

# Pupil premium strategy statement – Boundary Primary School 2023- 2026

This statement details our school’s use of pupil premium (and recovery 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 last academic year.

## School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	448 pupil including YN
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	66%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2023- 2026
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2025
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Governor / Trustee lead	Jean Martin (Governor)

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 360, 840
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£26,326
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years ( <i>enter £0 if not applicable</i> )	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£387,166

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

Our school is committed to supporting all pupils. The majority of our pupils are identified as disadvantaged (66% pupil premium) and 13% have safeguarding agency involvement, including social workers. This informs our approach to pupil premium spending in that we prioritise strategies that impact on the majority of our children, however we specifically consider those pupils who are deemed to be at a disadvantage educationally. 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 high attainers.

We have a good track record of supporting pupils who need that support the most and we will continue to target this funding at areas of disadvantage to ensure that all children can achieve. We are continuously driving for improvement – living up to our motto ‘we work as one to be the best that we can be’!

Our recent Ofsted (Oct 22) stated that: ***Leaders are highly aspirational for all pupils. They have designed a very ambitious curriculum that is rich in opportunities to enable pupils to succeed both academically and personally. Pupils learn the curriculum extremely well.***

High quality teaching is therefore at the core of our approach. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils at Boundary. Our approach is responsive to the common challenges we experience and individual needs. This is rooted in well-established diagnostic assessments and not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery including targeted intervention support for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. EYFS baseline and WellComm identify a low baseline (81% below age-related expectation) in oral communication, language and Literacy. Our evidence show that this also impacts on children's overall attainment in EYFS.
2	Our assessments (including wellbeing surveys) and observations evidence that the well-being of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been further impacted by school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils (this is supported by national studies). This has contributed to ongoing significant wellbeing / pastoral and mental health needs of pupils caused by deprivation, parental substance misuse and domestic abuse. The latest multiple deprivation report indicates that 85.2% of our pupils live in the bottom 10% most deprived areas nationally. The BBC recently reported that Grange Park was in the 1% most deprived nationally.
3	Our Assessment data demonstrates that (with the exception of EYFS) there is generally very little gap (if any) between our disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils. This needs ongoing half termly assessment, targeted intervention and excellent teaching in order to be maintained. Our regular high level of Non-Routine Admissions, including several with SEND, can also impact on this.
4	The number of children who are persistently absent at Boundary is high. 2022: Attendance 92.2%, PA 31.4%, 2023: Attendance 93.5% PA 22%. We would like to reduce our PA to 15% so that children do not miss out on learning opportunities. We already place high importance on attendance however now need to further develop this in order that we can support our pupils achieve our motto of 'attend today, achieve tomorrow'.
5	Observations and discussions with pupils' evidence that the majority of our pupils have limited experiences beyond their immediate environment and very limited cultural capital. This impacts on pupils understanding of elements of the curriculum: especially reading, writing and 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 improve oral language and communication skills among disadvantaged pupils	<p>Assessments (speech and language therapist reports, WellComm, teacher assessment data) and observations indicate significantly improved communication and oral language skills.</p> <p>Oracy development is evident in Teaching and Learning across school. Voice 21 programme is in place and early impact can be seen by our in-school consultancy visit and presentation of learning.</p>
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupil	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing / mental health from 2022/23 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualitative data from pupil voice, pupil and parent questionnaires and teacher observations</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Observations of children's engagement in learning</li> <li>• Counselling impact reports</li> <li>• Resilience coach feedback</li> </ul>
To achieve and sustain improved % of children working at age related expected for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<p>In school tracking data (O track) and end of Key Stage (EYFS, 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. Progress data will show children making expected or above progress. Any gap is disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged will be targeted by intervention and monitored on a half termly basis.</p>
To reduce our PA to 15% so that children do not miss out on learning opportunities.	<p>Our PA will reduce. More pupils will achieve our motto of 'attend today, achieve tomorrow'.</p>

