

## Pupil premium strategy statement

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 effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

### School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Heald Place Primary School
Number of pupils in school	606
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	46%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2024/2025 to 2025/2026
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### Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Early Years pupil premium funding	£7,364
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£432,160
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£10,585
Pupil premium (and recovery premium) funding carried forward from previous years	£0.00
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b>	<b>£450,109</b>

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## Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

### Statement of intent

Pupil premium is used to provide additional support for the social, emotional, health and wellbeing of all pupils with potential barriers to learning. It provides pupils with interventions that impact positively on progress and achievement.

High-quality teaching has the greatest impact on the progress and attainment of all pupils, disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged. Senior and experienced teachers are class based to deliver and model exemplary lessons to close the attainment gap in their class, year and across their phase. They also provide additional support to develop the pedagogy of other staff, particularly ECTs.

Pupil premium is used to close the gap between the achievement and attainment of these pupils and their peers where it exists, so that pupils achieve at least age-related expectations.

The funding supports the delivery of first hand experiences, activities or trips ensuring that pupils are provided with a rich literate environment to develop spoken and written vocabulary, an inspirational hook and focus for their learning.

The most-able pupils are offered the opportunity to be challenged or provided with enrichment activities either creatively, academically or physically to further excel.

### 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 indicate low attainment in speech and language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. This is evident throughout school, but particularly on entry to Early Years Foundation Stage where 100% of our Nursery disadvantaged pupils are below age-related expectations.
2	Assessments, work scrutiny and moderation suggest that reading attainment by the end of KS2, among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below the national figure (historically). There are knowledge gaps which are leading pupils to fall behind age-related expectations.
3	Assessments, work scrutiny and moderation suggest that writing attainment by the end of KS2, including coherence, grammar and spelling among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below the national figure (historically). There are knowledge gaps which are leading pupils to fall behind age-related expectations.
4	Assessments, work scrutiny and moderation suggest that maths attainment in particular reasoning, by the end of KS2, among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below the national figure (historically). There are knowledge gaps which are leading pupils to fall behind age-related expectations.
5	Observations and discussions with pupils and their families have identified that pupils' social, emotional and mental health needs for pupils. There has been a lack of enrichment opportunities, which has been highlighted, as particularly affecting the disadvantaged pupils.
6	Monitoring of attendance has highlighted the need to ensure there is a focused, layered approach so the percentage of attendance is maintained and improved for the disadvantaged pupils.

## 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
Improvement in speech and language skills for disadvantaged pupils.	Assessment and observations indicate that disadvantaged pupils make accelerated progress in speech and language skills and there is significant development of vocabulary knowledge and use. This is evident in lessons and ongoing formative assessment.
Accelerated progress and improved attainment in reading for disadvantaged pupils.	Pupils diminish the difference with 'other' pupils' outcomes. The lower prior attaining pupils make accelerated progress to achieve the expected standard. The middle and higher prior attainers achieve an above national KS2 reading attainment and progress score in 2025/2026.
Accelerated progress and improved attainment in writing for disadvantaged pupils.	Pupils diminish the difference with 'other' pupils' outcomes. The lower prior attaining pupils make accelerated progress to achieve the expected standard. The middle and higher prior attainers achieve an above national KS2 writing attainment and progress score in 2025/2026.
Accelerated progress and improved attainment in maths for disadvantaged pupils.	Pupils diminish the difference with 'other' pupils' outcomes. The lower prior attaining pupils make accelerated progress to achieve the expected standard. The middle and higher prior attainers achieve an above national KS2 maths attainment and progress score in 2025/2026.
Sustained and improved support for pupils' social, emotional and mental health, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.	Pupils make accelerated progress so by the end of the year they meet Age Related Expectations because their social, emotional and mental health needs are met.
Sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance by 2025/2026. demonstrated by the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent significantly reduces and the attendance percentage among disadvantaged pupils is no lower than their peers.

