

# Pupil premium strategy statement

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	Tonwell St. Mary's Primary School
Number of pupils in school	16 (updated March 2024)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	31% (5 children)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023-2024
Date this statement was published	September 2023
Dates on which it will be reviewed	December 2023 March 2024 July 2024
Statement authorised by	Sarah Bridgman
Pupil premium lead	Lisa Fitzgerald
Governor / Trustee lead	Matthew Clutterbuck

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£6600
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£2000
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	£8600

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. It is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years, looked after children and those of service personnel. At Tonwell St. Mary's we are committed to ensuring maximum progress for all groups of children and we strive to close any gaps between groups. We have a clear strategic approach for the use of the Pupil Premium Grant and plans are integrated into wider school support and improvement systems. Monitoring and evaluation is at the heart of the process and this ensures that support and strategies are reviewed and revised to maximise progress.

Our aim is for all pupil premium pupils to:

- Receive first quality teaching as all children in our school.
- Have targeted additional support strategies which result in improved progress.
- Attain the expected level of skills and knowledge for their year group.
- To have full access to our curriculum and all our extra-curricular experiences.
- Be known to all staff so the provision of additional funding to support learning, meet pastoral needs and personal development is appropriately targeted.
- Have an appointed member of the leadership team and governor to champion provision for pupil premium pupils and monitor the impact of the provision.
- Develop a love for learning.
- Know exactly what they need to do to improve by working on their individualised targets.

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Attendance repeatedly below 96% and persistent absenteeism.
2	PP pupils have lower attainment in reading and writing compared to their peers. PP pupils starting Year 2 did not achieve expected standard in reading, writing or maths. All current PP pupils in KS2 did not achieve expected standard in writing for the last academic year.

3	Impoverished language on entry with poor vocabulary, immature speech patterns and limited life experiences on which to draw. This restricts children's access to texts and means that they lack stimulus for their imaginative play and writing.
4	Poor self-help skills and low expectations of their own ability which results in pupils failing to progress without the direct input of a teacher and in them producing work which does not reflect their potential.
5	Social and emotional difficulties for some PP pupils linked to home circumstances resulting in low self-esteem, difficulty building friendships, limited concentration in class and problems socialising with others.
6	Limited access to extra-curricular activities.
7	Difficulties accessing quality reading books at home and reduced home reading can mean that PP pupils are slower to acquire the basic skills for reading and have reduced reading comprehension.

## 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
Ensure no PP pupils are persistent absentees.	All PP pupils will have at least 96% attendance.
For children to show greater self-help skills and to improve their expectations of themselves. A higher percentage of pupil premium pupils will make more than expected progress in reading, writing and maths across KS.	All PP pupils will make expected or above expected progress across KS1 and KS2.
For children to have the skills needed to acquire and use new vocabulary that enables them to communicate effectively from Year 1 and that prepares them for future learning especially in becoming fluent readers.	All pupils improve their communication skills and can talk confidently about their learning.
Enhance self-esteem and social skills through access to extra-curricular activities	All PP pupils will speak positively about activities.
Home reading is increased for PP pupils as evidenced by reading journals. Visits to Ware library and the purchase of new reading books for each term.	Increased enjoyment of reading. There is also an increase in the % of PP pupils reaching EXS at the end of KS1 and KS2 in reading, thereby diminishing the difference with non PP pupils.

## 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: £2500

£1000 TLA time, £1500 PP Lead Cover (equivalent to 1 hour per week)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><b><i>Improve the quality of education so that pupils make better progress, and those who are behind catch up quickly</i></b>  <b><i>See also SDP 2023-2024</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pupils in Y2 to work daily in small group (4 children) to consolidate Y1 learning and catch up to Y2 expected standard.</li> <li>➤ Y4/5/6 to be taught in a small class with an experienced class teacher and teaching assistant every morning for English and maths to enable more frequent opportunities for feedback, small group instruction and individualised instruction.</li> <li>➤ Teaching and Learning Advisors (TLAs) for English and maths to provide bespoke CPD for class teachers/subject leaders.</li> <li>➤ PP lead to analyse books termly and meet with class teachers to discuss in class strategies.</li> <li>➤ Formative assessment refresher training for staff in September 2023</li> <li>➤ SDP to include actions for PPG pupils and raising standards.</li> <li>➤ Attention bucket activity used in class to support Y2 SEND pupils.</li> </ul>	<p>Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit includes 'Feedback' + 8 months' difference, 'Small Group Tuition' + 4 months' difference and 'Individualised Instruction' + 3 months' difference to pupil progress.</p> <p>Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils  November 2015 sites 'high quality teaching for all' as the third most important factor in 'Building Blocks for Success'</p>	2&3&4&7
<p><b><u>Review</u></b>  <b><u>December 2023</u></b></p>		

All PPG children have made positive progress in reading, writing and maths this term. Below is a table to show the children's current attainment. Child D is being closely monitored and there is evidence of SEND needs. Child C is on the SEN register and awaiting a GP appointment.

