



# **Rivington Foundation Pupil Premium Strategy Statement**

## 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 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	Rivington Foundation Primary School
Number of pupils in school	114
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	12%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2021/2022 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2022
Statement authorised by	Sarah Annette Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Sarah Annette Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Helens Kewley, lead for disadvantaged pupils

### Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£21,140 Budget year Spr 21 – Mar 22
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£3600
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	
<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	Income Total: £699,598

## Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

### Statement of intent

At Rivington Foundation Primary School all members of staff and governors accept responsibility for all pupils recognising that a number of pupils within the school population, some of whom are not eligible for pupil premium funding, may at any point during their school career require additional support and intervention. We are committed to meeting our pupils' pastoral, social and academic needs in a nurturing environment. As with every child in our care, a child who is in receipt of the pupil premium is valued, respected and entitled to develop to their full potential.

The ultimate objectives for our pupils who are in receipt of pupil premium are:

***To ensure the attendance of pupils in receipt of pupil premium is at least in line with those of peers in school.***

We know that children learn best when they attend school regularly. However, the attendance of the pupil premium group is lower than the attendance of those not in receipt of pupil premium. In our strategy we focus on encouraging attendance through meeting the well-being needs of pupils and families, by providing exciting learning including access to outdoor learning and forest schools, and through our family learning mentor and our pupil premium champion actively engaging with family to encourage and support good attendance in school.

***To continue to ensure the outcomes for pupils in receipt of pupil premium are at least in line with those of peers in school across the curriculum.***

33% of our pupils in receipt of pupil premium have identified special educational needs and a number have been under the care of the Local Authority. In all cases we strive to ensure all our pupils make excellent progress. We believe that all our pupils benefit from high quality teaching every day and we ensure our strategy provides for this with further additional intervention through one to one and small group teaching. We have accessed this using our current staff in school but also accessing the National Tutoring Programme.

We have recently identified a small group of pupils who are not making the progress we would expect, despite this intervention, and so our strategy for 2019-22 focuses on the needs of this group. Our Pupil Premium Champion works to ensure high aspiration and high quality provision for all pupils in receipt of pupil premium. She is a member of SLT and has time to carry out this work in school.

***Ensure the well-being needs of all pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding are met to ensure they are on track to make or exceed expected progress and attainment.***

At Rivington Foundation Primary School we know children must be ready to learn by ensuring their personal, social, emotional and developmental needs are met. This has been particularly evident for children on entry to EYFS. We have established a successful induction programme which is now embedded in school and a weekly Forest School session for our youngest children. This early intervention helps to remove

these barriers sooner in the child's education. Lockdown has seen an increase in pupils' emotional and social needs that impact on learning with increases in both pupil and adult mental health and wellbeing needs.



## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p>Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate under-developed oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from Reception through to KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.</p>
2	<p>Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively affects their development as readers.</p>
3	<p>Internal and external (where available) assessments indicate that maths and English attainment among disadvantaged pupils is significantly below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>On entry to Reception class in the last years, around 50% or more (1 or 2 children) of our disadvantaged pupils arrive below age-related expectations compared to 23% of other pupils.</p>
4	<p>Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and well-being of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies.</p> <p>This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations, especially in maths and English.</p>
5	<p>Our assessments (including wellbeing survey – May 2021), observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils, notably due to bullying, and a lack of enrichment opportunities during school closure. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment.</p> <p>Teacher referrals for support have markedly increased during the pandemic. 20 pupils (15% of whom are disadvantaged) currently require additional support with social and emotional needs, with 7 (43% of whom are disadvantaged) receiving small group interventions.</p>
6	<p>Our attendance data over the last years indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 3-5% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>30% of disadvantaged pupils have been ‘persistently absent’ compared to 12% of their peers during that period. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils’ progress.</p>

## 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 oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 reading outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 50% (at least 1 out of 2 pupils) of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2.	KS2 maths outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 50% (at least 1 out of 2 pupils) of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations</li> <li>• a significant reduction in bullying</li> <li>• a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils</li> </ul>
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced by 3%.</li> <li>• the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being 10% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 5% lower than their peers.</li> </ul>