## 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: £139,774.58

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	
Maintaining the DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme (Anima Phonics) to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils. Decodable books have continue to be purchased to support the application of phonics in reading.	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. <a href="#">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	2



Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>The Assistant Headteachers are class based to support the development of the quality of education. This will be achieved by modelling reading, writing and maths lessons. They also provide feedback and coaching for ECTs and teachers new to school, in order to enhance their practice.</p>	<p>High quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap. The new reform that recognises the importance of teacher quality such as the Early Career Framework plays a crucial role in improving classroom practice and pupil outcomes, and this guidance further reflects this</p> <p><a href="#">Effective Professional Development   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>2, 3, 4</p>
<p>Commission of English consultancy to further support the development of a progressive structure to reading development from EYFS to Year 6. This will consolidate and extend development of the reading process.</p>	<p>Evidence shows that using a wide range of explicit and implicit approaches including planning the teaching of vocabulary, modelling and extending children's language and thinking during interactions and activities, such as shared reading, develop pupils' speaking and listening skills and wider understanding of language.</p> <p><a href="#">Improving Literacy in Key Stage 1   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Commission of external consultant to deliver a Reasoning Club in Year 3 and Year 6 to a cohort of identified pupils. Teachers will also have the opportunity to observe these lessons to improve their knowledge, planning and delivery of reasoning in maths.</p>	<p>Research by Nunes (2009) identified the ability to reason mathematically as the most important factor in a pupil's success in mathematics. It is therefore crucial that opportunities to develop mathematical reasoning skills are integrated fully into the curriculum. Such skills support deep and sustainable learning and enable pupils to make connections in mathematics.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/pm-reasoning-skills/">https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/pm-reasoning-skills/</a></p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Social and Emotional Learning approaches will be embedded into routine practices. This will be supported by professional development of staff, particularly new staff and ECTs.</p> <p>Support will be provided to help pupils understand and regulate their emotions, thoughts, and behaviours in different situations.</p> <p>Improve the quality of social and emotional learning (SEL).</p>	<p>Evidence shows the importance of developing good SEL for all children. It stresses this is especially important for children from disadvantaged backgrounds and other vulnerable groups, who, on average, have weaker SEL skills at all ages than their better-off classmates.</p> <p>Longitudinal research in the UK has shown that good social and emotional skills, including self-regulation, self-awareness, and social skills, developed by the age of ten, are predictors of a range of adult outcomes (age 42), such as life satisfaction and wellbeing, labour market success, and good overall health.</p> <p><a href="#">Social and Emotional Learning   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>The Art Specialist supports ECTs and new teachers to deliver high quality art lessons to ensure positive engagement in learning, through a progressive curriculum that has strong links with other areas of the National Curriculum.</p>	<p>Evidence shows that Arts participation approaches, such as painting or sculpture, can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum. Also wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported.</p> <p><a href="#">Art participation   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p>

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
A Music Specialist supports ECTs and new teachers to deliver high quality music lessons to ensure positive engagement in learning, through a progressive curriculum.	Evidence shows that Arts participation approaches, such as music, can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum. Also wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported. <a href="#">Art participation   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Turn The Page Counselling provides support for school staff through supervision.	The restorative element of Staff Supervision with Turn The Page Counselling supports the wellbeing through reflective management of work related stress, helping professionals to make sense of and often cope with their stressful work environment. <a href="#">The Education Staff wellbeing Charter   DfE</a>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £278,563.60

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional phonics sessions delivered by Teaching and Learning Support staff (TLS) targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support.	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. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions. <a href="#">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	2
Additional one-to-one reading targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further support.	Evidence shows that schools should initially focus on ensuring they offer high quality in-class support for the whole class. However, even when excellent classroom teaching is in place, it is likely that a small but significant number of children will require additional targeted literacy support. There is consistent evidence the approach of using one-to-one and small-group tutoring ideally involving structured interventions, supports the children struggling with aspects of literacy. <a href="#">Improving Literacy in Key Stage 1   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	2
Purchase of Accelerated Reader from Year 2 to Year 6. The programme provides a breakdown evidencing where focused areas of teaching are needed.	Personalised goals help pupils stay focused on the factors that matter most for reading growth and help staff monitor their progress and provide feedback to keep learners on track.	1, 2

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
One to one mentoring targeted at disadvantaged pupils who are working below the expected standard.	Evidence shows that in general, mentoring aims to build confidence and relationships, to develop resilience and character, or raise aspirations, rather than to develop specific academic skills or knowledge. <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mentoring">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mentoring</a>	2,3,4
Corrective teaching targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further support.	Research which focuses on teaching assistants who provide one to one or small group targeted interventions shows a stronger positive benefit of between four and six additional months on average. Often interventions are based on a clearly specified approach which teaching assistants have been trained to deliver. <a href="#">Teaching Assistants   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	3, 4
A trained specialist delivers Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) to targeted disadvantaged pupils.	It is well-evidenced teaching assistant interventions can be targeted at pupils that require additional support and can help previously low attaining pupils overcome barriers to learning and catch-up with previously higher attaining pupils. <a href="#">Teaching Assistants   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	1