Improve cultural and childhood experience for all pupils across school.	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.
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## 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: £195, 000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><b>Further developing high quality teaching, assessment and curriculum which responds to the needs of pupils.</b></p> <p><u>Communication and Language/ Oracy</u></p> <p>1-Wellcomm assessment used with all EYFS pupils to identify communication / language baselines and to measure progress made. Wellcomm interventions run across EYFS based on assessment findings</p> <p>2-Additional Staffing in EYFS to increase communication modelling and dialogue in continuous provision and small group work. Interventions in EYFS</p> <p>3- Early Reading Lead (Phonics Lead) in school (Trained by English Hub) to model phonics sessions, support new to school staff to enable consistency and monitor teaching and</p>	<p>Detailed research into appropriate assessment and intervention tools using EEF recommendations and evidence based upon previous years trials with Speech and language therapist and Wellcomm</p> <p>Consistently good provision (environment, assessments &amp; practice) provides communication experiences, language development, reading and writing progress.</p> <p>The <b>systemic review</b> commissioned by the <b>EEF 'Early Language Development'</b> reinforces the above approaches to be in line with best practice, especially in terms of adult interactions – hence the need for additional staff to model this.</p> <p><b>EEF EY Toolkit Evidence:</b> 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 <b>approximately six months' additional progress over the course of a year.</b></p>	1, 3

<p>assessment of phonics across EYFS and KS1.</p> <p><b>4-</b> Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary. We will become a Voice 21 school, purchase resources and fund ongoing teacher training and release time.</p> <p><b>5-</b> Professional development on evidence-based approaches- including Elklan, WellComm, Intensive interactions, Makaton, Time to Talk and professional learning with specialist school. EY leader to complete NPQSL</p>	<p><b>The EEF toolkit states that Oral Language impact development</b> (Average impact +5 months)</p> <p>The EEF toolkit states that <b>phonics approaches</b> has a moderate impact (+4 months) for a very low cost.</p> <p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading:</p> <p><a href="#">Oral language interventions   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p> <p>EEF guidance reports ‘Preparing for Literacy, Literacy in KS1 and Literacy in KS2, all prioritise the development of communication and language / speaking and listening / language .</p> <p>The EEF’s ‘Effective Professional Development’ guidance report has been used to support the design of our TDT Gold award Continuing Professional Learning Programme.</p>	
<p><b>Further developing high quality teaching, assessment and curriculum which responds to the needs of pupils</b></p> <p><u>Quality of teaching for all pupils</u></p> <p><b>1</b> - Half termly data monitoring and progress discussions</p> <p><b>2-</b> HLTA/ teacher intervention groups targeted to address gaps in learning for those to achieve high standard at KS2</p> <p><b>3-</b> Regular teaching and book monitoring by phase leaders and subject leaders</p> <p><b>4-</b> DHT not class based to support and monitor</p>	<p>Evidence based Education’s ‘<b>Great Teaching Toolkit</b>’ summarises high quality evidence on improving teacher effectiveness.</p> <p>The EEF guidance reports identify recommendations for highly structured targeted interventions. EEF guidance reports ‘Preparing for Literacy, Literacy in KS1 and Literacy in KS2, Improving Maths in EYFS and KS1 and KS2 and KS3.</p> <p>The EEF implementation Guidance report indicated the value of preparation, delivering and sustaining approaching which includes effective and timely monitoring.</p>	1, 3
<p><b>Professional development (including mentoring / coaching / retention of staff) to support the implementation and</b></p>	<p>The EEF’s ‘Effective Professional Development’ guidance report has been used to support the design of our <b>TDT Gold award</b> Continuing Professional Learning Programme.</p>	1, 3

