

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2025 to 2026 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	Marlborough Infant School
Number of pupils in school	85
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025-2026
Date this statement was published	September 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2026
Statement authorised by	Mrs A Webb
Pupil premium lead	Mrs A Webb
Governor / Trustee lead	Henryk Pietrzak

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£7,375
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£7,375

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Marlborough Infant School, our aim is to provide all students with the opportunity to reach their full potential. Members of staff and governors understand and accept responsibility for all pupils, recognising that a number of pupils within the school population, some of whom are not eligible for pupil premium funding, may at any point during their school career require additional support and intervention.

We are dedicated to meeting our pupils' academic and pastoral needs, as well as their personal, social, emotional, and developmental needs in a nurturing and inclusive environment.

High-quality teaching and learning are at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require additional support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap, while at the same time, benefiting the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school.

Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, our vision and intentions are for non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their non-disadvantaged peers.

Our school welcomes and shares the government's aim of tackling all forms of disadvantage and working tirelessly to ensure inclusion and equal access for all learners. We recognise that the Pupil Premium funding is allocated to children in receipt of free school meals, looked after children and post looked after children, collectively known as 'disadvantaged pupils' and is a means of addressing some of the issues associated with social disadvantage and, in narrowing and closing any gap in attainment where this exists. In making appropriate provision, we also acknowledge that not all pupils in receipt of free school meals, those that have been over the past 6 years, as well as those looked after, and post looked after are socially disadvantaged.

Our approach as a School, will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help our pupils excel and flourish while attending our School.

The overarching objectives for our pupils who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are:

- High-quality teaching and learning for all. As a school, we place a strong emphasis on ensuring all disadvantaged pupils receive high quality teaching, focussed on meeting individual learning needs.
- Early intervention and assessment to identify level of need and action required.

- Adopt 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. Attendance	The attendance of pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding has historically been, and continues to be, below that of peers. Also, a greater proportion are classed as persistent absentees.
2. Communication and Language	A high number of pupils join the school with communication and language delay. The school has a high percentage of EAL pupils and a very turbulent population.
3. Parental Involvement	Parents require a high level of support and parenting can be a challenge, especially with supporting the work within school, setting expectations, routines, and boundaries (including the importance of punctuality and attendance).
4. Enrichment Opportunities	For some families, a lack of financial stability limits out of school opportunities and enrichment activities to enhance cultural capital.

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
All pupils attend school more frequently and have good behaviours for learning.	• Attendance is tracked for all groups of pupils and comparisons can be made and specific absence area identified and addressed. • Children come to school every day and on time. • Attendance Lead to liaise with identified families and provide support where needed.
Stronger assessment for learning and a deeper knowledge of where each child is at with their learning, particularly in reading, writing and maths, will ensure that teaching and learning much more closely matches children's next steps in learning and, teachers and staff will have a much greater knowledge	• Tracking and assessment systems hold accurate assessment data for all children, specifically in reading, writing and maths. • Teachers and staff are aware which groups all children across the federation form part of and therefore, have an accurate knowledge of which children are disadvantaged.

and understanding of which groups children fall into to best meet their needs.	• Assessments and tracking clearly show where children are at in their progress and attainment, particularly in reading, writing and maths. • Focused CPD provided for Teaching and Support staff during Inset Days and PDM • Staff communication and continuous assessment and moderation to be robust throughout the academic year, ensuring professional dialogue is at the centre of professional judgements.
High quality provision (teaching and learning) is afforded to all children in an inclusive environment and culture of high expectations. That barriers to all learning are identified and overcome/removed, so that all children achieve standards in line with those expected for all pupils nationally, and especially in reading, writing and maths. Progress is rapid and tailored to individuals and groups of children, so that they can all reach the same attainment goals.	• All teaching and learning is at least 'good'. Children make accelerated progress because the teaching and learning is pitched appropriately and with high expectations, being adapted where needed • Children make rapid and sustained progress, through progressive and sequential learning journeys. • Outcomes are in line with the targets. • Focused CPD provided for Teaching and Support staff during Inset Days, PDM and LSA training
Early interventions and focus groups to be identified to successfully support vulnerable children and families to access learning successfully.	• Social, behavioural or emotional issues are resolved or minimised and children and families feel supported to address issues so that learning takes place. • Fewer behavioural incidences recorded for these children. • In-school case studies show that children who receive targeted support make accelerated progress. • Interventions and focused intervention groups are embedded and delivered, and progress is seen. (Evidence taken from data drops, pupil progress meetings and reports to Governor).
Early interventions and an enriching curriculum to be delivered to successfully support vulnerable children and families to access learning successfully.	• Targeted curriculum, immediate interventions and 'Keep up' learning to be embedded and delivered with regular monitoring. (Evidence taken from data drops, progress meetings and reports for Governor).