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

Budgeted cost: £130,813.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
A trained children's yoga teacher provides yoga and positive talking sessions for targeted disadvantaged pupils.	Evidence shows that through directly teaching self-regulation and supporting children to use self-calming strategies and positive self-talk, helps them deal with intense emotions. <a href="#">Social and Emotional Learning   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	5
TLS provide a daily Breakfast Club to promote a positive start to the school day. Disadvantaged pupils in particular are encouraged to attend.	Evidence shows it is important for pupils to start the day with a nutritious breakfast. Evidence shows that providing a healthy school breakfast at the start of the school day can contribute to improved readiness to learn, increased concentration, and improved wellbeing and behaviour. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-school-breakfast-club-programme">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-school-breakfast-club-programme</a>	2, 3, 4, 5
The Learning Mentor provides breakfast for pupils who arrive at school hungry.	According to Maslow's hierarchy of need, physiological needs must be met first in order to pursue higher levels. This includes access to food, before a pupil can successfully engage in their learning.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5



Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Turn The Page Counselling provides support for pupils.	Turn The Page Counselling provides assessments and supportive counselling sessions to pupils who are struggling within school for various reasons. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of each individual pupil. <a href="#">Social and Emotional Learning   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a>	5, 6
Support for the delivery of the curriculum through first hand experiences, funding enrichment activities and educational visits.	Based on the knowledge of our pupils, resources are targeted to provide a range of first hand experiences, including trips, to support the delivery of an engaging curriculum that pupils might otherwise not have had the opportunity to access.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
The Designated Safeguarding Lead along with the Attendance Officer ensure good attendance is prioritised and supported, particularly those who are disadvantaged or have a social worker.	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence. Good relationships are developed and staff explain how absence, including punctuality, affects attainment, wellbeing and wider outcomes. <a href="#">Improving school attendance   DfE</a>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Total budgeted cost: £549,151.18**

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.

Our internal assessments during 2023/24 and end of Key Stage tests and assessments show that the performance of disadvantaged pupils has improved and the gap between those pupils who are supported by pupil premium and who are not has narrowed. The achievement of those pupils who are supported by pupil premium GLD, and met the phonics threshold in Year 1, KS1 and KS2 has improved.

Although there has been significant progress, the outcomes we aimed to achieve in the Pupil Premium Strategy 2023/2024 have not been fully realised. Quality first teaching needs to remain focused on ensuring the pupils embed and apply the basic skills in English and maths.

The Assistant Headteachers are exemplary practitioners, they will raise standards for all pupils, especially the disadvantaged. They will act as role models and mentors for the staff in their Phases. This will continue to be enhanced with targeted corrective teaching for reading, writing and maths, as well as additional 1 to 1 reading, phonics, spelling, timetables and reasoning sessions.

Speech and Language Therapy continued to impact significantly on pupils' progress.

Maintaining a focus on the broader curriculum, including outdoor learning, music, art and design etc, has ensured that pupils' skills and knowledge and wider experiences enhances their enjoyment and engagement in all subjects.

We used pupil premium to fund wellbeing support with the Learning Mentor, as well as providing yoga, a counselling service and targeted interventions where required, these continue to have had a positive impact on pupils' social, emotional and mental health.

## Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Structured Maths Programme	White Rose
Handwriting scheme	Nelson
Year 3 reading intervention	Reading Boost Ltd
Doodle maths and English online	doodlelearning.com
Learning by Questions	lbq.org
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance
Library Consultant	HLC Library Transformations
Horticulture	MEEN
Christmas performances/Theatre productions	Shooting Stars and Altru Drama
Fun Day	OMC Inflatables
EYFS Consultant	EY2P
Leadership Consultancy	JMB

## Further information

In planning our pupil premium strategy, we evaluated the impact of the activities in the previous year to see if they had the desired outcome and the impact expected.

We used evidence from assessments, evidence from book scrutiny, engagement of pupils, conversations with parents, children and staff in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged pupils.

We used the EEF research about the effective use of pupil premium. This helped us to identify the approaches and activities used by the school.

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