

Pupil premium strategy statement

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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 24-25	Data 25-26
School name	Sylvester Primary Academy	Sylvester Primary Academy
Number of pupils in school	248	259
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	48.4% (120/248)	47.9% (124/259)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 to 2027	2024 to 2027
Date this statement was published	October 2024	November 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025	July 2026
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount 24-25	Amount 25-26
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£190,448	£187,860
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	0	0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0	£0

Total budget for this academic year	£190,448	£187,860
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Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Key Priorities:

- Provide all children with high-quality, first-teaching.
- Raise the attainment for all Pupil Premium eligible children to ensure achievement is in line with, or better than national by the end of KS1 and KS2.
- Narrow the gap between Pupil Premium pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers across school.
- Provide high-quality, targeted academic support for children below the expected standard or those who are not making expected progress.
- Ensure barriers, including attendance, behaviour, social, emotional and mental health, are addressed.
- Enhance the cultural capital of children in receipt of Pupil Premium; providing a breadth of experiences.

Key Objective:

Our key objective is to **ensure all Pupil Premium eligible children achieve to the best of their ability and the gap between PP children and their non-disadvantaged peers is narrowed**. Our Pupil Premium strategy works towards achieving this objective through the scrutiny of school data, targeted support and carefully researched strategies and initiatives (Education Endowment Fund).

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
In-school barriers	
1.	Poor language and communication skills are evident on entry to EYFS for many of our PP-eligible children, which has the potential to impact early reading, as well as future reading and writing attainment and progress.
2.	Outcomes of Pupil Premium pupils at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage at the expected standard are lower than non-PP children.
3.	Attainment & Progress of Pupil Premium pupils across KS1 and KS2 (in reading, writing and mathematics). PP-boys attainment and progress below PP-girls and non-disadvantaged peers.

4.	High ability pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium are making less progress in their overall attainment in writing than other high ability pupils who are not eligible for Pupil Premium.
5.	Behaviour of small groups of Pupil Premium pupils is having a negative effect on their academic progress.
6.	Identification of all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding (particularly in EYFS and KS1).
External barriers	
7.	Limited opportunities to develop speech and communication.
8.	Attitudes towards attendance and punctuality.
9.	Low aspirations/ low expectations from pupils and parents.
10.	Emotional, social and mental health needs are impacting upon behavioural needs. A number of Pupil Premium pupils are faced with difficult and complex home lives, which impact on academic achievement, self-esteem, self-confidence, resilience and mental health. An increased number of children are entering school with more complex needs.
11.	Cultural capital deficit owing to poverty and narrow experiences of life outside of school. Pupils' experiences and understanding of the world are limited and have the potential to impact on academic progress in all curriculum areas.

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
Challenges 1 and 7 Pupil Premium children have well-developed speech, language and communication skills.	EYFS baseline assessments used to identify speech and language difficulties; as well as other key areas for development and to identify target children. <u>INTERVENTIONS</u> Provide support for speech and language support through the Wellcomm Big Book of Ideas.
Challenge 2	Trained CTAs deliver high quality S & L interventions; feeding back regularly to class teacher/EYFS lead regarding progress of pupils.
Narrow the gap between Pupil Premium and non-pupil premium children by the end of EYFS.	CTA interventions to be carried out to target children's early reading (Read Write Inc) and mathematics skills (Recognising Number – class teacher and White Rose materials). Purchase subscriptions for 'Tapestry' to make and record ongoing observations and assessments of children in Nursery which can be communicated to parents. Tapestry (or Class Dojo) to be used to promote parental engagement in activities that can be carried out at

