

# Pupil premium strategy statement – Overdale Infant School

This statement details our school’s use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 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	Overdale Infant School
Number of pupils in school	360
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	7.8% (28/360)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2021 - 2022 2022 - 2023 2023 - <b>2024</b>
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2024
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## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£36,000
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£36,000

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

*Overdale Infant School is committed to raising academic standards of all children. We use Pupil Premium funding to ensure that every child reaches their full potential by providing Quality First Teaching for all, effective interventions and widening opportunities, this ensures that the whole child is catered for. We are able to break down barriers to learning which impact on progress, behaviour and attendance to prepare children for a successful future.*

*Overdale Infant School has high expectations of all irrespective of their background or the challenges they face. We want all children to know that at this stage in their life they can be anything they want to be and as a school we want to open the door to different possibilities which enhance their standard of life and their career prospects.*

*Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through our intervention programme, for all pupils including non-disadvantaged pupils.*

*Our approach 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 pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:*

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they are set.*
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified.*
- 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.

<b>Challenge number</b>	<b>Detail of challenge</b>
1	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from Reception through to
	KS1 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.
2	A number of our disadvantaged children have limited life experiences and limited access to activities or opportunities outside of school.

3	Our assessments and observations indicate many of our disadvantaged children start their school life with skills well below age related expectations.
4	A number of our disadvantaged children have limited access to reading material at home and do not read regularly at home.
5	Our assessments (including wellbeing survey), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils and families. The school is on occasion required to support families with these difficulties.
6	Our attendance data over the last year indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been 2.17% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils. 37.5% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' during that period. (less than 90%) 21% of disadvantaged pupils had an attendance of less than 80% Currently in 2023-2024 19.4% of Pupil Premium children have attendance below 80% Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress.
7	For some children aspirations of what they can achieve can be limited.
8	Some of our most disadvantaged children will have had a traumatic start to early life and will need support to overcome this.
9	Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies. This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, especially in writing.
10	Different pre-school providers and experiences can have a negative impact on the transition to Infant School for some children. Often our disadvantaged children have not had access to pre-school experiences.
12	Some children who are disadvantaged and also have SEND. Currently 2023-2024: Pupil Premium & EHCP – 0.6% Pupil Premium & IEP – 1.8%

## 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>For the majority of pupils to meet age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths to ensure we add value over time at Overdale Infant School.</p>	<p>Conversations with all staff illustrate that high expectations are held for all, with the highest of expectations for those who are Pupil Premium. This needs to be reflected in data as for 2023-2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56% of disadvantaged children achieved GLD in Reception.</li> <li>• 85% or better pass the phonics test in Year 1.</li> <li>• 75% or better achieve expected standard or above in Reading by the end of KS1.</li> <li>• 60% or better achieve expected standard or above in Writing by the end of KS1.</li> <li>• 80% or better achieve expected standard in Mathematics by the end of KS1.</li> </ul> <p>Targeted interventions will take place for all Pupil Premium children.</p>
<p>Staff have a good understanding of pedagogy to enable them to close the gap between Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium pupils.</p>	<p>High quality CPD focussed on effective classroom strategies to enable staff to support all children and specifically Pupil Premium children. New staff joining the school will need to be trained.</p>
<p>To improve attendance and punctuality through the introduction of a Family Support Worker in 2022-2023.</p>	<p>To reduce the gap between Pupil Premium attendance and non-Pupil Premium attendance which in turn will impact on increasing attainment.</p>
<p>Establish a clear culture for positive behaviour and safeguarding.</p>	<p>DSLs work closely with external agencies to support families in need. Pastoral Lead to deliver a range of interventions to support children's social, emotional and mental health needs. Regular safeguarding meetings and training to ensure a culture of safeguarding.</p>
<p>To ensure every child is prepared for the next phase of their education.</p>	<p>Enhanced and successful transition programme in place for all year groups, this is further enhanced for Pupil Premium children. Children make expected or better progress in each phase based on baseline assessments.</p>
<p>Disadvantaged pupils to acquire the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.</p>	<p>Core knowledge agreed and accessed by all. Pre-teaching available for those who would benefit. Knowledge organisers in use for all year groups. Children are given a wide range of opportunities through enrichment activities, e.g. theatre trips, visitors to school and workshops with professionals.</p>