<p><b>consistency of evidenced based approaches</b></p> <p>Learning quads for teachers and TAs – phase leaders to facilitate</p> <p>Subject leaders carry out showcase lessons</p> <p>CPL Programme – Boundary Bundle</p>	<p><b>Our TDT auditor commented ‘<i>how a culture of continued professional learning runs through at the heart of Boundary where staff are really positive about their development opportunities and the support they receive</i>’.</b></p> <p>Our Boundary bundle CPL programme enables senior leaders to deliver targeted, tailored CPL to individuals’</p> <p>The EEFs <b>Effective Professional Development</b> guidance report is accompanied by a poster, <b>Effective Mechanisms of Professional Development</b>, which outlines the mechanisms that make professional development most effective</p>	
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## Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support, structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 100, 000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><b>Interventions to support language development, Literacy and Numeracy</b></p> <p>1- Speech and language therapy – external provider</p> <p>2- WellComm intervention used to improve communication / language / vocabulary in EYFS</p> <p>3-Target group work in Nursery and Reception using Wellcomm</p> <p>4- Intensive Interactions interventions</p> <p>5- Self regulation / executive functions focus in EYFS</p>	<p><b>EEF EY Toolkit Evidence:</b> 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.</p> <p>On average, children who are involved in communication and language approaches make <b>approximately six months’ additional progress over the course of a year (EEF).</b></p> <p><b>The EEF toolkit states that Oral Language impact development</b> (Average impact +5 months), and <b>phonics approaches</b> have a moderate impact (+4 months) for a very low cost.</p> <p><b>EEF toolkit : Small Group Work</b> (Average impact +4 months), <b>Feedback</b> (high impact for very low cost +8 months)</p>	<p>1, 3</p>
<p><b>Activities and resources to meet the specific</b></p>	<p>EEF <b>Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools</b> guidance report identifies that school must ‘Build an ongoing,</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>

<p><b>needs of disadvantages pupils with SEND</b></p> <p>Additional Educational Psychology service purchased</p>	<p>holistic understanding of your pupils and their needs'</p> <p>And 'Schools should aim to understand individual pupil's learning needs using the graduated approach of the 'assess, plan, do, review' approach'</p> <p>An educational Psychologist can help us do this at the deepest possible level.</p>	
<p><b>Interventions to support language development, Literacy and Numeracy</b></p> <p>Intervention groups / <b>small group tuition</b>, led by HLTAs (based on same day interventions and structured intervention programmes). HLTA per phase to enable consistent intervention sessions, many of which are based in class.</p>	<p>The EEF guidance reports identify recommendations for highly structured targeted interventions. EEF guidance reports 'Preparing for Literacy, Literacy in KS1 and Literacy in KS2, Improving Maths in EYFS and KS1 and KS2 and KS3</p> <p>EEF toolkit small group tuition strand evidenced approach. Small group support can support pupil learning if provided in addition to, and explicitly linked with, normal lessons</p>	1, 3, 4
<p><b>Teaching assistant deployment and interventions</b></p> <p>Designated Teaching Assistant for every class in school plus additional SEND TAs.</p>	<p>Strategic deployment of teaching assistants is important to ensuring that priority pupils are supported.</p> <p>TAs should be fully prepared for their role in any given lesson or intervention and their input should supplement (rather than replace) high quality provision from the class teacher. <b>EEF Making the Best Use of Teaching Assistants guidance report</b> presents recommendations.</p> <p><b>The EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit</b> strand on teaching assistant interventions.</p>	1, 2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £92, 166

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><b>Supporting pupils' social, emotional and behavioural needs</b></p> <p><b>Communicating and supporting parents</b></p> <p>1-School staffed with Behaviour Lead professional / advanced</p>	<p>EEF toolkit identifies that the following all have a positive impact.</p> <p><b>Behaviour intervention</b> ( + 3months)</p> <p><b>Social and emotional learning</b> (+ 4 months)</p> <p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life</p>	2, 4