	<p>home to support children's development. EYFS lead to organise structured stay and play sessions and parent workshops.</p> <p>Termly data analysis and ongoing impact of provision/interventions are measured and show progress.</p> <p>Termly Pupil Progress meetings to monitor and track the progress of Pupil Premium children who are accessing specific interventions.</p> <p>Learning Mentor to support metacognitive, self-regulation, attention and self-control for a small group of PP children. LM to liaise with EYFS lead.</p> <p><u>IMPACT MEASURES</u></p> <p>Speech, Language and Communication outcomes for Pupil Premium pupils at the end of EYFS are in line with or above non-Pupil Premium pupils and national expectations.</p> <p>Gap has narrowed between the number of Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium pupils attaining a GLD. The percentage of Pupil Premium pupils achieving a GLD is in line with or above non-Pupil Premium pupils and national expectations.</p> <p>A consistently good or better quality of teaching across EYFS, which is evident in from learning walks, work scrutiny and pupil voice.</p>
<p>Challenge 3</p> <p>Raise the attainment and progress for Pupil Premium eligible pupils in Reading, Writing and Mathematics in all year groups.</p> <p>Ensure attainment and progress is in line with, or above National at the end of KS1 and KS2.</p> <p>Diminish the gap between Pupil Premium eligible pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers at the expected+ standard in all year groups.</p>	<p>PP children at risk of not achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics in each year group to be identified and communicated to class teachers via Autumn Pupil Progress meetings. Target children to be reviewed following assessments.</p> <p>Identified children will be targeted in class through high quality 'first teaching' and with bespoke interventions planned and monitored by the class teacher. SEND support and interventions to be put in place as necessary.</p> <p>Class teachers to ensure PP boys are targeted in class and through bespoke interventions; ensuring the RWM, and foundation curriculums, engage all learners.</p> <p>Children in the above groups should be closely monitored and decisions made as to whether further monitoring, in addition to formal assessment periods, is needed for key children on a class by class basis.</p>

	<p>Training for teaching assistants delivering interventions and classroom support to take place.</p> <p><u>READING AND WRITING</u></p> <p>'Reading Eggspress' in KS2 and 'Fast Phonics' in EYFS and KS1 will be part-funded through PP and be used in whole class teaching, small group interventions and homework.</p> <p>Ensure 'Reading Eggspress' is being utilised as fully as possible at home. Provide opportunities for children who may not be able to access the programme at home, to do so in school.</p> <p>Weekly, dedicated reading sessions for all KS1 and KS2 classes using 'Literacy Leaves' whole class, guided-reading programme.</p> <p>Reading and/or writing booster sessions to be provided by teachers for identified PP children in small groups. (Target individuals at risk of not making good or better progress or meeting the national standard).</p> <p>High-quality modelled and shared writing to take place in English lessons through adapted Literacy Tree units. Teachers and CTAs to provide high-quality guided writing sessions for all children. PP children to also be targeted during weekly extended writing in the foundation curriculum.</p> <p>The need for tuition to be assessed at the end of the Autumn term.</p> <p>Provide reading and writing support through small group interventions via high-quality classroom teaching assistants as well as one-to-one support as deemed necessary.</p> <p>Interventions to be planned and over-seen by class teachers. Regular discussions/updates on progress and barriers to learning to take place between class teachers and CTAs. Regular formative and summative assessments to take place to determine progress and impact.</p> <p>CTA Performance Management observations and 'drop-ins' from HT, DHT or SLT will ensure quality and effective interventions are taking place. CTAs will keep records of interventions and progress.</p> <p>CTA Performance Management targets for 2024-25 will focus on pupil progress and attainment.</p>
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MATHEMATICS

Class teachers will continue to use the White Rose Maths schemes of learning, adopting a mastery approach, and where necessary to scaffold learning, teachers will access lower year group objectives.

Mathematics teaching will continue to embed the mastery approach with a focus on number, place value and securing number facts. The teaching of problem solving and reasoning will take place throughout units and in most lessons.

In EYFS and KS1, teacher will attend the Maths Hub Mastering Number programme training. The programme will be implemented in addition to daily maths lessons. Purchase an additional set of Rekenrek counting frames.

‘TT Rockstars’ and ‘My Maths’ on line programmes to be part-funded by PP for children to access in school and at home.

Mathematics tuition/booster taught by teachers to take place for small groups of children at risk of not achieving the national standard at the end of KS1 and KS2. These will take place following formal assessments in the Autumn and impact and the quality of provision reviewed regularly.

Provide mathematics support through small group interventions via high-quality classroom teaching assistants as well as one-to-one support as deemed necessary. Interventions will take the form of pre- and post-teaching.

Interventions to be planned and over-seen by class teachers. Regular discussions/updates on progress and barriers to learning to take place between class teachers and CTAs.

CTA Performance Management observations and ‘drop-ins’ from HT, DHT or SLT will ensure quality and effective interventions are taking place. CTAs will keep records of interventions and progress.

Monitor progress of pupils receiving small group support and tuition via regular meetings and ongoing assessments.