## Activity in this academic year 2023-2024

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: £5,586.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Implementation	Challenge number(s) addressed
<i>There is a high number of ECTs within the school staffing. CPD and coaching programme to be delivered to ECTS as part of ECF requirement, to ensure quality first teaching.</i>	Pedagogical research shows that when teachers understand how children learn they can enhance their learning opportunities in everyday lessons. Tom Sherrington and Oliver Caviglioli Teaching WALKTHRU.	Instructional Coaching programme rolled out to include all staff. Pedagogical knowledge embedded throughout the school.	1, 3 and 9.
<i>For teaching staff to identify gaps in learning and respond appropriately (responsive teaching)</i>	“For teachers, awareness of exactly what students need, and responsiveness to this – rather than indiscriminately providing support – is therefore critical. So, responsiveness can help us both to support students and to improve our relationships with them.” Harry Fletcher-Wood	Instructional Coaching programme Responsive Planning to needs.	1, 3, 5, 8 and 9.
<i>For teachers to have expert knowledge of the subjects they are teaching.</i>	Ofsted research defined a ‘knowledge-rich’ approach as one in which curriculum leaders are clear on the “invaluable knowledge they want their pupils to know” EEF	Curriculum Mapping Curriculum lead meetings Knowledge organisers Agreed core knowledge Staff meetings Planned retrieval on all curriculum documents	1, 2, 3, 9 and 10.
<i>For teachers to use dialogic reading during book talk sessions daily.</i>	“Dialogic reading draws on sociocultural learning theory to suggest that scaffolded interactions between children and adults during reading will result in language gains, particularly with regard to vocabulary development, oral complexity and narrative skills. There is also evidence that the	Book talk sessions daily. Staff training for ECTs. All classrooms have book voting stations. All classrooms to have forward facing book stands and high quality books as per the Reading Framework.	1, 3, 4 and 9.

	experience of dialogic reading correlates with future literacy skills." Watkins, 2018		
<i>Teacher's use assessment to check pupils understanding in order to inform teaching, embed and use knowledge fluently and develop their understanding.</i>	"A successful assessment system will enable the teacher to understand thoroughly what is expected to be mastered by pupils at any given stage of education and assess their progress towards doing so in a meaningful and fair way." EEF Through a more rigorous data analysis process teaching staff will be accountable for the progress of children in their class. This will then allow us to equip staff with strategies to improve outcomes.	TestBase assessments Regular Phonics Screening Checks Pupil progress meetings DC Pro data analysis Moderation meetings. PP Lead to closely monitor and track achievements of PP children and liaise with teaching staff to ensure appropriate provision PP Passports created and monitored	3 and 9.

**Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)** Budgeted cost: £12,639.50

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Evidence that supports this approach</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Challenge number(s) addressed</b>
<i>Teachers to be trained in pre-teaching strategies and approaches to enable Pupil Premium children to fully access whole class lessons.</i>	When we equip children with the tools and knowledge to contribute and feel valued within lesson, they have a better understanding of a concept, and they immediately start making progress.  All pupils appear to benefit from oral language interventions, but some studies show slightly larger effects for younger children and pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds (up to six months' benefit). (EEF)	Training in Spring 2024 on the use of FlashAcademy resources. Continued employment of Support Staff to deliver pre-teaching sessions and language interventions.	1, 2 and 9.
<i>Additional Teaching Assistants to deliver interventions related to needs within each year group.</i>	According to EEF some studies of small group interventions suggest that greater feedback from the teacher, more sustained engagement in smaller groups, or work which is more closely matched to learners has a larger impact on pupil progress.	Reading interventions targeting the lowest 20% of readers. Pupil Premium Lead to monitor and track	1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.
		Pupil Premium attendance and progress	

		Specific Pupil Premium interventions to be delivered across the school.	
<i>Shooting Stars - Additional Provision for children with complex needs and 1:1 targeted support to deliver box work tasks for specific children.</i>	The group uses a TEACCH approach focussing on the person, their skills and needs based on individualised assessments. “Evidence indicates that one to one tuition can be effective, delivering approximately five additional months’ progress on average.” EEF	Shooting Stars runs all day August 2023 - July 2024. Training for staff on TEACCH for 1:1 teaching staff November 2023 provided by EYST. SENCo monitors progress of children in attendance.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9.
<i>External therapy provision.</i>	“Recent <a href="#">meta-analysis</a> has suggested that programmes aimed at promoting pupils’ resilience and wellbeing could have a significant impact on academic achievement.” EEF	Trained Music therapist to attend school once each week August 2023 - July 2024. Sessions will be targeted towards Pupil Premium children who need support with social, emotional and mental health needs.	5, 8 and 9.
<i>Enhancement of teaching in phonics and reading.</i>	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   EEF</a> <a href="http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk</a>	High quality Phonic and reading interventions taking place in all year groups regularly each week. See children’s books and test results – gaps analysis.	1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.

