

Pupil premium strategy statement 2025-2026

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.

Black: 2025/26 Red: 2024/25

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	200 Years 1-6
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils (excluding nursery)	13% (26 pupils)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023-2026
Date this statement was published	November 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2026
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	2025-2026: £46,148
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	-
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	2024-2025: £44,280 2025-2026: £46,148

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Watlington Primary School, our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background, make accelerated 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 attaining.

We use our Pupil Premium Grant to support both the academic and social development of the children in our care. We understand that needs and costs will differ depending on the barriers to learning being addressed. As such, we do not automatically allocate personal budgets per pupil in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant.

We identify the barriers and the interventions or approaches required and allocate a budget accordingly. Effective intervention strategies are used to close gaps in the attainment of disadvantaged pupils, particularly within English and maths. These strategies are routinely evaluated and analysed, as is the impact upon pupil attainment.



We use the EEF model to help us plan strategically across the school to ensure that Watlington families benefit from a consistent and impactful approach to Pupil Premium spending.

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/guidance-for-teachers/using-pupil-premium>

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.	Entry data for children eligible for the PPG generally shows children join our school (in EY or in-year transfers) are working below age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to their peers.
2.	Limited language experiences in English and home language, with poor oral language skills and experiences of literacy (e.g. speech and language delay, reading).
3.	Despite interventions there remains a significant gap between pp and non pp pupils for attainment.

External barriers (Issues which also require action outside school, such as low attendance rates)	
4.	Challenging family circumstances impacts on pupil well-being
5.	Low levels of engagement with school, with busy home-life which may be disordered. Year group data and PPMs demonstrate that a lower number of pupils eligible for the PPG engage with home learning.
6.	Where pupils are eligible for the PPG, and on the SEND register, pupils are not achieving the ARE. The number of our children are PP and SEND = 11/26 = 42%
7.	Attendance rates for pupils eligible for PP are lower than non-pupil premium. 2024/25: 94.5% (in line with previous year, compared to whole school outcome of 96.3%, and non-pupil premium 96.6%)

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
Raise attainment and narrow the gap for pupils eligible for PP to at least expected age expected levels, with aspirational targets.	Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds achieve improved similar progress and attainment scores to their non-disadvantaged peers at end of Key Stage 2.
Develop children's English and language skills in relation to age related expectations, particularly in Early Years link to EY Framework focus on Communication and Language and ensure reading and language skills are developed through a focus on lowest 20% across the school.	Children eligible for PPG develop language and reading skills in relation to age related expectations, attaining similar progress and attainment scores to other cohorts.
Improvement in well-being, including behaviour.	Children will use well-being strategies to support well-being and behaviour.
Increase engagement of children eligible for the PPG parents with the school.	School to ensure all children eligible for the PPG have adequate knowledge and equipment to allow them to access online resources. Parents have improved engagement with school and engage with events.
Improve attendance for children eligible for the PPG at risk of persistent absences in line with non-disadvantaged pupils to expected levels	There is little difference between attendance figures between the 2 groups and pupils from non-disadvantaged backgrounds no longer at risk of persistent absence

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.

High Quality Teaching (for example, CPD, mentoring, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: **£15,383**

£14,760

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Provide high quality teaching across the curriculum</p> <p>Actions: Delivery of creative curriculum and focus on Quality First Teaching.</p> <p>Cross-curricula approach to planning and accurate use of assessment information to identify and target PP children.</p>	<p>Research in to high quality teaching and learning strategies raises the levels of engagement and attainment for pupils from all backgrounds, especially when children have opportunities to make links between learning activities.</p> <p>1. High-quality teaching EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1,2, 3, 5
<p>Ensure targeted teaching at the point of learning in order to narrow gaps in attainment and accelerate progress of PP children.</p> <p>Actions: Effective use of formative and summative assessment to move learning forward.</p> <p>Ongoing use of AFL and assessment to identify gaps in knowledge and skills. Teachers planning and interventions to be flexible and adapted to plug gaps.</p>	<p>‘No more marking’ evidence suggests that in the moment feedback is a more efficient type of assessment and enables all children to be taught specifically according to their needs rather than an assumed ability.</p> <p>Teacher Feedback to Improve Pupil Learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>NMM tools utilised this year with in house comparative judgements being trialled. PP children can be identified within this assessment.</p> <p>Children make more progress with their learning if lessons are adapted as a result of AFL and teachers’ daily assessments.</p> <p>Pupil progress meetings have a focus on the progress and attainment of PP children.</p>	1,2, 3, 5
<p>Teachers or experienced TAs to deliver small group work / interventions to narrow the ARE gap</p> <p>Actions: Due to small numbers of PP children in each year group, effectively targeted interventions and support for PP pupils are required.</p> <p>Additional adults deployed where the need is greatest: in PP heavy year groups.</p>	<p>Data outcomes used to identify key children and to plan effective interventions in order to narrow the gap.</p> <p>Impact sheets used across the school for all interventions, to measure impact. Interventions will be discussed with senior leaders (including SENCO) and progress monitored through entry and exit data.</p> <p>Training for support staff in leading/ developing interventions.</p> <p>QFT practices employed to support teaching and learning with the group.</p> <p>Teaching Assistant Interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1,2, 3, 5
<p>To ensure that we utilise professional development to ensure best practice approaches.</p> <p>Actions:</p>	<p>High quality teaching is used to improve classroom practice and impact on pupil outcomes.</p> <p>https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/effective-professional-development</p>	1, 2, 3, 6