IMPACT MEASURES

The gap between Pupil Premium pupils and others is closing in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

The gap between Pupil Premium pupils and others nationally at the end of KS2 is closing in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

	<p>KS1 data shows that Pupil Premium pupils achieve in line with or above non-Pupil Premium pupils in Reading, Writing and Mathematics by the end of KS1.</p> <p>KS2 data shows that Pupil Premium pupils achieve in line with or above non-Pupil Premium pupils and national figures in Reading, Writing and Mathematics by the end of KS2.</p> <p>Pupil Premium pupils are making expected or better progress from their starting points.</p> <p>Termly tracking of attainment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics on Insight Tracker will evidence good progress over time for Pupil Premium pupils and will show that the gap between them and non-Pupil Premium pupils is closing.</p> <p>Assessment outcomes form part of Pupil Progress mid-year and end-of-year reviews; enabling bespoke interventions and learning strategies to be delivered and reviewed.</p> <p>Assessments before and after interventions show the improved outcomes.</p> <p>Case studies evidence the continued good or better progress of Pupil Premium pupils in Reading, Writing and Mathematics between key stages.</p> <p>Planning and work scrutiny of core subjects (by SLT) and learning walks evidence high quality teaching across KS1 and KS2.</p>
<p>Challenge 3</p> <p>Ensure pupils with SEND meet expected progress targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for SEND, PP children to fully access science and foundation subject learning and skills alongside their peers.</p> <p>Ensure pupils with additional needs meet targets in individual PPP.</p>	<p>A programme of CPD will take place across the year for all teaching assistants to build effectiveness when working with SEND children (and all children). The Educational Psychologist will provide training for CTAs which will include coaching and mentoring.</p> <p>Identified CTAs or the learning mentor will attend the following training: ELSA programme, LEGO therapy, Dog Mentor Therapy (sensory support and emotional support), Relax Kids (emotional health and wellbeing), Train Your Brain (memory programme), Social Skills/Concentration programme, Sensory Support, Zones of Regulation, Handwriting Help (fine motor skills), Fresh Start Phonics, Beat Dyslexia.</p> <p>Interventions will be expanded following CPD to include additional SEMH groups. SEMH focus groups to take place for target children.</p>

<p>Ensure all needs are met of our most vulnerable pupils</p>	<p>School's Dog Mentor will begin sessions in classes and with focus groups.</p> <p>Sessions will take place in the new sensory room to support SEND children and other vulnerable children in school.</p> <p>Teaching assistant led interventions to support reading, writing and mathematics to take place.</p> <p>Enhance the SEND provision through specialist, small group and one-to-one support (via Yew Tree Primary). Specialist SEND teacher to liaise with class teachers and CTAs who provide support for key children.</p> <p>The ASC advisory teacher will provide support for individual and strategies for teachers and CTAs to support children effectively.</p> <p>Ensure SEND children can fully access all subjects across the primary curriculum alongside their peers through the scaffolding of learning. Subject leads will continue work on SEND adaptations for core and foundation subjects based around the 4 broad areas of need.</p> <p>Edukey will be used to write and review PPPs. Individual PPP targets will be reviewed and updated in consultation with the class teacher and parents on a termly basis and evidence of progress recorded on Edukey (less than expected progress, expected progress, more than expected progress and significantly more than expected progress).</p> <p>Provision maps will be created and reviewed termly on Edukey for all interventions taking place across school.</p> <p>The provision for SEND children will be assessed termly by the SEND lead and class teachers and strategies regularly reviewed to ensure maximum impact.</p> <p>Classroom environments will support SEND children through display and working walls.</p> <p>Provide specialist support for speech and language through the WELLCOM intervention in EYFS and KS1.</p> <p>Educational Psychology Service commissioned by the school to provide specialist assessments and support for children with more complex needs.</p> <p>School is now part of the PINS programme to support the inclusion of neuro-diverse children in school. Specialist CPD will be provided.</p>
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	<p><u>IMPACT MEASURES</u></p> <p>Attainment and progress of SEND children shows pupils making progress towards individualised targets.</p> <p>Progress of identified pupils is being supported by SEND teaching assistant and/or class teaching assistants on a weekly basis and reviewed regularly.</p> <p>Needs are being met effectively for vulnerable pupils.</p> <p>There is equality of opportunity with all pupils needs being met.</p>
<p>Challenge 4</p> <p>Ensure a curriculum model is developed, which provides opportunities for more able pupils to excel in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.</p> <p>Narrow the gap between more able Pupil Premium children and their non-PP peers.</p> <p>Focus upon writing at Greater Depth across school to increase GDS combined.</p>	<p>Identify PP children in all year groups capable of achieving the Greater Depth standard in reading, writing and/or mathematics.</p> <p>Target identified groups via high-quality first teaching, high-quality, small-group, teacher-led guided sessions and CTA interventions.</p> <p>Possible small group, teacher-led tuition to take place.</p> <p>Support from Trust Writing Moderation PIL for staff on assessment, teaching and learning at GDS. Staff CPD on editing, redrafting and 'upleveling' EXS writing to achieve GDS.</p> <p>Possible GDS writing tuition groups in KS2 (taught by an experienced teacher).</p> <p><u>IMPACT MEASURES</u></p> <p>Increase in the percentage of more able PP eligible children achieving the higher standard in reading, writing and mathematics.</p> <p>Increase in the percentage of more able PP eligible children achieving GDS combined.</p> <p>The gap between PP eligible children and non-PP children is closing.</p> <p>Number of children achieving the higher standard in reading, writing and mathematics is in line or above National at the end of KS2.</p>
<p>Challenge 5</p> <p>Ensure standards of behaviour are high and</p>	<p>School behaviour system to be reviewed regularly and adaptations made if necessary.</p>

