

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

Horsford C of E VA Primary School

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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in the last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	353
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	18%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	Academic Year 2023-2024 – Review Academic Year 2024-2025 - Strategy
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 96 470
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years	£ 0
Total budget for this academic year	£ 96 470

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Children in receipt of Pupil Premium should have equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum, in line with all pupils. We intend that they should make similar progress, from their starting points, to non-pupil premium children. Gaps will be closed through targeted, teacher led intervention.

Vulnerable pupils will also benefit from the measures outlined in this document, with the intention of meeting their needs whilst maintaining challenge.

Pupils will have good numeracy and reading skills through quality first teaching, accessing high quality literature and rich vocabulary. Staff will focus on the Power of Reading, inspiring a love of reading.

High quality teacher and TA intervention programmes will target disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils to close gaps; we recognise the importance of early, appropriate intervention. In addition, the extensive support provided by the pastoral team intends to remove barriers to learning as well supporting social and emotional well-being.

This is a whole school approach whereby all staff have high expectations and strive for strong outcomes for *all* pupils.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Lack of access at home to high quality texts and rich vocabulary
2	Difficulty accessing the broader curriculum when reading is a challenge
3	Current cost of living crisis impacting family dynamics and the prioritising of education
4	Increased levels of anxiety

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
Gaps between Pupil Premium children and/or vulnerable pupils and others with similar starting points, will have closed	Implementation of Universal Support Training Becoming a trauma and attachment aware practitioner Effective delivery of the Nebula Phonics Programme Data from testing 3 x yearly Teacher Assessment Successful monitoring and completion of intervention programmes
Improved richness and scope of vocabulary	Engagement in LTE (Let's Think in English) and PoR (Power of Reading) Improved use of vocabulary when writing Improved use of vocabulary when speaking Improved comprehension of identified key subject specific vocabulary across the curriculum
Identify and support families, as well as pupils, to ease the effects of the cost of living crisis however possible.	Pupils will arrive in school ready to learn; ie not hungry, appropriately dressed, and calm.
Identify and support those pupils whose levels of anxiety limit their social and academic progress	Through pastoral intervention pupils will become less anxious and more confident

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

Budgeted cost: **£5 400**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Power of Reading Books	<p>High quality texts are used to inspire children to read and be exposed to a rich vocabulary.</p> <p>Additional units are introduced to strengthen and broaden pupils' vocabulary and to widen the selection of books available in order to appeal to a greater number of pupils.</p> <p><i>The Power of Reading is CLPE's proven resource and training programme which uses quality children's literature and creative teaching approaches to support schools to develop a high quality literacy curriculum and foster a whole school love of reading and writing.</i></p>	1;2;3
Staff CPD	<p>Staff are given the knowledge to understand trauma and its effects on pupils and the tools to help children deal with those consequences.</p> <p>Staff are given the knowledge and skills to make their teaching fully inclusive without lowering expectations</p>	1;2;3
Purchase of Books	<p>In order to inspire children to read independently, class teachers have an allocated termly budget to improve classroom book corners.</p>	1:2:3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 78 282

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional teaching staff and teaching assistants.	Additional staff will allow smaller teaching groups in English and mathematics; targeted interventions to be run to improve progress; sensory circuits and specific physical activity to improve concentration and engagement in lessons; support to enable children to access the whole curriculum regardless of barriers.	1:2:3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 12 897

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Work of practitioners within the pastoral team	The pastoral team offers a manager (who coordinates provision, assesses and evaluates need and impact) and practitioners who offer the following: 1:1 tailored support for pupils Nurture groups Parent led CBT Counselling – child and parent Play Therapy Family/parent Support Sensory Circuits Outdoor Wellbeing Informal support Contribution to FSP Support to access external agencies eg CAMHS; Nelson’s Journey Transition support Solution Focused Coaching	3

	<p>This approach aims to support children to be the best they can be by creating a nurturing environment to create self-belief and belonging. Pastoral care is integral in ensuring we meet the needs of all children.</p> <p>Demands on the team have necessitated investment in infrastructure- designated spaces and equipment to accommodate pupils, particularly those with sensory needs.</p>	
Developing the cultural capital of pupils	Pupils are given the opportunity to experience dance; Young Voices; inspirational visits from authors and poets.	1;2;3

Total budgeted cost: £ 96 659

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

75% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium had some academic intervention during the academic year. Interventions in reading, mathematics and phonics were run for pupils identified by class teachers through question level analysis or teacher assessment. These were targeted, monitored and assessed half termly. Interventions were for pupils well below the expected standard; just below the expected standard but capable of reaching it and pupils at the expected standard but capable of working at greater depth. Other pupils in receipt of PP benefited from the additional staffing which facilitated smaller group sizes.

Pastoral interventions were also delivered, targeting individual children.

Across the school pupils in receipt of pupil premium make progress in line with other pupils with similar starting points. Over time progress is often accelerated so that by Year 6 the attainment gap between pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium and all pupils reduces.

At Horsford 55% of pupils in receipt of PP, achieved the expected standard in reading at the end of KS2 (National 62%). 44% achieved the expected standard in writing (National 58%). In maths 55% reached the expected standard (National 59%) and 11% reached greater depth (National 13%).

The interventions put in place, both academic and pastoral, raised the self-esteem of pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium, positively influencing attendance (89.39%) and personal development outcomes.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium (or recovery premium) to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Bronze Challenge Award	CC1
Hip Hop Dance	Knowles School of Dance

Further information (optional)

Our broad and balanced curriculum is supported by visitors and visits, all of which are heavily subsidised by the school; individual pupils are also supported to attend visits, including residential visits.

Many children in receipt of PP access our sensory provision; this includes staffed sensory circuit sessions with specialist equipment and designated sensory rooms.

The schools are involved in community based projects which broaden pupils awareness of the world around them.