table Rockstars	Maths Circle Ltd

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>
N/a
The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils
N/a

Further information (optional)

We have worked in collaboration with our Parish Council to secure funding to provide extended wraparound care to our 'just about managing' (JAM) families who are not eligible for pupil premium funding but we know are struggling financially. Research demonstrates the significant benefits of such provision mirrored by our impact on the ground. This initiative has supported parents back to work, ensures children have a great start to the school day with breakfast, and supports wider access to extra-curricular opportunities, and we have seen tangible positive outcomes including improved home-school engagement from these families, enhanced readiness to learn from pupils, increased attendance and punctuality, and children accessing enrichment experiences that were previously unavailable to them.