<p>pupils represent the school in a positive manner.</p> <p>Ensure school is inclusive and has equality for all.</p>	<p>Refresher of the behaviour system to take place in September inset, led by DHT, for all teaching assistants (including newly appointed members of staff). Behaviour updates to be discussed at staff meetings as and when required.</p> <p>DHT to manage whole school behaviour, and to devise strategies alongside class teachers and the learning mentor, to support vulnerable children and families in challenging behavioural issues.</p> <p>Alternative bespoke strategies for managing and improving the behaviour to be devised for those children whom the school behaviour system is not appropriate.</p> <p>Learning mentor L2 to work with individuals and small groups on self-regulation and meta-cognition and to carryout social and emotional interventions.</p>
<p>Challenge 8</p> <p>Ensure whole school attendance is in line with National.</p> <p>Attendance gap between pupil premium eligible pupils and non-</p>	<p>IMPACT MEASURES</p> <p>Monitor impact through behaviour record analysis carried out on an ongoing basis by the Learning Mentor. The frequency of behaviour incidents across school is reduced.</p> <p>Early intervention for children who require additional support has taken place and shows a positive impact on behaviour and academic progress.</p> <p>Monitor impact of strategies through the attendance of our most vulnerable pupils.</p> <p>Children have very good attendance (96%+) and feel confident when they are in school to achieve their very best, thus impacting on their overall well-being, behaviour, attainment and progress.</p>

<p>pupil premium eligible pupils and is closing.</p> <p>Reduce the number of persistently absent children.</p>	<p>Certificates for 97%+ attendance presented every term in a special attendance celebration assembly. Children with 100% attendance to receive a special award each term.</p> <p>School attendance officer to continue to work with the parents of our most vulnerable children to improve attendance and punctuality; alongside the LA Attendance Officer where necessary for children with persistent absence.</p> <p>School attendance officer to be responsible for tracking attendance of all children with particular emphasis on PP children and persistent absentees.</p> <p>Learning Mentor and attendance lead to use the school minibus to pick up persistently absent children; ensuring they are in school.</p> <p>Attendance officer to liaise with school principal and class teachers on a regularly basis (half-termly or weekly/daily where necessary) and with parents.</p> <p>Attendance officer to create a support and rewards system to improve the attendance of key children and families.</p> <p>Pupil Premium funding to be used to subsidise attendance SLA.</p>
<p>Challenges 9 and 10</p>	<p>Learning Mentor to work with vulnerable children on a one-to-one, or small group basis to provide emotional, social and mental health</p>

