

Pupil premium strategy statement – Primrose Hill Primary School

PART TWO 2025-2026

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils, in the academic year 2025-2026.

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	514
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	47% (No. of pupils 244)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024-2027 Year 2 2025-2026
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2026
Statement authorised by	N. Marshall and the Governing Board
Pupil premium lead	L. Collins
Governor lead	A. Fearn

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£308, 575
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£308, 575

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Objectives

The intended effect of this funding at Primrose Hill Primary School is to accelerate progress, raise attainment, increase engagement, widen aspiration, provide equality of opportunity and ensure that all children eligible for this funding are performing at least as well as their non-ppg peers. It is intended to improve outcomes for pupils with ppg. High quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This will also benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school.

How does our plan work to achieve those objectives?

This plan has been written by the senior leaders, in consultation with staff and Governors, and forms a core part of the School Development Plan. Regular planned reviews throughout the year during the 3 years this strategy is in place will allow the school to review progress towards achieving our intended goals and refine and adjust our planned strategy as needed. We aim to meet our core objectives by allocating the pupil premium fund effectively to address the identified challenges, detailed below, specific to our school community, and cohorts.

We will use data and evidence throughout our reviews to ensure this funding is well directed and effectively used. Our plan aims to improve the progress of disadvantaged pupils through high quality teaching and learning, focusing on effective recruitment, strong leadership who will model and support quality first teaching and a clear cycle of assessment and feedback and improvement for pupils. It will also have effective use of data as a key principle, so that no pupil is left behind. There is a clear cycle of assessment, and that assessment is shared with all stakeholders and staff in addressing progress and planned interventions. Our plan will also address how to engage parents more effectively and provide further curriculum enrichment to increase cultural capital and raise aspirations.

Key principles

The principles that outline our plan are below. This is a tiered approach which carefully balances our approach to improving teaching, targeted academic support and wider strategies.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Language delay or communication, as identified by a Speech and Language Therapist which leads to social communication difficulties particularly in EYFS. This causes difficulties in reading and writing and can negatively impact behaviour. WELLCOMM on entry assessments show less than 20% of children have the expected language and communication skills on entry to Nursery.
2	Pupil premium children achieved lower than their peers at the end of Reception in language and communication areas including early phonics and reading. Pupil premium children also achieved below their peers in the Y1 phonic check.
3	A high proportion of pupil premium pupils are on the SEND register or are EAL
4	Mobility and attendance. Some children's attendance is low which impacts on learning. There is a high level of inward and outward mobility. Many new pupils are New to English which creates additional challenges and results in children needing extra support and resources.
5	Pupil and parental engagement with home learning and reading is low.

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																									
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<p>To improve outcomes for ppg that are on the SEND register or are EAL.</p>	<p>All staff are confident in adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of SEND and EAL pupils. As of December 2024, 60% of pupils with SEND are also in receipt of PPG. 27% of all EAL pupils are PPG. Evidence from monitoring - learning walks, book looks, pupil voice, parent feedback and pupil progress tracking supports this.</p>															
<p>To improve attendance rates of pupil premium pupils</p>	<p>Attendance rates of all pupils' increases and ppg pupils are in line with their peers. Pupil premium pupils arrive on time and ready to learn. Attendance is tracked closely and those pupils falling into persistent absence will be supported by our attendance team.</p> <p><u>Starting points Year 2 2025 -2026</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="584 1227 1401 1429"> <thead> <tr> <th>Attendance</th> <th>July 24</th> <th>July 25</th> <th>July 26</th> <th>July 27</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All / PPG</td> <td>93.2% / 91.2%</td> <td>94.1% / 92.7%</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Persistent absence ALL / PPG</td> <td>28% / 29%</td> <td>17.9% / 20.3%</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Attendance	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	All / PPG	93.2% / 91.2%	94.1% / 92.7%			Persistent absence ALL / PPG	28% / 29%	17.9% / 20.3%		
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<p>Provide wider opportunities to pupil premium pupils through subsidising costs of attending such activities</p> <p>To ensure the families of PPG pupils understand the key role they play in the education of their children.</p>	<p>All pupil premium pupils will be encouraged to attend after school clubs Y6 pupil premium pupils have access to the residential trip All pupil premium pupils have opportunities to experience an enriched curriculum, including learning an instrument, sports opportunities, workshops and visits.</p> <p>High engagement in class workshops, parent meetings and after school tuition. Home learning engagement is tracked by leaders and shows no differences between PPG pupils and their peers in completion. Take up of classes, workshops and parent engagement will be tracked.</p>															