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: £2500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
CPD development including maths mastery training for staff lead by external practitioner. LSA subject knowledge training – weekly every half-term lead by subject leads. Subject leader development and coaching.	% of good and better teaching increases across the school to ensure all children are accessing quality-first teaching Subject knowledge expertise so gaps in learning can be closed. External writing and maths CPD for staff to develop their expertise and innovative teaching strategies in-line with school expectation. Best practice is shared between teachers and subject leaders to ensure gaps are closed in the classroom. All LSA's and subject knowledge is excellent to support the intervention and 'keep up' for children in all core subjects.	2 3 4

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

Budgeted cost: £3500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Establish small group/ individual immediate intervention for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age-related expectations in RWM (especially in Year 1 and 2) to ensure 'Keep Up' not 'Catch Up'.	Continue to cater for these children by providing 'bespoke' individual / small group immediate interventions linked to their prior learning that day so they 'keep up' and gaps in learning are promptly closed. Establish internal key study/focus groups to monitor progress	2 3

	throughout the academic year and compare against non-PP children.	
To embed reading and phonics catch-up for children who are not meeting expectations or who are not having this experience outside of school, focusing on building reading fluency 1:1 reading x3 days a week with a trained LSA or teacher	All children are accessing the whole curriculum as they read with increasing fluency. Children's attainment and progress is good or better for reading across the school. Children are reading and their fluency creates pleasure for reading and access to wider knowledge.	2 3
To embed pre-teaching for 'sneaky peaks' in reading across KS1	Further embedded RWI interventions pre teaching through small intervention groups. Children are ready to access their RWI and 'keep up' not 'catch up'.	2 3 1
Further targeted intervention for handwriting, spelling, reading and number.	These skills secure the children's ability to access the whole curriculum and are key skills across the core subjects – ensuring gaps close promptly. Raising attainment across the core curriculum areas.	2 3
Speech and Language Therapy delivered for identified pupils	Continue to cater for these children by providing 'bespoke' individual / small group interventions.	2

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

Budgeted cost: £1375

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Pastoral support from Parent Support Advisor who, alongside school	Pastoral support from Parent Support Advisor for vulnerable children and families - key support needed to ensure attendance is	1 2 3

staff, will monitor and identify vulnerable pupils and families - key support needed to ensure attendance is maintained and readiness to learn e.g. coffee morning, parenting programs, workshops, home visits etc.	maintained and readiness to learn for all Pupils . Attendance is directly linked to pupil outcomes.	
Additional adult support for children with social difficulties and sometimes behaviour concerns through ELSA programmes (Emotional Learning Support Assistant), bubble time (one-on-one listening system) and Lego therapy (social communication programme) and personalised interventions.	ELSA provides programmes for identified children with the intention to provide personal emotional support, which therefore prepares them to learn. Impact is measured through reassessment at the end of programme with evidence of difference. All PP children ready to learn.	2 3
Play Therapist weekly to support the most vulnerable children so they are ready to learn	The children can be ready to learn by addressing any ACEs and having specialist provision to deliver this	2 3

Total budgeted cost: £7375

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

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Attainment and Progress at **End of KS1 2024-2025** of PP children **(4 children)**

Expected

Subjects	Marlborough	Hampshire	National
Reading	75%	N/A – no data released	N/A – no data released
Writing	50%	N/A – no data released	N/A – no data released
Maths	75%	N/A – no data released	N/A – no data released

Greater Depth

Subjects	Marlborough	Hampshire	National
Reading	0%	N/A – no data released	N/A – no data released
Writing	0%	N/A – no data released	N/A – no data released
Maths	25%	N/A – no data released	N/A – no data released

Attainment and Progress at **Phonics Screening Check** of PP children

Subjects	Marlborough <i>0x Year 1 PP children 1x Year 2 PP child</i>	Hampshire (2024)	National (2024)
Phonics	N/A (Year 1) 100% (Year 2 resits)	63.8% (Year 1) 52.1% (Year 2 resits)	68.1% (Year 1) 48.5% (Year 2 resits)

Attainment and Progress at **End of KS2 2024-2025** of PP children

Attainment:

Expected

Subjects	Marlborough	Hampshire	National
RWM	N/A – Infant school		
Reading	N/A – Infant school		
Writing	N/A – Infant school		
Maths	N/A – Infant school		

Greater Depth

Subjects	Marlborough	Hampshire	National
RWM	N/A – Infant school		
Reading	N/A – Infant school		
Writing	N/A – Infant school		
Maths	N/A – Infant school		

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