<p>Raise low aspirations/expectations of parents and pupils through LM support.</p> <p>Vulnerable children are being supported via highly targeted intervention from Learning Mentor.</p> <p>Children's emotional and behavioural needs being supported quickly and effectively.</p> <p>Highly specialised support available for all families if required.</p>	<p>support and seek to involve other agencies where deemed necessary in collaboration with the SEND coordinator/inclusion manager.</p> <p>Learning Mentor to research effective interventions for metacognition and self-regulation approaches which are shown to have a quick and sustainable impact on attitudes to learning. These approaches will be used as appropriate to support individuals and groups.</p> <p>Learning Mentor interventions should be timetabled for key children in each year group with 'spare slots' available to be allocated on an 'immediate need' basis.</p> <p>Identified CTAs or the learning mentor will attend the following training: ELSA programme, LEGO therapy, Dog Mentor Therapy (sensory support and emotional support), Relax Kids (emotional health and wellbeing), Sensory Support, Zones of Regulation.</p> <p>Interventions will be expanded following CPD to include additional SEMH groups. SEMH focus groups to take place for target children.</p> <p>School's Dog Mentor will begin sessions in classes and with focus groups.</p> <p>Sessions will take place in the new sensory room to support vulnerable children in school.</p> <p>All interventions will be mapped and reviewed on Edukey (provision mapping).</p> <p>Provide funding if required to support our most vulnerable families, for example: breakfast & after school club, uniform, footwear, transport, trips, etc so that vulnerable children feel settled and secure and ready to learn.</p> <p>Educational Psychology Service commissioned by the school to provide specialist support.</p> <p>Provide toast for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 each morning when they enter class to ensure all children have access to breakfast and feel ready to learn. Provide fruit for all children during morning break times.</p>
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	<p><u>IMPACT MEASURES</u></p> <p>Vulnerable children feel safe and secure in school and are ready to learn and access the curriculum with their peers.</p> <p>Vulnerable children are making good progress across the curriculum.</p> <p>Pupil Voice questionnaires, discussions with parents, and professional dialogue with class teachers and CTAs highlights an improvement in their overall attitude towards their behaviour and behaviour for learning.</p> <p>Improved attendance of vulnerable children.</p> <p>Educational Psychologist reports identify barriers to learning and suggested strategies to support the child to overcome these.</p> <p>Children are ready to learn, demonstrate good behaviour and have high expectations of themselves.</p>
<p>Challenge 11</p> <p>Provide educational and enrichment experiences in school for Pupil Premium pupils, which improve their knowledge and language skills, and promote positive life experiences.</p> <p>Pupil Premium pupils are provided the same opportunities and learning experiences as non-Pupil Premium pupils regardless of disadvantage.</p> <p>Further enhance the school curriculum through visits and visitors to school.</p> <p>Increase the cultural capital of children in receipt of pupil premium and reduce the</p>	<p>Provide part- or full-funding for PP children to attend educational visits (linked to science and foundation subjects); allowing all children to fully access the curriculum at the expected standard for their age.</p> <p>Provide funding for PP pupils to participate in enrichment activities at school (linked to science and foundation subjects); ensuring all pupils can participate in a variety of different experiences to enhance teaching, learning and personal development.</p> <p>Provide funding for PP children in Y5/Y6 to attend residential trips to develop team work and problem solving skills and for SEMH development.</p> <p><u>IMPACT MEASURES</u></p> <p>All children are able to experience opportunities, including trips and visits, they would not be able to normally afford, increasing cultural capital.</p> <p>All children can fully access the curriculum at the standard for their age.</p> <p>Raised self-esteem and life experiences for Pupil Premium pupils are impacting on social, emotional and mental well-being as well as academic achievement.</p>

impact of economic disadvantage.	Children have high expectations of themselves and high expectations for the future.
Challenge 9 and 11 Develop the quality of the Extended Schools Offer to ensure PP children have high expectations and aspirations.	<p>Purchase Children's University SLA to provide children with the opportunity to achieve a Children's University award and to experience visiting a University setting and wear a cap and gown thus raising their future aspirations and ambition.</p> <p>Continue to embrace the Children's University initiative; ensuring as many KS2 pupils achieve an award as possible, including an increase in the number of Pupil Premium children.</p> <p>Ensure a range of free activities are made available to all children and these cater for differing interests, talents and needs.</p> <p>Ensure PP children can access activities where a small parental contribution is needed through PP funding to ensure equality for all.</p> <p>Subsidise/fund clubs for children outside school to nurture particular talents, where parents are struggling to afford fees.</p> <p><u>IMPACT MEASURES</u></p> <p>Monitoring of attendance at extra-curricular clubs highlights that clubs are well-attended by Pupil Premium pupils.</p> <p>Number of Pupil Premium Pupils achieving a Children's University award increases year on year.</p> <p>Provision of experiences for children in KS1 and KS2 offering a varied menu of clubs to cater for a range of interests and talents.</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)