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: £116, 000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Developing high quality teaching, assessment and a curriculum which responds to the needs of pupils</p>	<p>Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment, including for disadvantaged pupils. Pedagogical expertise, curriculum assessment. In some cases, this may include the selection of high-quality curriculum development, and the purposeful use of Schools should focus on building teacher knowledge and materials, or investment in the use of standardised assessments. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF's guidance reports offer practical, evidence-based advice to schools on a range of topics to support high quality teaching, such as improving literacy, maths, science and improving teacher feedback. The EEF Toolkit includes summaries of the best available evidence on approaches.</p> <p>Evidence Based Education's Great Teaching Toolkit provides an accessible summary of high-quality evidence on components and routes to improve teacher effectiveness.</p> <p>Cognitive science approaches offer principles that hold promise for improving the quality of teaching. The EEF 'Cognitive Science Approaches in the Classroom: A Review of the Evidence' summarises the evidence for teachers.</p>	<p>1,2,3,5</p>
<p>English Leads to deliver staff training on Phonics and Reading Lesson planning in order to ensure that all pupils are being challenged at an appropriate level.</p>	<p>Supporting continuous and sustained professional development (PD) on evidence-based classroom approaches is important to develop the practice of teachers in your setting. The content of PD should be based on the best available evidence. Effective PD is likely to require a balanced approach that</p>	<p>1,2,3,5</p>

<p>This work will be supported by external providers, such as the Lacey Green Hub as CPD for leaders in a regular ongoing collaborative way that focuses on and drives higher outcomes.</p>	<p>Includes building knowledge, motivating teachers, developing teacher techniques, and embedding practice. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF Toolkit and guidance reports.</p> <p>The EEF's 'Effective Professional Development' guidance report offers support in designing and delivering PD and selecting external PD.</p> <p>The EEF has developed support tools to go alongside the 'Effective Professional Development' guidance, such as 'Considering a balanced design', and more here.</p>	
<p>Developing whole-staff awareness of assessment data and this can be more effectively used to identify and target effective support.</p>	<p>EEF Reading Comprehension Strategies:</p> <p>The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. Successful reading comprehension approaches allow activities to be carefully tailored to pupils' reading capabilities, and involve activities and texts that provide an effective, but not overwhelming, challenge.</p> <p>Many of the approaches can be usefully combined with Collaborative learning techniques and Phonics activities to develop reading skills. Supporting struggling readers is likely to require a coordinated effort across the curriculum and a combination of approaches that include phonics, reading comprehension and oral language approaches. No particular strategy should be seen as a panacea, and careful diagnosis of the reasons why an individual pupil is struggling should guide the choice of intervention strategies.</p>	

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

Budgeted cost: £111,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Interventions to support language development, literacy, and numeracy We will do this by:</p> <p>Offering a range of Out-of-school tutoring sessions to help secure standards in R, W and Maths across the whole school.</p> <p>A clear focus on support for phonics in KS1 through the engagement of Lacey Green Hub to support phonics CPD and support for leaders and staff. DHT and AHT to lead staff training and interventions.</p> <p>A clear focus on support for reading and maths for Y6 through the non-class based support of the AHT.</p>	<p>Pupils may require targeted academic support to assist language development, literacy, or numeracy. Interventions should be carefully linked to classroom teaching and matched to specific needs, whilst not inhibiting pupils' access to the curriculum. Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EEF's ‘Selecting Interventions’ tool offers evidence-informed guidance to select an apt programme. • The EEF has dedicated web pages on effective approaches to support literacy and numeracy. 	<p>1,2,3,5</p>
<p>Activity and resources to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged pupils with SEND.</p> <p>We will do this by:</p> <p>Providing a non-teaching SENDCo Ensuring that all SEND pupils have the right support and resources in order to help them thrive and achieve.</p>	<p>Disadvantaged pupils with SEND have the greatest need for excellent teaching. Specific approaches to support these pupils may include explicit instruction, cognitive and metacognitive strategies, scaffolding, flexible grouping, and the targeted use of technology. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF guidance report on Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools includes 5 evidence based recommendations to support pupils with SEND</p>	<p>3</p>

