



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 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	Middleforth Church of England Primary School
Number of pupils in school	205
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	16%
Proportion of pupil premium plus eligible pupils	5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers <b>(3-year plans are recommended)</b>	2023/24
Date this statement was published	September 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Mrs Nicola Pilkington (HT)
Pupil premium lead	Mrs N Allton
Governor / Trustee lead	Mrs L Southwell

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£75,845
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£6,235 – see separate plan for breakdown.
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	£82,080

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

It is our intention that all children are provided with the means to make good progress across the curriculum, no matter their background. The pupils at Middleforth C of E Primary School, are from a range of differing social and economic backgrounds with differing starting points in learning and varying barriers. We aim to provide high quality teaching and support so that those barriers are fully identified to ensure all pupils at Middleforth can reach their full potential and are able to engage fully in all parts of school life.

This is achieved through a process of the 4-step cyclical model from the EEF

1. Diagnose our pupils' challenges and needs
2. Use strong evidence to support our strategy
3. Implement our strategy with care
4. Monitor and evaluate our strategy and its success

This process forms the basis for high quality teaching which will not only benefit those children who are 'falling behind' but also the non-disadvantaged children too.

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Gaps in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Phonics
2	Some challenging behaviour in groups of children throughout school.
3	Emotional needs/traumatic experiences that inhibit learning (including CLA/post adoption)
4	Poor home learning environments, due to many different reasons, for some children
5	Low attaining pupils receiving little or no academic support at home.

## 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
1. To increase rates of attainment and progress of those pupils entitled to Pupil Premium to ensure the gap is closing between them and with their peers nationally in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Phonics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Targeted intervention is used to ensure that PP pupils who are working below the standard expected for their peers, are given appropriate support.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention support through the placement of additional Teaching Assistants throughout school in each class.</li> <li>• Educational Psychologist and specialist teachers are bought in to identify any unmet, unidentified, underlying need and set individual learning programmes.</li> <li>• Support with ensuring IEP targets are appropriate and are tailored to individual needs.</li> <li>• 1-1 Interventions provided by teaching assistants to include: IDL, Fast track phonics, Bounce Back Phonics and Precision teaching.</li> <li>• Group interventions e.g. rapid intervention, phonics intervention, math interventions and other closing the gap activities.</li> <li>• A higher proportion of disadvantaged pupils are working at age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.</li> <li>• 100% disadvantaged pupils make good progress</li> <li>• Pupil voice reflects a love of reading</li> <li>• Increased access to homework and home learning through providing a Homework Club.</li> </ul>
<p>To provide behavioural, emotional and social support through a targeted nurture programme for those pupils who benefit from such support.</p> <p>Strengthen consistency, through coaching and CPD, in the application of the behaviour policy principles so that the first attention is always given to the best conduct (especially for new staff).</p> <p>Develop staff confidence, through coaching and CPD, when dealing with complex behaviour needs &amp; negative behaviours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An extensive nurture programme using our Pastoral worker is used to provide appropriate support to PP pupils.</li> <li>• Playground/Lunchtime support with the introduction of OPAL (outdoor play and learning). Developing Play Leaders in staff and ongoing CPD.</li> <li>• Lunchtime support for pupils who struggle with long periods of unstructured time or building up effective friendships.</li> <li>• Embedding the new behavior policy (linked to Revolutionise behavior. Maintaining calm areas, incorporating sensory tools across all classes, particularly for those PP children who need them.</li> <li>• Pastoral support team identifies pupils in need of support and provides proactive approach to address areas of concern.</li> <li>• Pastoral support monitors attendance and seeks to support families in improving attendance.</li> <li>• Continued use of the sensory room to support needs. Maintaining the upkeep of the sensory room.</li> </ul>

<p>To provide enrichment opportunities for Pupil Premium pupils who may otherwise have little or no access to such activity.</p> <p>Not every child with PP will need access to academic or emotional support. Therefore, it is important we provide opportunities for pupils to enjoy curriculum activities with the aim of developing hobbies and personal interests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We provide engaging forest school experiences for children with a key emphasis on developing speaking and listening skills, as well as social interaction and problem solving.</li><li>• Educational visits can be funded by use of PPG if required to allow these children to experience our wider curriculum offer.</li><li>• PPG pupils access afterschool clubs and enrichment opportunities.</li><li>• Wraparound care for PPG children available to support with breakfast and afterschool provision.</li><li>• Wider opportunities music tuition for all pupils allows them to experience learning how to play a musical instrument.</li></ul>
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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: £35,802

