



Pupil premium strategy statement 2024/2025 Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary

Rural Church School Academy Trust



This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 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	Bunbury Aldersey
Number of pupils in school	189
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	3.7% (7)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023 – 2024 2024 – 2025 2025 - 2026
Date this statement was published	October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£21710
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	
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	£21710

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already higher attainers.

We will consider the challenges faced by all our vulnerable pupils and the activity outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

Our aim is to ensure that our pupils are not disadvantaged as a result of their socio-economic context. Disadvantaged pupils within an advantaged area face other challenges which as a school we are very aware of. We believe that with the correct support all pupils can achieve their full potential, as long as the provision meets their needs.

Our ultimate objectives are to:

- Remove barriers to learning created by poverty, family circumstance and background
- Narrow the attainment gaps between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged counterparts both within school and nationally
- Ensure ALL pupils are able to read fluently and with good understanding to enable them to access the breadth of the curriculum
- Develop confidence in their ability to communicate effectively in a wide range of contexts
- Enable pupils to look after their social and emotional wellbeing and to develop resilience.
- Access a wide range of opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world

Our context

The present community is socially and economically advantaged. The proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals is low, at about 6%. 6% of our children are disadvantaged - eleven in total. The proportion of pupils with special educational needs is broadly average including pupils who are post-looked after. We have currently 2 Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs).

Achieving our objectives:

In order to achieve our objectives and overcome identified barriers to learning we will:

- Provide all teachers with high quality CPD to ensure that pupils access effective quality first teaching
 - Provide targeted intervention and support to quickly address identified gaps in learning including the use of small group work, 1:1 tuition
 - Target funding to ensure that all pupils have access to trips, residential, first hand learning experiences
 - Provide appropriate nurture support to support pupils in their emotional and social development.
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Key Principles:

We will ensure that effective teaching, learning and assessment meets the needs of all pupils through the rigorous analysis of data. Class teachers will identify through the class pupil premium plan specific intervention and support for individual pupils which will be reviewed at least termly. Alongside academic support, we will ensure that those pupils who have social, emotional and mental health needs will access high quality provision from appropriately trained adults.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Pupils entering the EYFS with language and listening skills below their developmental age and stage. A lack of early language skills within the early years impacts on pupils ability to hear sounds when practising blending and segmenting. Thus, impacting on early reading and fluency.
2	Pupils unable to self-regulate and manage emotions in an age appropriate way. Often presenting with emotional behavioural difficulties
3	Pupils achieve well by the end of KS1 but fail to convert to a greater depth standard due to gaps in prior knowledge.
4	Our assessments and observations evidence that the well-being of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils (this is supported by national studies). This has resulted in more significant wellbeing / pastoral and mental health needs and support for the family.
5	Observations and discussions with pupils evidence that the majority of our pupils have limited experiences beyond their immediate environment little cultural capital experiences. This impacts on pupils understanding of elements of the curriculum and further on language and communication.

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
To improved oral language and communication skills	Assessments (speech and language therapist reports, teacher assessments) and observations indicate significantly improved communication and oral language skills .
Pupils are able to self-regulate and manage emotions in appropriate way.	In house progress data shows movement in developmental strands for pupils.
Reduce the gap between non PP and PP pupils achieving Greater Depth in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of KS2. To achieve and sustain improved % of children working at age related expected or all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupil. Increase the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving ‘high standard’ at KS2	In school tracking data (O track) and end of Key Stage (GLD, KS1 and KS2) assessments will show an increase in the number of children working at age related expectation year on year and an increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving the higher standard at the end of KS2.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupil	Sustained high levels of wellbeing / mental health from 2023/24/25/26 demonstrated by : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data from pupil voice, pupil and parent questionnaires and teacher observations • A reduction in the number of wellbeing / mental health concerns raised by parents and staff. Evidenced by MDT meetings, Safeguarding

	meetings, behaviour tracker and mental health care plans. • Observations of children's engagement in learning
<p>Improve cultural and childhood experience for all pupils across school.</p>	<p>Cultural capital experiences (visits and visitors included) are planned and embedded in our curriculum. A wide range of free (or very low cost) extra-curricular activities are available to all pupils</p> <p>Where necessary funding will be provided to ensure all children have access to all of the cultural capital experiences we Provide.</p> <p>The school will seek to source additional financial support from The Haberdashers Company for those families who are struggling to pay.</p>

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) These outcomes are part of our current 3 year strategy plan 2022/23-2025/26, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved

Budgeted cost: (supply, CPD, recruitment and retention)