<p>Additional support is to be provided from an Assistant SENDCo for 1 day a week, adding extra capacity.</p>		
<p>One to one and small group tuition.</p> <p>We will do this by:</p> <p>Using our own staff to run out of school tuition groups in order to help identified pupils meet, and exceed, age expected standards.</p>	<p>Strategic deployment of TAs is important to ensure priority pupils are supported. This will include ensuring TAs are fully prepared for their role and supplementing rather than replacing high-quality provision from the class teacher, including providing targeted interventions.</p> <p>Supporting resources:</p>	<p>1,2,3</p>
<p>Making effective use of the number of support assistants we employ in school to ensure support can be put in place for key groups of pupils and that interventions can be run</p>	<p>The EEF guidance report on Making the Best Use of Teaching Assistants includes 6 recommendations, including adopting evidence-based interventions to support small group and one to one instruction. The EEF Toolkit has a strand on teaching assistant interventions.</p> <p>Intensive individual support, either one to one or as a small group, can support pupil learning. This is most likely to be impactful if provided in addition to and explicitly linked with normal lessons. Schools should think carefully about implementation of tuition, including assessment of learning gaps, careful selection of curriculum content, ensuring those delivering tuition are well-prepared, and monitoring impact. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF Toolkit has a strand on one to one tuition and small group tuition.</p>	

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

Budgeted cost: £81,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Supporting pupils' social, Emotional and behavioural needs.</p> <p>We will do this by:</p> <p>Offering Place2Be and Caritas counselling services</p> <p>Learning mentor in place to support pupils with SEMH working closely with SENDCO and attendance team.</p> <p>Providing a range of well-being events throughout the year. Promoting a positive mind-set</p> <p>Named staff for pupil, parent and staff wellbeing</p>	<p>Social and emotional skills support effective learning and are linked to positive outcomes later in life. Schools may consider whole-class approaches as well as targeted interventions, monitoring the impact of these choices carefully.</p> <p>Supporting resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EEF guidance report on Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools includes 5 core competencies to be taught explicitly. • The EEF guidance report on Improving Behaviour in Schools includes 6 recommendations to support evidence informed decisions about behaviour strategies. <p>The EEF Toolkit has a strand on social and emotional learning and behaviour interventions</p>	<p>3,4,5,</p>
<p>Supporting attendance</p> <p>We will do this by:</p> <p>Employing the skills of an EWO to help support school one day per week.</p> <p>Introduce a range of initiatives to help support good attendance and punctuality to help incentivise and motivate.</p> <p>Offering a range of out of school clubs, all of which will be free – with all materials and resources/equipment provided - to ensure that everyone can access these</p>	<p>There are a range of approaches which aim to improve school attendance. Some parental communication approaches and targeted parental engagement interventions show promise in supporting pupil attendance. Supporting resources:</p> <p>The EEF guidance report on 'Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning' includes a focus on offering more intensive support, which can include approaches to support attendance.</p> <p>Extracurricular activities are an important part of education in its own right. These approaches may increase engagement in learning, but it is important to consider how increased engagement will be translated into improved teaching and learning.</p> <p>Supporting resources:</p>	<p>4,5</p>

<p>Use the PPG to help support the main school budget to help offer a series of memory makers to support and enhance learning for all and to allow costs which are passed on to families are kept to a very low level.</p> <p>Breakfast clubs and meal provision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EEF Toolkit has a strand on arts participation. <p>There is some evidence that providing free, universal, before-school breakfast clubs can benefit pupils, by preparing children for learning or supporting behaviour and school attendance.</p>	
<p>Communicating with and supporting parents</p> <p>We will do this by:</p> <p>Offering a range of parent and carer workshops</p> <p>Running Parent and carer drop in sessions and training events. Offering Family engagement sessions</p>	<p>Levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with improved academic outcomes. Practical approaches, such as supporting shared book reading, or tailoring positive communications about learning, can prove actionable for schools.</p> <p>Supporting resources: The EEF Toolkit has a strand on parental engagement.</p> <p>The EEF guidance report on 'Working with Parents to Support</p>	2,4,5
<p>Providing a family engagement lead</p> <p>Increasing capacity to the attendance and safeguarding teams to support the most vulnerable</p>	<p>Children's Learning' offers practical approaches and insights for communicating and supporting parents.</p>	

Total budgeted cost: £308, 000

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

The information below details progress from the final year of the previous Pupil Premium Strategy plan (2021-2024) and is for the academic year 2024-2025.