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Teacher led Phonics intervention</p> <p>Teacher/s to deliver catch up phonics sessions to small groups/individual children in addition to phonics in class.</p> <p>TA led phonics intervention</p>	<p><b>The EEF – Phonics – Closing the disadvantage gap</b></p> <p>It is possible that some disadvantaged pupils may not develop phonological awareness at the same rate as other pupils, having been exposed to fewer words spoken and books read in the home. Targeted phonics interventions may therefore improve decoding skills more quickly for pupils who have experienced these barriers to learning.</p>	<p>1,3</p>
<p>All classes to have at least one TA for core curriculum lessons.</p>	<p><b><u>The EEF – Teaching assistants</u></b></p> <p>Teaching assistant interventions can be targeted at pupils that require additional support and can help previously low attaining pupils overcome barriers to learning and ‘catch-up’ with previously higher attaining pupils.</p>	<p>1,3,4,5</p>
<p>Teacher development to enable delivery of high-quality teaching and learning</p>	<p>The EEF guidance report on effective professional development (PD) suggests that mechanisms should be the focus when designing a PD programme. Therefore, we have designed our PD around revisiting prior learning, goal setting, providing feedback, and action planning.</p>	<p>1,3,4,5</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £16,013

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Use TAs to deliver high quality one-to-one and small group support using structured interventions. Additional hours for TA's to include 8:30-3:30	<b><u>The EEF – Teaching Assistants</u></b> Research on TAs delivering targeted interventions in one-to-one or small group settings shows a consistent impact on attainment of approximately three to four additional months' progress.	1,3,4,5
Where % of children eligible for PPG is higher, additional TA support provided in afternoons to undertake rapid interventions.	<b><u>The EEF – Teaching assistants</u></b> Teaching assistant interventions can be targeted at pupils that require additional support and can help previously low attaining pupils overcome barriers to learning and 'catch-up' with previously higher attaining pupils.	1,3,4,5

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

Budgeted cost: £30,265

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Forest School Specialist Led	<b><u>The EEF – Forest School</u></b> Outdoor Adventure Learning might provide opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to participate in activities that they otherwise might not be able to access. Through participation in these challenging physical and emotional activities, outdoor adventure learning interventions can support pupils to develop non-cognitive skills such as resilience, self-confidence and motivation.  The application of these non-cognitive skills in the classroom may in turn have a positive effect on academic outcomes. However, the evidence base linking non-cognitive skills and pupil attainment is weak and schools should therefore carefully evaluate the impact of outdoor learning interventions on pupil achievement, if this is the intended outcome.	4,5

Pastoral Lead monitors and supports attendance and behaviour	Engagement with strategies from <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/framework-for-securing-full-attendance-actions-for-schools-and-local-authorities">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/framework-for-securing-full-attendance-actions-for-schools-and-local-authorities</a> .  Clear policy and procedure for persistent poor attendance.	2
Pastoral Lead to support children and families with emotional wellbeing through child led and family interventions.	<u>Social &amp; Emotional Learning:</u> - EEF evidences that this approach has a positive impact, on average, of 4 months additional progress over a year - The average cost is low  The EEF recognises SEL, Well-being and Mental Health as essential in supporting effective learning which are linked to a positive outcome later in life.	5
To provide sensory room upkeep for regulation and sensory breaks.	EEF report into remote learning found that <i>Ensuring access to technology is key, particularly for disadvantaged pupils</i>	2,3
To provide pupils with curriculum enrichment opportunities.	Ofsted's guide 'The Pupil Premium' (Jan 2013) identified: The full range of educational experiences in their top ten of 'Gap Busters' identifying the levers for improvement so that all pupils have full access to broad educational experiences.	2,5

**Total budgeted cost: £82,080**

## 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.

Progress of PPG children to non-PPG pupils is good in KS2. Progress in reading, writing and maths in KS2 is higher or in line (exception Year 5 reading) for PPG children compared to Non-PPG. Progress for PPG children in KS1 is slightly lower in all areas compared to Non-PPG children but progress is still evident; Both KS1 cohorts have EHCP children and PPG children who have SEND needs. Overall progress is higher or broadly inline for PPG children compared to Non-PPG children.

- Targeted interventions from TAs/Teachers and the use of the recovery premium has led to increased rates of attainment and progress in KS1 in particular of those pupils entitled to Pupil Premium, which is narrowing the gap.
- A nurture programme using our Pastoral worker was used to provide appropriate support to PPG pupils. Lunchtime support was in place for pupils who struggle with long periods of unstructured time or building up effective friendships. Pastoral support team identified pupils in need of support and provided strategies and support to address areas of concern.
- Pastoral support monitored attendance and sought to support families in improving attendance by completing home visits, attendance agreements and meetings.
- All year groups/specific children with social and emotional needs participated in engaging forest school experiences with a key emphasis on developing speaking and listening skills, as well as social interaction and problem solving.
- Attendance for PPG children was in line with Non-PPG children and at National average-96%.



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## 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

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

*For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:*

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	N/A
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	N/A

## Further information (optional)

*Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.*