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£ 595 ELSA

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Communication and Language Poetry Basket delivered on a daily basis in our EYFS and as a result the children develop the necessary skills to hear phonemes when practising oral blending and segmenting and this their early reading skills.</p> <p>Children in EYFS and KS1 hear at least three stories a day and as a result their vocabulary and love of books improves.</p> <p>RWINc Subject Leader model phonics sessions, support new staff to ensure consistency across EYFS, KS1 and interventions in KS2.</p> <p>RWINc Subject Leader to monitor teaching and assessments of phonics and early reading across EYFS, KS1 and intervention groups in KS2.</p> <p>RWINc consultant to review practise with RWINc subject leader – January 2024</p>	<p>Detailed research into appropriate assessment and intervention tools using EEF recommendations and evidence based upon previous years trials with Speech and language therapists.</p> <p>Consistently good provision (environment, assessments & practice) provides communication experiences, language development, reading and writing progress. The systemic review commissioned by the EEF ‘Early Language Development’ reinforces the above approaches to be inline with best practice, especially in terms of adult interactions – hence the need for additional staff to model this.</p> <p>EEF EY Toolkit Evidence: Overall, studies of communication and language approaches consistently show positive benefits for young children’s learning, including their spoken language skills, their expressive vocabulary and their early reading skills. On average, children who are involved in communication and language approaches make approximately six months’ additional progress over the course of a year. The EEF toolkit states that Oral Language impact development (Average impact +5 months).</p> <p>The EEF toolkit states that phonics approaches have a moderate impact (+4 months).</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>High quality marking and assessment used to identify misconceptions and gaps in learning.</p> <p>Individual misconceptions are addressed before the next lesson as part of our Green for Growth. Teachers will work directly with</p>	<p>EEF Toolkit and evidence of best practice - Small Group Work (Average impact +4 months), Feedback (high impact for very low cost +8 months)</p>	<p>1, 3</p>

<p>the child before the start of the next lesson.</p> <p>Target interventions put in place to address gaps in learning identified at our termly pupil progress meetings.</p> <p>Impact of interventions reviewed half termly.</p>		
<p>Pastoral manager role created to support pupils and their families. Mental health support as well as able to signpost to other resources.</p> <p>Organise ELSA training for our Pastoral Manager.</p>	<p>High quality pastoral support for all children, families and staff.</p> <p>High quality CPD ensures better outcomes for the children.</p>	

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

Budgeted cost: £9,192

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Additional teaching and teaching assistant hours used to deliver interventions and targeted support.</p> <p>Teaching assistants timetables to deliver a range of interventions including 1:1 reading, additional RWINc sessions, Inference and Deduction Training (reading in KS2), Times Table books, Plus 1, Power of Two, ILD (spelling), speech and language therapy, precision teaching and pre-learning.</p>	<p>EEF toolkit : Small Group Work (Average impact +4 months), Feedback (high impact for very low cost +8 months)</p>	<p>3</p>

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

Budgeted cost:

£5,403 Pastoral Support

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>School staffed with a Pastoral Manager, Designated Safeguarding Team, Mental Health First Aiders (adults and children), SEND Manager and SENCo.</p> <p>HEARTSMART (emotional resilience) consistently delivered from Year 1 onwards.</p> <p>Mental Health register in place and reviewed half termly with our SENDCo and Pastoral Manager.</p> <p>Implement ELSA</p> <p>Implement ‘Supporting Children mental health and well-being through PE’ once the course has been completed.</p>	<p>EEF toolkit identifies that the following all have a positive impact.</p> <p>Behaviour intervention (+ 3months)</p> <p>Social and emotional learning (+ 4 months)</p>	<p>2 and 4</p>
<p>Experiences and visitors planned for all pupils across the year</p> <p>Provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities, the vast majority of which are cost free, to allow children to participate experiences that are not provided within the home environment.</p> <p>Forest school sessions</p>	<p>Research Evidence for approach EEF toolkit - Social and Emotional Development (Average impact +4 months)</p> <p>Arts participation (+2 months)</p> <p>Behaviour interventions- (moderate impact +3 months)</p> <p>Outdoor adventure learning (+4 months)</p>	<p>5.</p>

Total budgeted cost: £15,490

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year – 2023/2024

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the previous academic year, drawing on national assessment data and our own internal summative and formative assessments.

The data demonstrated that the 13% of disadvantaged children in this cohort attained the following.

Pupil	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPAG	
Pupil 1	WTS	WTS	WTS	EXS	
Pupil 2	EXS	EXS	EXS	EXS	Service Premium
Pupil 3	EXS	EXS	EXS	EXS	Service Premium
Pupil 4	EXS	EXS	EXS	GD	
Pupil 5	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS	
Pupil 6	EXS	WTS	WTS	EXS	
Pupil 7	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS	Special guardianship

To help us gauge the performance of our disadvantaged pupils we compared their results to those for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at national and local level and to results achieved by our non-disadvantaged pupils (though we know that pupils included in the performance data will have experienced some disruption due to Covid-19 earlier in their schooling, which will have affected individual pupils and schools differently).

Reading: 57% attained EXS

Writing: 42% attained EXS

Maths: 42% attained EXS

SPAG: 71% attained EXS

In reading, writing and maths (combined), 42% of disadvantaged pupils at Bunbury Aldersey met the expected standard compared to 47% of all pupils at Bunbury Aldersey.

In reading, writing and maths (combined), 46% of disadvantaged pupils at a national level met the expected standard in 2024 compared to 67% of other pupils, keeping the gap at 22 percentage points.

The data demonstrates that as a school our disadvantaged and whole pupil cohort were broadly in line with each other. Disadvantaged pupils at Bunbury were also broadly in line with national pupils.

We have also drawn on school data and observations to assess wider issues impacting disadvantaged pupils' performance, including attendance, behaviour and wellbeing.

We have reviewed our strategy plan and made changes to how we intend to use some of our budget this academic year.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
TT Rockstars	Mathletics
Purple Mash	IDL
Pathways to Progress	Pathways to Reading
Pathways to Spelling	

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	We started the academic year with 2 service child. We identified gaps in service children's education and addressed this with targeted support. We offered ELSA sessions when needed.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Assessments demonstrated progress in subject areas where extra support classes were provided.

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.