



Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. This is part of a three-year strategy.

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	Riverside Academy
Number of pupils in school	207
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	30%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2021-2022
Date this statement was published	18-10-2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2022
Statement authorised by	Beccy Payne
Pupil premium lead	Beccy Payne
Governor / Trustee lead	Shanakay Luckoo-Millington

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£87080
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£7975
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£5108
Total budget for this academic year	£100163



Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Riverside Academy, we aim to strategically use pupil premium funding to ensure all children achieve excellence and reach their full potential in all aspects of their learning. The school draws from national research alongside analysing individual and group school data to identify barriers to learning and ensure money is used appropriately to work towards overcoming these. We will use a tiered approach to Pupil Premium and Recovery Premium spending. This will help ensure we balance approaches to improving teaching, targeted academic support and wider strategies.

By spending funding on improving teaching through professional development, training and support for early career teachers and recruitment and retention, we will ensure an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving.

Through targeted academic support, we will work hard to ensure pupils identified as needing to catch up with their peers get the support they need to make strong progress.

In addition to academic support, interventions are in place to ensure a more holistic approach. 1:1 mentoring and small, social group activities will help remove barriers to learning linked to emotional and behavioural development.

Through our curriculum provision we will address the cultural capital gap by providing a wide range of learning opportunities to ensure all children are able to gain knowledge and life experience.

Increasing attendance and reducing persistent absenteeism is a focus of the school. The Learning Mentor and Attendance Lead will provide relentless challenge and support to the families of children whose attendance is causing concern.

Raising the achievement of disadvantaged pupils is the responsibility of all staff and our pupil premium strategy is fully aligned with our school development plan.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Attendance
2	Gaps in pupil knowledge and achievement due to the disruption caused by national lockdowns and pupil isolation.



3	Low levels of language and communication skills
4	Limited access to varied life experiences
5	Increased requirement for access to early help

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
Improved attendance for disadvantaged pupils	Attendance for disadvantaged pupils improves to at least 96%. Persistent absence rated for disadvantaged pupils are 10% or below.
Highly effective quality first teaching	Monitoring and evaluation shows that all teaching in school is at least good
Disadvantaged pupils make at least strong progress.	In reading, writing and maths, 100% of disadvantaged pupils make strong progress from previous statutory assessment points. In statutory assessments, pupils eligible for pupil premium perform at least in line with their non-disadvantaged peers nationally.
Increased access to a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular experiences	All disadvantaged pupils participate in curricular experiences. Rates of participation in extra-curricular clubs are high.
Disadvantaged pupils and their families benefit from pastoral care and assistance	Evaluation of social and emotional based intervention provision evidences children's increased ability to self-regulate and have positive social interactions. Cases studies evidence the positive impact of early help strategies



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: £54216

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Non-classed based Assistant Headteacher will ensure an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving. They will support whole school CPD as well as personalised coaching and ECT mentoring.	EEF research shows that improving teaching is the <i>'key ingredient of a successful school and should rightly be the top priority for Pupil Premium spending'</i> . Important aspects of CPD provided include: teacher feedback, reading comprehension strategies, phonics and split provision teaching. All of which the EEF research shows has a positive impact on pupil outcomes.	2, 3, 4
Curriculum Lead will play a key role in developing subject leaders. There will be a strong focus on ensuring sequential learning and addressing gaps in knowledge. Subject leaders will receive high quality CPD.	Leaders are designing and systematically developing a curriculum, based on the findings of research, that promotes remembering. The curriculum model creates links across the year groups and across subjects so that knowledge and concepts taught in one subject are explicitly reinforced and revisited not only in other subjects, but in subsequent years. Leaders have thought carefully about the rationale for their curriculum and understand the importance of pupils acquiring early language skills and knowledge. It aims to provide cultural capital through relevant and engaging learning experiences for pupils, which enable them to acquire knowledge and skills and to deepen their understanding.	2, 3, 4 & 5
The curriculum will be well resourced with investment to enhance provision in phonics. In addition, provision for pupils with SEND or EAL will be enhanced through external agency advice and staff CPD.	EEF research shows phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	2, 3, 4 & 5



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

Budgeted cost: £23090

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Targeted teaching support for low prior attaining pupils, further disadvantaged by lockdown, to enable strong progress.	EEF research shows that small group tuition has a positive impact on attainment levels.	2
Small group English and phonic interventions based on diagnostic assessments.	EEF research shows that small group tuition has an average impact of four months' additional progress over the course of a year. Small group tuition is most likely to be effective if it is targeted at pupils' specific needs. And diagnostic assessment are used to assess the best way to target support.	2, 3, 4, & 5

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

Budgeted cost: £22857

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Learning Mentor to provide support for pupils and their families – offering support and challenge as well as promotion of high levels of attendance and removal of barriers to learning.	Research shows that good attendance has a direct link to academic outcomes and subsequent life chances. If pupils in receipt of early help intervention feel happy and safe, they are more likely to be able to learn well in school.	1 & 5
Rewards and incentives to support the school attendance strategy.		1
Teaching Assistants and Peer Mentor to provide small group nurture support and intervention to support pupils with self-regulation and understanding of emotions.	EEF research shows that social and emotional learning and improved self-regulation has a positive impact on attainment.	1&5



Curriculum enrichment learning opportunities to address the cultural capital gap and support learning motivation.	Research shows that through participation in challenging physical and emotional activities and outdoor learning can support pupils to develop non-cognitive skills such as resilience, self-confidence and motivation. Leaders have thought carefully about the rationale for the curriculum and understand the importance of pupils acquiring early language skills and knowledge. It aims to provide cultural capital through relevant and engaging learning experiences for pupils, which enable them to acquire knowledge and skills and to deepen their understanding.	3&4
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Total budgeted cost: £

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 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Disadvantaged progress in year

Year group	subject	% making at least strong progress
Year 1	reading	86% (6/7)
	writing	71% (5/7)
	maths	71% (5/7)
	combined	
Year 2	reading	90% (9/10)
	writing	70% (7/10)
	maths	90% (9/10)
Year 3	reading	90% (9/10)
	writing	90% (9/10)
	maths	90% (9/10)
Year 4	reading	78% (7/9)
	writing	67% (6/9)
	maths	100% (9/9)
Year 5	reading	78% (7/9)
	writing	67% (6/9)
	maths	89% (8/9)
	combined	
Year 6	reading	91% (10/11)
	writing	91% (10/11)
	maths	82% (9/11)

- School monitoring and evaluation, shows that pupils demonstrate high levels of engagement in learning across the curriculum. Disadvantaged children enjoy varied experiences that they may not otherwise have been able to access.
- External trips and visits were unable to take place due to restriction



- Disadvantaged attendance - 91.3% this area remains a key school improvement priority.
- School held records show high-quality support and guidance offered to families in need of help.
- Participation in sport through extra-curricular clubs in school to support physical and mental well-being.
- Mentor sessions and intervention impacted on pupil wellbeing and behaviour.
- School held records show high-quality support and guidance offered to pupils through 1:1 support.