Budgeted cost 25/26: £ 71,078.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge(s) addressed
Provide CPD for staff to ensure high quality teaching and learning across all key stages.	<p>The Sutton Trust Report (2011) states that, ensuring an effective teacher/s in front of every class and that every teacher is supported to keep improving is the key ingredient of a successful school and should rightly be top priority for any Pupil Premium spend.</p> <p>Regular CPD through courses, INSET, coaching, etc is informed by performance management reviews, monitoring and school improvement priorities ensuring that standards of teaching are always good or better.</p> <p>'Closing the Attainment Gap' states that what happens in the classroom makes the biggest difference and improving teacher quality leads to greater improvements at lower cost than structural changes. Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>The type and quality of CPD that schools use really matters when it comes to improving teacher quality and pupil attainment. The quality of teaching is the single most important driver of pupil attainment and a range of other positive outcomes. Maximising the quality of teaching through the effective development of teachers through training has been found to have a positive impact. Education Endowment Foundation</p>	A, B, C, D, E

Learning Mentor provision of support for vulnerable individuals and groups.	<p><i>On average, social and emotional learning interventions have an identifiable and significant impact on attitudes to learning, social relationships in school, and attainment itself (four months' additional progress on average). SEL programmes appear to benefit disadvantaged or low-attaining pupils more than other pupils, though all pupils benefit on average. Approaches have been found to be effective from nursery to secondary school.</i></p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>Metacognition and self-regulation approaches aim to help pupils to think about their learning more explicitly.</p> <p><i>Metacognition and self-regulation approaches have consistently high levels of impact, with pupils making an average of seven months' additional progress. These strategies can be particularly effective for low-achieving and older pupils.</i></p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation</p>	A, B, C, D, K
Recruitment of attendance lead.	Good attendance is linked to good progress and academic outcomes.	A, B, C, D, E, I

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

Budgeted cost 25/26: £ 97,082

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge addressed
Provision of speech and language interventions in EYFS and KS1.	<p><i>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.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>Improved speech and language development through targeted support increases confidence amongst children and reduces barriers to learning by supporting children in communication.</p> <p><i>High quality targeted support can ensure that children falling behind catch up as quickly as possible.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p><i>Early years and pre-school intervention is beneficial. On average, early years interventions have an impact of five additional months' progress, and appear to be particularly beneficial for children from low-income families.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p><i>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.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p><i>DFE (2020) have concluded that due to COVID-19, some pupils entering Reception will have missed more than 20 weeks of early education, with most impact being on language</i></p>	A, B

	<p><i>development.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p>	
<p>Phonics/EYFS lead to plan and support phonics across EYFS and KS1, alongside class teachers and trained CTAs, using a structured scheme.</p>	<p>Short, regular sessions, additional to normal teaching, have been shown to improve outcomes.</p> <p>One to one and small group precision teaching has been evidenced to provide moderate impact if planned to complement quality first teaching.</p> <p><i>Phonics approaches have been consistently found to be effective in supporting younger readers to master the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional four months' progress. Research suggests that phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners (4-7 year olds) as they begin to read. Education Endowment Foundation</i></p>	C
<p>Provision of structured, bespoke interventions, including high-quality CTA support, in Reading, Writing and Mathematics across school to accelerate attainment and progress.</p> <p>Appointment of higher level teaching assistant in 2022-23 to provide targeted intervention.</p>	<p>Short, regular sessions, additional to normal teaching, have been shown to improve outcomes.</p> <p>One to one and small group precision teaching has been evidenced to provide moderate impact if planned to complement quality first teaching.</p> <p><i>Research on TAs delivering targeted interventions in one-to-one or small group settings shows a consistent impact on attainment of approximately three to four additional months' progress. Crucially, these positive effects are only observed when TAs work in structured settings with high quality support and training. Education Endowment Foundation</i></p> <p><i>High quality targeted support can ensure that children falling behind catch up as quickly as possible. Education Endowment Foundation</i></p> <p><i>As the size of a class or teaching group gets smaller, it is suggested that the range of approaches a teacher can employ and the amount of attention that each pupil will receive</i></p>	A, B, C, D, E