Intended outcome 1: For children to be able to speak and communicate effectively with their peers and with other adults.

School has continued to invest in additional SALT support and the staff training in WELLCOMM in order to meet the increasing demands of pupils entering school with very low levels of communication skills. We now have a staff member leading early language development and a planned series of parent workshops and drop ins focused on aspects of language, communication and shared story times.

The percentage of children achieving GLD at the end of Reception was 56%. This was an increase from our previous year of 51%. 44%.of pupils with PPG achieved GLD.

Review points 2024-2025

WELLCOMM	Sept 23	July 24	Sept 24	July 25
Yr Nursery (45)	31%	55%	14%	52%
Yr Reception	42% (90chn)	43%	29% (67 chn)	56%

Intended outcome 2: For attendance rates for children in receipt of the PPG to be at least in line with national averages.

Attendance for the school in 2024-2025 was 94.1% which is 0.9% below national. A higher number of pupils with PPG had attendance below 90% (PA) and this is focus for the school. This year we have increased the capacity to improve attendance with a full time attendance officer and 1 full day a week of support from the Education Welfare Officer.

Intended outcome 3: For all PPG pupils to perform as well as their non-PPG peers in all year groups and phases of their school life.

Below are the outcomes from assessments conducted in May/June 2025.

EYFS GLD

GLD	July 25
Reception all	56%
Reception PPG	44%

Phonics

Phonics	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Year 1 ALL	62%	70%		
Year 1 PPG	44%	65%		
Y2 ALL	86%	86%		
Y2 PPG	38% *	55%		

KS2

KS2	July 24	July 25
Reading All/PPG	52% / 53%	74% / 71%
Writing All/PPG	73% / 70%	78% / 75%
Maths All/PPG	78% / 77%	84% / 83%
Combined All/PPG	56% / 54%	76% / 71%

At end of KS2, PPG pupils are broadly in line with their peer as are Y1 phonics results. The largest differences are in Y2 and in EYFS. Very low starting points for language and communication impact EYFS data, as pupils are making progress but need more time to achieve in line with their peer, particularly in all areas of language, communication and reading comprehension. A new tracking system for this year, will help to ensure that gaps in learning are met, so that a higher proportion of pupils achieve GLD.

The close monitoring of the Read Write Inc scheme and assessments being completed by the phonics lead has ensured consistency and fidelity to the scheme. There has been a slight improvement from 62% in 2024 to 70% at end of Y1, but school still has some work to ensure pupils are achieving above national. School has tracked pupils half-termly, grouped pupils according to need and identified target pupils for intervention, including working with consultants from the English Hub.

Intended outcome 4: For all PPG pupils to have the same experiences and opportunities as offered to their non-PPG peers.

All children were given the same opportunities during the 2024-2025 academic year. There was no difference in offer and school used its budget to ensure that all children had the same experiences and were provided with the same provision. This included

theatre workshops at the Lowry, a residential week for Y6 (Lledr Hall) for all pupils who wanted to attend, and all after school clubs.

Intended outcome 5: For families of PPG pupils to understand the key role they play in the education of their children. They know how they can support, motivate and reward their children in order for them to achieve more, progress faster, attain higher and aspire to greater things.

Primrose Hill continued to run a successful series of parent and carer workshops and family drop in sessions. This series of events focuses on (a) some social interaction between child and family, working together on a craft or art project and (b) a time for parent/carer to look at the work being produced by their child and speak to their teacher about any areas of success or further focus.

Families are also sent curriculum updates every half term and are given a written report of their child's progress, effort and achievement at the end of every term. In addition to this, all parents are sent copies of their child's 'Attitude to Learning' and 'Characteristics of Learning' targets and are shown ways of supporting them at home. Any parent who does not appear to be engaging with this work is contacted via dojo message or letter to see if there are any problems. Data suggests that there is no difference between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged families in the engagement with this.

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
Place2be	https://www.place2be.org.uk/aboutus/impact-and-evidence/

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