<p>Team Teach Tutor, Engagement Officer, Counsellor / play therapist, Pastoral Manager, DSL team, Mental Health First Aiders</p> <p><b>2-</b> Mental health plans and individual risk assessments in place when necessary and targeted support available as and when needed (as above).</p> <p><b>3-</b> Our curriculum drivers and Curriculum goals focus on Character, resilience and mental health of pupils.</p> <p><b>4-</b> Guiding parents and carer (home learning resources) in supporting their child's emotional and behavioural needs including parent 'drop-ins' and our Tower of Support</p>	<p>(e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF Social and Emotional Learning pdf</p> <p>EEF guidance report on <a href="#">Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools</a> and <a href="#">Improving behaviour in schools</a> include recommendations which these activities are aligned with.</p> <p><b>Metacognition and Self regulation</b> strategies (+ 7 months)</p> <p><a href="#">EEF Working with parents</a> guidance report also give evidence to these activities</p>	
<p><b>Supporting Attendance</b></p> <p>In additional to our wide range of current strategies (assemblies, badges, home visits , additional PWO)</p> <p>1.Our attendance data will be monitored and analysed by our MDT.</p> <p>2.Our Attendance policy will be rewritten alongside media/ awareness campaign for pupils and parents.</p> <p>3. We will appoint a designated attendance officer for school.</p> <p>4. Staff CPL will focus on 'Attendance is everyone's responsibility'</p> <p>5. Communication with parents will be reviewed from the standard PWO</p>	<p>The EEF guidance report on '<a href="#">Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning</a>' includes a focus on offering more intensive support, which can be include approaches to support attendance. Some parental communication approaches and targeted parental interventions show promise in supporting pupils attendance.</p> <p>The <b>EEF Early Years Toolkit</b> identifies 'Parental Engagement' as high impact for low cost based on extensive evidence.</p>	4

<p>letters to identify hours of lost learning, comparison to average attendance of peers, Early years pupils and personalised messages.</p>		
<p><b>Extracurricular activities and Cultural capital</b></p> <p>1 -Experiences and visitors planned for all pupils across the year at the root of the curriculum</p> <p>2- 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>3- Provide wide opportunities within the school day to extend children’s cultural capital – Royal Ballet, Royal Shakespeare school, Theatre visits, Sports competition etc</p> <p>4 – Funding supports minibus, local attraction visits, subsidised residential visits and trained staff to carry out Forest School sessions</p>	<p><b>EEF toolkit - Social and Emotional Development</b> (Average impact +4 months)</p> <p><b>Arts participation</b> (+2 months)</p> <p><b>Behaviour interventions-</b> (moderate impact +3 months) a</p> <p><b>Outdoor adventure learning</b> (+4 months)</p> <p><b>EEF toolkit - Social and Emotional Development</b> (Average impact +4 months)</p> <p><b>Arts participation</b> (+2 months)</p>	<p>5</p>

**Total budgeted cost: £ £387,166**

## Part B: Review of the previous academic year

### Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the 2023/24 academic year using key stage 2 performance data, phonics check results and our own internal assessments. This is also reflective of our previous three-year Pupil Premium Strategy (2020-2023). To help us gauge the performance of our disadvantaged pupils we compared our results to those for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at a national and regional level (although these comparisons are to be considered with caution given the impact of the pandemic).

Our data is one measure of the impact of Pupil Premium spending and Recovery Premium spending. Our pupils identified as disadvantaged have achieved slightly below the national averages in KS2 measures in maths, writing and combined figures but that the gap is greater at KS2 reading. Our internal data identifies that the KS2 reading gap is greater with those working at a greater depth level. A significant gap remains in EYFS, and phonics hence the focus on this area in our three-year strategy.

#### Data

	Boundary All Pupils % EXP and above 2024	Boundary Disadvantaged % EXP and above 2024	National All Pupils % EXP and above 2024
GLD	47%	46%	68%
Phonics Y1	76%	68%	80%
KS2 Reading	70%	65%	74%
KS2 Writing	73%	67%	71%
KS2 Maths	82%	67%	73%
KS2 Combined	62%	55%	61%

### 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
WellComm	GL assessments

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

<i>For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: <b>How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year</b></i>
n/a
<b>The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils</b>
n/a