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

Budgeted cost: £17,774.50

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<i>Sunbeams and Little Treasures.</i>	On average, SEL interventions have an identifiable and significant impact on attitudes	Sunbeams September 2023	2, 5, 6 and 7.
	to learning, social relationships in school, and attainment itself (four months' additional progress on average). Children are provided with a relaxing environment with time out of the classroom to reflect and relax.	Little Treasures January 2024	
<i>To provide pastoral support for children needing emotional regulation.</i>	<u>Camden</u> school services. After completion of Drawing and Talking Therapy, children are <b>more able to control their behaviour</b> , better able to access an academic curriculum and most importantly have higher self-esteem; this allows them to thrive in the world around them. <a href="http://www.drawingandtalking.com">www.drawingandtalking.com</a>	Pastoral Lead working across Infant and Junior schools. Drawing and Talking training to be provided – January 2024.	5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.
<i>To provide wider pastoral support for families without a wider support network.</i>	Through providing pastoral support for families without a wider support network, vulnerable families thrive, building their resilience by providing effective, whole family support to help prevent escalation into statutory services.	School to open periodically on a Saturday for invited families to provide activities and meals in a safe environment.	2, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
<i>To embed the role of Emotional Literacy Support Assistants in school.</i>	ELSAs can help with: <b>loss and bereavement, social skills, communication skills</b> , understanding and regulating emotions, friendship issues and bullying, self-esteem and removing barriers to learning.	One staff member employed who are dedicated to delivering ELSA. sessions with children ELSA training to be delivered to Pastoral Lead.	5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.



<p><i>Subsidising the cost of school trips to widen the experiences and aspirations of children.</i></p>	<p>Some families struggle to afford payment for trips.</p>	<p>Pupil Premium educational trips are subsidised by the school.</p> <p>Each Key Stage has a designated budget for enrichment activities to be used for all children. Each curriculum lead has responsibility for a budget to provide enrichment and appropriate resources.</p> <p>An agreement on the maximum amount for individual trips and total trips in a year made by SLT.</p>	<p>2, 7 and 9.</p>
<p><i>Funding for one after school club each term.</i></p>	<p>“The evidence indicates that, on average, pupils make two additional months' progress per year from extended school time and in particular through the targeted use of before and after school programmes.” EEF</p>	<p>September 2023 - July 2024</p> <p>Monitored by PP lead teacher. As take up is low PP lead to contact families directly.</p>	<p>2 and 7.</p>
<p><i>Clothing provided for families including uniform, PE kits, coats, shoes. Book bags Books</i></p>	<p>There is a general belief in many countries that school uniform supports the development of a whole school ethos and therefore supports discipline and motivation. (EEF) Purchasing uniform for children has had a positive effect at our school. It has helped increase our pupil premium numbers and provides a financial contribution for parents where they can immediately see the benefit.</p>	<p>September 2023 - July 2024</p> <p>Provided for families each academic year.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><i>Regular meetings regarding attendance Panel meetings, Fines and Court orders. Family support worker to continue to support individual families to improve attendance.</i></p>	<p>“Schools ensure effective strategies are in place, respond quickly to poor attendance and provide strong social and emotional support, including working with families.” (NFER – building blocks to pupil premium success)</p>	<p>September 2023 - July 2024</p>	<p>6</p>

<i>Parental engagement with coffee afternoons, reading sessions, etc.</i>	<p>“Increasing parental engagement in primary schools had on average two to three months’ positive impact.” EEF</p> <p>Parental feedback from informal open sessions and coffee meetings has been overwhelmingly positive and something that many parents engage in.</p>	September 2023 - July 2024	3, 4, 5 and 8.
<i>To embed a culture of safeguarding throughout school and promote programmes of support.</i>	<p>“The ultimate goal is to ensure all children, young people and families received the right support at the right time reducing the need for referral to statutory services.” LESP Early Help Guide for Schools</p>	Ongoing during term time and holidays.	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

**Total budgeted cost: £36,000.00**

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**Cost covered by school: £0**

## **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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

*Pupil Premium detailed breakdown can be found online at [Overdale Infant School - Pupil Premium \(overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://www.overdale-inf.leicester.sch.uk)*