## 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: **£12,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments.</p> <p>Training for staff to ensure assessments are interpreted and administered correctly.</p>	<p>Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction:</p> <p><a href="#">Standardised tests   Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	1, 2, 3, 4
<p>Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary.</p> <p>We will purchase resources and fund ongoing teacher training and release time.</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>	1, 4
<p>All teaching staff to access and complete 'Talk for writing course' delivered by LA Consultants</p> <p>Consistent approach to the teaching of English across school following the teaching sequence model with reading and writing phases.</p>	<p>See EEF Toolkit: High Quality Teaching</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/1-high-quality-teaching">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/1-high-quality-teaching</a></p> <p>'The best available evidence indicates that great teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment. Ensuring every teacher is supported in delivering high-quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged among them.'</p>	1, 2, 4
<p>Work with Maths Hub to take part in 'Mastering Number</p>	<p>See EEF research guidance report: 'Improving Mathematics in the Early</p>	1, 3, 4



<p>Fluency programme' across Key Stage 1.</p>	<p>Years and Key Stage 1' published January 2020  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/early-maths">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/early-maths</a></p>	
<p>Purchase of a <a href="#">DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme</a> to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.</p>	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils:  <a href="#">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>2, 4</p>
<p>Review current provision alongside the guidance: 'Special Educational Needs in Mainstream,' for the teaching of maths and English for SEND pupils  (Led by SLT)</p>	<p>See EEF research guidance report: Special Educational Needs in Mainstream School published in March 2020</p> <p>Ensure all pupils have access to high quality teaching.</p> <p>Compliment high quality teaching with small group and one to one interventions.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/send">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/send</a></p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>
<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance.</p> <p>We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Teaching for Mastery training).</p>	<p>The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches:  <a href="#">Maths guidance KS 1 and 2.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:  <a href="#">Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3</a></p>	<p>3, 4</p>
<p>Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning.</p> <p>SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educa-</p>	<p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):</p>	<p>1,5, 6</p>

<p>tional practices and supported by professional development and training for staff.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a></p>	
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## Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: **£7500**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of a programme to improve listening, narrative and vocabulary skills for disadvantaged pupils who have relatively low spoken language skills.</p>	<p>Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment: <a href="https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">Oral language interventions   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a></p>	<p>1, 4</p>
<p>Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support. This will be delivered in collaboration with our local English hub.</p>	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: <a href="https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">Phonics   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Engaging with the National Tutoring Programme to provide a blend of tuition, mentoring and school-led tutoring for pupils whose education has been most impacted by the pandemic. A significant proportion of the pupils who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers.</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one: <a href="https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">One to one tuition   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a> And in small groups: <a href="https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">Small group tuition   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF</a></p>	<p>4, 3</p>

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

Budgeted cost: **£5240**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Whole staff training on behaviour management and anti-bullying approaches with the aim of developing our school ethos and improving behaviour across school.</p>	<p>Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects:  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk">Behaviour interventions   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</a></p>	5
<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's <a href="#">Improving School Attendance</a> advice.</p> <p>This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures and appointing attendance/support officers to improve attendance.</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.</p>	6
<p>Contingency fund for acute issues.</p>	<p>Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.</p>	All
<p>Pastoral support from ELSA/SENCO and Early Help for vulnerable children and families- key support needed to ensure attendance is maintained and readiness to learn.</p> <p>Well planned transition arrangement into EYFS to ensure nursery and parental engagement identifies 'at risk' pupils as, or before, they start school.</p> <p>Offer parenting group sessions working on specific needs developed through a needs analysis.</p>	<p>EEF Guidance about Wider strategies focusing on: SEL, Well-being and Mental Health.  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/3-wider-strategies">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/3-wider-strategies</a></p>	1 3