CPD is planned for to ensure high quality teaching and a best practice approach.		
<p>Evaluate and adapt the curriculum to ensure challenge for the 'high achievers' and disadvantaged children.</p> <p>Actions: Adaption of teaching to prioritise PP learners to improve their engagement and motivation to succeed at challenging tasks.</p>	<p>Learning is effective when taught alongside a wider context both in a cross curricular theme but also with real life contexts.</p> <p>The feedback approach is used to adapt teaching based on the children's needs.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit</p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 7

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

Budgeted cost: **£15,383** **£14,760**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Disadvantaged pupils with additional learning needs are supported promptly</p> <p>Actions: Utilise staff and external agencies to assess and work with pupils with specific learning needs such as speech and language, EP strategies etc.</p> <p>Ensure that pupil outcomes impacted by Covid are provided with additional support.</p>	<p>A percentage of our PP children are SEND children (33%) and therefore opportunities for early intervention and assessment of pupils enables professionals to work more meaningfully with pupils.</p> <p>PPM documents highlight progress and attainment of this cohort, then progress against next steps are tracked.</p> <p>Initial concerns forms are used to identified needs early on.</p> <p>Early identification of PP children is in place in early years, where tracking documents are used to monitor progress.</p>	1,2, 3, 4, 5
<p>Embed 'learning language' for all children so that children can confidently talk about their learning.</p> <p>Actions: Whole school oracy focus to improve language and communication across the school.</p> <p>Use of 'WellComm' communication screening and intervention to be rolled out into Key Stage One.</p>	<p>Develop language rich environment with Blooms language at its centre to allow children to talk about their learning with greater meaning.</p> <p>Feedback policy allows time for the children have effective feedback from teachers. Feedback strategies including record keeping sheets are used to support effective teaching and learning.</p> <p>Vocabulary lists built in to skills and knowledge ladders and medium term plans, ensuring children are equipped with subject-specific language.</p> <p>Early years focus on language, starting with the outcomes from the WellComm assessments. Good practice from Language</p>	1,2, 5

<p>Language Lead information to be disseminated across the school.</p>	<p>Lead course to be implemented across Key Stage One and Two.</p> <p>Early Years Toolkit EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	
<p>Proactive approach to using data resulting in effective monitoring of disadvantaged pupils' progress and attainment.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Release time for senior leaders from class to monitor progress and achievement of disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Data packs and monitoring timetable used to track performance. PPM meetings used to follow up any concerns.</p>	<p>Strategic leadership on the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils is effective at targeting and supporting staff and groups of children.</p> <p>Assessment resources reviewed and updated where appropriate to ensure progress of key cohorts (including PP children) can be effectively tracked / monitored.</p> <p>Data packs, monitoring timetables and PPM documents all have a focus on attainment/ progress of pupil premium children.</p>	<p>1,2, 3, 4, 7</p>

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

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Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Engage families of disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Develop strong relationships from when they join the school.</p> <p>NTP used to target children needing additional support.</p> <p>Home learning grids adapted to focus on core skills.</p> <p>Time provided for DSLs to attend training and participate in early help processes (e.g. EHAs / TAFs...).</p> <p>Monitor attendance of PP children and address low-levels of attendance / repeat absences directly with families.</p>	<p>Children make better progress with their learning and emotional development when their families are engaged with their learning process and they are safe.</p> <p>Focus children identified and school proactively building relationships with them.</p> <p>Cultural capital staff meeting planned. Pupil premium/ vulnerable children project.</p> <p>Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>School's provision for Young Carers (some of whom are also eligible for PPG) reviewed and re-fined, ensuring this cohort of children's needs are catered for adequately.</p>	<p>4,5,6, 7</p>

<p>Enrich the curriculum with trips and extra-curricular activities throughout the year for disadvantaged pupils</p> <p>Actions: School trips and extra activities are subsidised enabling them to be accessed by all pupils to broaden experiences of disadvantaged pupils (including funding places for disadvantaged children to participate in clubs and camps).</p> <p>School to fund places for PP children to learn a musical instrument (piano / clarinet / strings).</p>	<p>Our school understands the importance of knowing our families and their situations to be able to offer support.</p> <p>Evidence in school shows raised levels of engagement and enthusiasm for meaningful activities out of the classroom environment.</p> <p>Importance of offering opportunities beyond home limitations to enable children to be more rounded and resilient learners</p>	<p>3, 4, 5, 6</p>
<p>Disadvantaged pupils supported with emotional development.</p> <p>Actions: ELSA support to be embedded into the wider provision of child welfare.</p> <p>ELSA mentored and supervised by external advisor.</p> <p>Jigsaw provision across the school to promote emotional development and wellbeing.</p> <p>The enhanced pathway used to support pupils where needed.</p>	<p>To improve outcomes for disadvantaged children, through ensuring they are emotionally ready to learn and progress.</p>	<p>1,2, 3, 4,5</p>
<p>Provide 1:1 counsellor for identified PP children</p> <p>Actions: School counsellor sessions to support emotional wellbeing and self-esteem for identified children.</p>	<p>To ensure that PP children with social and emotional issues are supported appropriately.</p>	<p>3, 4, 5</p>
<p>Provision of school meals to children in Nursery</p> <p>Actions: Provide school meal for those who aren't yet eligible for Universal Free School</p>	<p>Children need to have a healthy and well-balanced diet, to be ready to learn and support them to develop healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>Healthy Smiles project, including lunch box audits.</p>	<p>3, 4</p>