	<p><i>will increase, improving outcomes for pupils. Reducing class size appears to result in around 3 months' additional progress for pupils.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p><i>'Closing the Attainment Gap' report states that, targeted small group and one-to-one interventions have the potential for the largest immediate impact on attainment.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p>	
<p>Specialist Provision for SEND, including funding Educational Psychologist support.</p>	<p>Additional teaching and learning opportunities from teachers and teaching assistant's demonstrate moderate impact, particularly if planned to complement quality first teaching and when a structured, time-limited programme is used.</p> <p><i>Programmes involving teaching assistants can have a valuable impact. Where tuition is delivered by teaching assistants, there is evidence that training and the use of a structured programme is beneficial.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p><i>The growth in the numbers of TAs has been driven by the push for greater inclusion of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) into mainstream schools, with TAs often providing the key means by which inclusion is facilitated. Given that SEND pupils and low-attaining pupils are more likely to claim Free School Meals. TAs also work more closely with pupils from low-income backgrounds. Indeed, expenditure on TAs is one of the most common uses of the Pupil Premium in primary schools.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p><i>TAs play a vital role in the engine-room of school life. They link so much at the heart of pupils' school experience, from day-to-day relationships with pupils, along with professional partnerships with teachers.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>Psychologist time will lead to improved mental and emotional health and wellbeing of supported pupils leading to better progress in learning.</p>	<p>A, B, C, D, K</p>

	<p><i>A large and unrecognised part of a teacher's job involves addressing children's emotional, social and behavioural needs. With the right support, children learn to articulate and manage their emotions, deal with conflict, solve problems, understand things from another person's perspective, and communicate in appropriate ways. These social and emotional skills are essential for children's development, support effective learning and are linked to positive outcomes in the future.</i> Education Endowment Foundation</p>	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost 25/26: £ 19,700

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge addressed
School attendance lead to support families with attendance barriers; impacting on improved school attendance.	<p>SSF states that, <i>in some cases, schools will need to address absences directly, whilst sensitively exploring parents' and pupils' concerns that may be inhibiting school attendance. Helping pupils re-engage with school—feeling safe and ready to learn—will be at the forefront of school leaders' plans.</i></p> <p>The link between attendance/punctuality and achievement is well documented.</p> <p>Attainment cannot be improved for pupils if they are not attending school. <i>NFER briefing for school leaders identifies addressing attendance as a key step.</i></p> <p>Learning lost through non-attendance cannot be regained/caught up.</p> <p>The Department for Education (DfE) published research in 2016 which found that: <i>The higher the overall absence rate across Key Stage 2 and KS4, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of KS2 and KS4.</i></p> <p>There's a clear link between poor attendance and lower academic achievement.</p>	A, B, C, D, E, I

	<p>Advice from the National Strategies (hosted on the National Archives) says that:</p> <p><i>The links between attendance and achievement are strong. Pupils with persistent absence are less likely to attain at school and stay in education after the age of 16 years.</i></p>	
<p>Subsidise school trips, enrichment and extended curriculum activities.</p> <p>Continue to offer all pupils a high-quality extended school provision and enrichment opportunities, including Children's University.</p>	<p>Research has highlighted that a lack of cultural capital can impact on capacity to learn and understand through lack of varied life experiences.</p> <p><i>Enriching education has intrinsic benefits (sometimes referred to as "arts for arts sake"). All children, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, deserve a well-rounded, culturally rich, education. These approaches may happen during or outside of normal school hours and may seek to pursue academic goals through non-traditional means (e.g. improving Maths by playing Chess; develop children's character (e.g., their motivation or resilience); or pursue wider goals because these are held to be important.</i></p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>Outdoor learning has been shown to build self-esteem and health, as well as increasing cultural capital.</p> <p><i>Overall, studies of adventure learning interventions consistently show positive benefits on academic learning. On average, pupils who participate in adventure learning interventions make approximately four additional months' progress over the course of a year. There is also evidence of an impact on non-cognitive outcomes, such as self-confidence. The evidence suggests that the impact is greater for more vulnerable pupils.</i></p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>The Education Endowment Foundation previously funded a smaller trial of Children's University, which found <i>positive impacts on Key Stage 2 Maths and Reading results equivalent to about +2 months' additional progress.</i></p>	<p>A, B, C, D, E, L</p>

	<i>improvements were also seen for a range of other outcomes, such as teamwork, social responsibility, and aspirations.</i>	
Provision of Remote Learning	Remote schooling: new EEF evidence review highlights core... EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	A, B, C, D, E, M

Total budgeted cost: £177,600