English > Reading: PRE	English > Reading: WTS	English > Reading: EXS	English > Writing: PRE	English > Writing: WTS	English > Writing: EXS	Mathematics: WTS	Mathematics: EXS
Child C	Child D	Child A Child B Child E	Child C	Child D Child E	Child A Child B	Child B Child C Child D	Child A Child E

### **March 2024**

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Child C	Child D	Child A Child B Child E	Child C	Child D Child E	Child A Child B	Child C	Child B Child D	Child A Child E

## **Targeted academic support**

Budgeted cost: £3200

£1200 Teaching Assistant to work with children on individualised targets, Recovery premium funding – £1200 once a week tutoring for UKS2 pupils, £800 teaching assistant support in class.

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<b>Individualised targets in English and maths</b> ➤ PP lead to analyse books termly and meet with class teachers to discuss individual targets	Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit includes 'Reading Comprehension Strategies' + 6 months' difference and	2&4&7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ PP pupils to meet weekly 1 to 1 with PP lead to show evidence of specific short term targets in books.</li> <li>➤ PP pupils to work with class TA each week to work on specific short term targets.</li> <li>➤ Reading a minimum of 5 times a week to an adult.</li> <li>➤ Weekly reading comprehension and reading fluency groups with class teacher or teaching assistant in KS2.</li> <li>➤ Little Wandle phonics and reading group for Y1 and Y2 PP pupils. This includes 3 guided reading sessions a week with a teacher.</li> <li>➤ Individualised instruction for maths based on diagnostic maths tests and teacher use of AfL.</li> </ul>	<p>'Individualised Instruction' + 3 months' difference to pupil progress.</p>	
<p><b><i>Improve achievement for English and maths with dedicated weekly support from a TA or teacher working 1 to 1 or in a small group</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Y2 PP pupils to work in a small group (4 children) every morning for writing and maths activities.</li> <li>➤ Use a TA to provide targeted academic 1 to 1 support for pupils each week.</li> <li>➤ Pupil in KS2 will work in a small tutoring group once a week for English and maths which will increase personalised learning and accelerate progress.</li> </ul>	<p>Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit includes 'Feedback' + 8 months' difference, 'Small Group Tuition' + 4 months' difference and 'Individualised Instruction' + 3 months' difference to pupil progress.</p>	<p>2&amp;4&amp;7</p>
<p><b><u>Review</u></b></p> <p><b><u>December 2023</u></b></p> <p>Children in KS1 and KS2 continue to work on their individualised targets each week with a teaching assistant. Two children in KS1 children are having daily sessions because they have lower attainment.</p> <p>PPG children that have missed time off from school this term due to illness have worked 1 to 1 with an adult to catch up with work when they return to school.</p> <p><b><u>March 2024</u></b></p> <p>Children in KS1 and KS2 continue to work on their individualised targets each week with a teaching assistant. Two children in KS1 children are having daily sessions because they have lower attainment.</p>		

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## Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £2900

£500 Residential Trip and extra-Curricular Activities, £2000 Breakfast Club, £300 library visits and the purchase of books for children's personal library, £100 uniform

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><b>Ensure no PP pupils are persistent absentees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Update the attendance policy ready for September 2023 using guidance from the new DfE document 'Working together to improve school attendance'.</li> <li>➤ SLT team to monitor attendance each week. When a pattern has been spotted, this will be discussed with parents to understand the barriers. The school will then support the family to overcome the barriers. This may lead to formalising the support through a parenting contract or education supervision order. Where all other avenues have been exhausted and support is not working or not being engaged with, this will result in enforced attendance through statutory intervention or prosecution.</li> <li>➤ Fortnightly communication with parents to support and challenge PP pupil attendance.</li> <li>➤ Attendance reported at every GB meeting.</li> <li>➤ Catch up on any work missed when pupils return</li> </ul>	<p>Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils November 2015 sites 'addressing behaviour and attendance' as the second most important factor in 'Building Blocks for Success'</p> <p>DfE document published May 2022 'Working together to improve school attendance' states that 'The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment'.</p>	1

<p>to school or work is sent home to be completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Offer free place at breakfast club to PP families to ensure children start school on time and eat a healthy breakfast.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Enhance self-esteem and social skills through access to extra-curricular activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Extra-curricular experiences such as day trips, visitors, yearly residential trip and growth mindset workshop.</li> </ul>	<p>Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit includes 'Outdoor Adventurous Learning' + 4 months' difference to pupil progress.</p>	5&6
<p><b>Increase home reading and enjoyment of reading.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Funded support for PP children to buy a new reading book each term.</li> <li>➤ Termly visits to Ware library</li> <li>➤ Reading with a member of staff daily.</li> <li>➤ Class teachers to read daily to pupils and promote a love of reading.</li> <li>➤ Whole school reading initiatives e.g. World book day, Scholastic book fair, author visits.</li> </ul>	<p>Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils November 2015 sites 'whole school ethos of attainment for all' as the first most important factor in 'Building Blocks for Success'</p> <p>To focus on individual children's needs to ensure that accelerated progress is made in reading – NfER building block 4.</p>	3&7
<p><b>Provide resources and uniform needed for school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Funded support to PP children to buy uniform and resources needed for school.</li> </ul>	<p>Education Endowment Foundation research states that 'Wearing a uniform is not, on its own, likely to improve learning, but can be successfully incorporated into a broader school improvement process which includes the development of a school ethos'</p> <p>Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils November 2015 sites 'whole school ethos of attainment for all' as the first most important factor in 'Building Blocks for Success'</p>	5&6
<p><b><u>Review</u></b> <b><u>December 2023</u></b> Attendance for the autumn term:</p>		