Meals, but are deemed to need this support.		
<p>Support the Family Hub and when appropriate, provide training.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>To work in collaboration to ensure a targeted approach to signpost and offer early help / early support to vulnerable families in the wider community.</p> <p>Allow Family Hub to use school space at no cost, providing a beneficial resource to the local community, including families in receipt of pupil premium funding.</p>	<p>This approach should ensure that the school and the children's centre reach the most reluctant families sooner to improve parenting and signpost to various support services.</p>	<p>2, 3, 4, 7</p>

Total budgeted cost: £46,148

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Jigsaw 3-11	Jigsaw
White Rose Maths	White Rose Maths
ELSA	Oxfordshire CC
Counselling	Julie Watt
FFT Aspire	FFT
Charanga	Charanga

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Challenge number	Detail	Intended outcome	Successes	Moving forward
1	Entry data for children eligible for the PPG generally shows children join our school (in EY or in-year transfers) are working below age-related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to their peers.	Raise attainment and narrow the gap for pupils eligible for PP to at least expected age expected levels, with aspirational targets.	<p>Pupils are discussed in the PPM documents.</p> <p>Insight data programme being used for analysis, including the monitoring of key groups.</p> <p>PP tracking documents used in EY to track and monitor pupils.</p>	Assessment tools be adapted to ensure they support teachers with tracking PP children's progress.
2	Limited language experiences for pupils, with poor oral language skills and experiences of literacy (e.g. speech and language delay, reading).	Develop children's core language skills in relation to age related expectations, particularly in Early Years and ensure reading / language skills are developed through a focus on lowest 20% across the school.	<p>Language Champion programme completed by EY Lead.</p> <p>Oracy focus for whole school to impact on pupil outcomes.</p> <p>WellComm intervention continues to be a focus for EY, with training attended.</p> <p>Oracy conference attended.</p>	<p>Language lead Information to be disseminated across the team, including across phases to share best practice.</p> <p>Oracy is a whole school priority for 2025/26 to impact on pupil progress and attainment. Members of SLT attending conference with intention of sharing good practice.</p>

				3 year Oracy strategy created.
3	<p>Despite rigorous interventions there remains a significant gap between pp and non PP pupils for attainment.</p> <p>Where pupils are eligible for the PPG, and on the SEND register, pupils are not achieving the ARE.</p> <p>The number of our children are PP and SEND = 11/26 = 42%</p>	To narrow the gap between pupil premium and non-pupil premium attainment.	<p>Early identification enables intervention to start quickly. Experienced SENDco provides additional support where needed, including drop in sessions for staff.</p> <p>Impact area added to PPMs to highlight the actions having the most impact.</p>	<p>Acer PPG and SEND strategic groups to improve provision for key pupils.</p> <p>For attendance, behaviour and EC activity analysis to be shared with SLT for actions.</p>
4	Challenging family circumstances affects children's well-being.	Provide pupils with appropriate support to improve wellbeing.	Providing exceptional support for pupils including, NOLA, WR, music lessons, trips, visits, school counsellor, ELSA.	<p>Continue to analyse the impact of provision.</p> <p>Review and adapt provision for Young Carers within the school.</p>
5	Low levels of engagement with school with busy home-life which may be disordered.	Increase engagement of the children's parents with school life; events and home learning.	<p>Parent code of conduct shared with parents annually.</p> <p>Knowing the pupils and families well, with quick intervention where needed. Significant intervention offer; Young Carers, ELSA, Brick club, Bounce Back, SAF, TAF, MHST, PACT, CIN and CIP.</p> <p>Being proactive with parents around attendance, including late arrival. Attendance outcomes are higher than national.</p>	Analysis to be used to inform impact of the support.
6	<p>Attendance rates for pupils eligible for PP are lower than non-pupil premium.</p> <p>2024/25: 94.5% (in line with previous year, compared to whole school outcome of 96.3%, and non-pupil premium 96.6%)</p>	To improve pupil premium attendance rates, compared to non-pupil premium.	Case study for successes.	<p>Continue to raise the profile of attendance through parents' meetings, newsletters and communication.</p> <p>System of support around attendance implemented across Acer Trust.</p>