<p>CAF/ TAF process with vulnerable families- allowing them to access key services</p> <p>Bespoke and intensive support for the most vulnerable pupils in school including those at risk from exclusions</p> <p>Attendance monitoring and meetings when needed. PP Meetings</p> <p>Engage the relevant support professionals in line with the Attendance policy and Medical Conditions policy to encourage good attendance.</p> <p>Attendance to be a focus item for key pupils at parent evenings and pupil progress meetings</p> <p>Increased links with the SEND team and Health Professionals</p> <p>Reintroduction of fines for unauthorised absence</p>		
<p>Use of outdoor learning to support key groups of pupils</p> <p>Ensuring sustainability of Forest Schools approach by adopting an outdoor learning model so more pupils can access and staff feel confident to deliver.</p> <p>Staff Training to increase access for all pupils to outdoor learning opportunities.</p>	<p>Key findings of Forest Research: <a href="https://www.forestrysearch.gov.uk/research/forest-schools-impact-on-young-children-in-england-and-wales/">https://www.forestrysearch.gov.uk/research/forest-schools-impact-on-young-children-in-england-and-wales/</a></p> <p>The evaluation suggests Forest Schools make a difference in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confidence:</b> children had the freedom, time and space to learn and demonstrate independence</li> <li>• <b>Social skills:</b> children gained increased awareness of the consequences of their actions on peers through team activities such as sharing tools and participating in play</li> <li>• <b>Communication:</b> language development was prompted by the children’s sensory experiences</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <p>3</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motivation:</b> the woodland tended to fascinate the children and they developed a keenness to participate and the ability to concentrate over longer periods of time</li> <li>• <b>Physical skills:</b> these improvements were characterised by the development of physical stamina and gross and fine motor skills</li> <li>• <b>Knowledge and understanding:</b> the children developed an interest in the natural surroundings and respect for the environment</li> </ul>	
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**Total budgeted cost: £24,740**

## 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.

Our internal assessments during 2020/21 suggested that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was lower than in the previous X years in key areas of the curriculum. Despite being on track during the first year (2018/19), the outcomes we aimed to achieve in our previous strategy by the end of 2020/21 were therefore not fully realised.

Our assessment of the reasons for these outcomes points primarily to Covid-19 impact, which disrupted all our subject areas to varying degrees. As evidenced in schools across the country, school closure was most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, and they were not able to benefit from our pupil premium funded improvements to teaching and targeted interventions to the degree we had intended. The impact was mitigated by our resolution to maintain a high quality curriculum, including during periods of partial closure, which was aided by use of online resources such as those provided by Oak National Academy.

Attendance for non-disadvantaged was 97.8% compared to 95.9% for disadvantaged. At times when all pupils were expected to attend school, absence among disadvantaged pupils was 1.3% higher than their peers and persistent absence was 20% for disadvantaged compared to 3% for non-disadvantaged. These gaps are large which is why attendance is a focus of our current plan.

Our assessments and observations indicated that pupil behaviour, wellbeing and mental health were significantly impacted last year, primarily due to COVID-19-related issues. The impact was particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils. We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required. We are building on that approach with the activities detailed in this plan.

### Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider

## Service pupil premium funding (optional)

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	We accessed ELSA training and Mental Health Champion Training dedicated to the emotional wellbeing and academic achievement of service children.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Teachers observed improvements in wellbeing amongst service children. Assessments demonstrated progress in subject areas where extra support classes were provided.

## Further information (optional)

### Additional activity

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activity that is not being funded by pupil premium or recovery premium. That will include:

- embedding more effective practice around feedback. [EEF evidence](#) demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- utilising a [DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead](#). The training we have selected will focus on the training needs identified through the online tool: to develop our understanding of our pupils' needs, give pupils a voice in how we address wellbeing, and support more effective collaboration with parents.
- offering a wide range of high-quality extracurricular activities to boost wellbeing, behaviour, attendance, and aspiration. Activities will focus on building life skills such as confidence, resilience, and socialising. Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate.

### Planning, implementation, and evaluation

In planning our new pupil premium strategy, we evaluated why activity undertaken in previous years had not had the degree of impact that we had expected. We also commissioned a pupil premium review to get an external perspective.

We triangulated evidence from multiple sources of data including assessments, engagement in class book scrutiny, conversations with parents, students and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged pupils. We also used the EEF's families of schools database to view the performance of disadvantaged pupils in schools similar to ours and contacted schools with high-performing disadvantaged pupils to learn from their approach.

We looked at a number of reports, studies and research papers about effective use of pupil premium, the impact of disadvantage on education outcomes and how to address challenges to learning presented by socio-economic disadvantage. We also looked at studies about the impact of the pandemic on disadvantaged pupils.

We used the [EEF's implementation guidance](#) to help us develop our strategy, particularly the 'explore' phase to help us diagnose specific pupil needs and work out which activities and approaches are likely to work in our school. We will continue to use it through the implementation of activities.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach and will adjust our plan over time to secure better outcomes for pupils.