Child A: 92.6%  
Child B: 82%  
Child C: 95.1%  
Child D: 73.8%  
Child E: 82.6%

Extra-curricular activities this term have included:

- A whole school growth mindset workshop with Steve Frew a Commonwealth athlete.
- KS2 children took part in cross country teams in the Hertford and Ware Sports Partnership event at Haileybury.
- The school council organised a non-uniform day and a film with popcorn to raise money for children in need.
- Pine class attended the A602 celebration event. Children took part in a treasure hunt and met local councillors.
- A whole school trip to Woodhall Estate was organised for forest school activities.
- Children wore odd socks to school for Anti-Bullying Week and had special assemblies and PSHE lessons to learn about this year's theme 'Make a Noise about Bullying'.
- Y5&6 children took part in the Tag Rugby Festival at Hertford Rugby Club in a joint team with Thundridge pupils.
- The whole school took part in the Every1in sports festival at Wodson Park.
- Children had a visit from The Astronomy Space Roadshow with their inflatable planetarium.
- We had a fossil hunt workshop where the children located and identified fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past.
- Church volunteers run the 'Open the Book' collective worship times and involve children in bible stories.
- Children took part in the Christmas service at Holy Trinity and a whole school panto trip.
- Reverend Thompson runs a weekly small group session called 'Plug in and Play' which gives children a chance to have some quiet time and to reflect on their day and week so far.
- All children have taken part in sessions with a music specialist teacher this term. PPG children have also had some free access to after school club activities e.g. art club, Lego club.

All PPG children have received a new reading book that they have chosen to add to their personal library.

### **March 2024**

Attendance for the spring term:

Child A: 92.5%  
Child B: 85.8%  
Child C: 94.1%  
Child D: 82.3%  
Child E: 86.2%

Extra-curricular activities this term have included:

- The whole school visited the Aerozone at Stansted and had access to a viewing platform to see the planes taking off.

- For Feeling Good Week, the children had daily healthy snacks and took part in an art workshop with a local artist. The children created a collaborative piece of art using recycled materials.
- Author Ray Star visited and inspired children with her stories and enthusiasm for writing. Children then had a go at their own creative writing pieces.
- For World Book Day the children were invited to dress up as a book character and take part in a book swap.
- Pupils and teachers from Amwell View School came to teach us all about the game of Boccia.
- KS2 children took part in cross country teams in the Hertford and Ware Sports Partnership.
- The whole school went to Hartham Soft Play for a free session, and this helped keep the children active.
- Friends of Tonwell made pancakes with the children for Shrove Tuesday and Easter crafts.
- The whole school visited The Hive in Epping Forest and took part in forest school sessions and handled animals.
- Children raised money for Comic Relief by dressing up in something red and telling jokes.
- Church volunteers continue to run the 'Open the Book' collective worship times and involve children in bible stories.
- Reverend Thompson continues to run a weekly small group session called 'Plug in and Play' which gives children a chance to have some quiet time and to reflect on their day and week so far.
- PPG children have also had free access to breakfast club and after school club activities e.g. art club, Lego club.

All PPG children have received a new reading book that they have chosen to add to their personal library.

**Total budgeted cost: £2500 + £3200 + £2900 = £8600**

## 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.

All PPG children made positive progress in English and maths for 2022-2023.

	English > Reading: WTS	English > Reading: EXS	English > Reading: GDS	English > Writing: WTS	English > Writing: EXS	Mathematics: WTS	Mathematics: EXS
Year R			Child A		Child A		Child A
Year 1	Child B Child C			Child B Child C		Child B Child C	
Year 4		Child D Child E		Child D	Child E		Child D Child E
Year 6		Child F			Child F	Child F	

Smaller classes allowed each class teacher to have more opportunities to give children feedback and individualised instruction. Weekly sessions with TA enabled the children to work on their individualised targets.

Extra reading books purchased for EYFS and KS1 to support children's phonic stages and guided reading sessions.

Breakfast club/After school club is regularly used by 3 PPG children and this has helped to improve their punctuality in the morning.

Attendance for the year:

Child A: 89% up 8.5% on last year's attendance  
 Child B: 92% up 13% on last year's attendance  
 Child C: 86% up 3.8% on last year's attendance  
 Child D: 94.1% up 0.5% on last year's attendance  
 Child E: 90.5% up 1.6% on last year's attendance  
 Child F: 90.8% same as last year's attendance

Children have taken part in a range of extra-curricular experiences such as day trips, visitors, yearly residential trip and workshops.

Children all received their own reading book each term to add their personal libraries.

## 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
N/A	