

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2021/22 to 2024/25

	2021 -2022 Pupil Premium Budget	2022-2023 Pupil Premium Budget	2023-2024 Pupil Premium Budget	2024-2025 Pupil Premium Budget
Allocated Budget	£67,180	£75,720	£82,325	£68,835

SUMMARY INFORMATION			
Pupil premium strategy	<p>In the school's 2021 - 2022 the budget, the school has been allocated £67,180 for support for those pupils eligible to receive Pupil Premium. There were 54 pupils on the disadvantaged register which included pupils currently receiving free school meals, pupils who have received FSM over the last 6 years, looked after or previously looked after pupils and children from service families. Provision will also include non-eligible pupils. Before interventions and funding allocations were made, a range of guidance, research and support was taken from the EEF Toolkit and relevant consultants from the local authority.</p>		
CURRENT PUPIL INFORMATION 2021/22 (FEB 2022)		PREDICTED PUPIL INFORMATION 2022/23 (FEB 2022)	
Total number of pupils:	412	Total number of pupils:	400
Number of pupils eligible for pupil premium:	54 (8 enhanced / 1 service)	Number of pupils eligible for pupil premium:	51 (7 enhanced)

COHORT INFORMATION	CURRENT INFORMATION (2021/22)		PREDICTED INFORMATION (2022/23)	
	NUMBER IN GROUP	PERCENTAGE OF GROUP	NUMBER IN GROUP	PERCENTAGE OF GROUP
Boys	32	59%	30	60%
Girls	22	41%	21	41%
SEN support	5	9%	5	10%
EHC plan	7	13%	6	12%

Assessment data

EYFS						
2020/21 No assessments available for 19/20 due to Covid-19	Pupils eligible for pupil premium(5)	All pupils	National average	Data from previous years		
				2016-17 (5)	2017-18 (4)	2018-19 (6)
Good level of development(GLD)	20%	54%	72%	20%	25%	17%
Reading	60%	66%	77%	20%	25%	17%
Writing	40%	54%	74%	20%	25%	17%
Number	20%	65%	80%	20%	25%	17%
Shape, Space & Measures	20%	70%	82%	20%	25%	17%

YEAR 1 & 2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK					
Pupils eligible for pupil premium	All pupils	National average	Data from previous years		
			2016-17 (2)	2017-18 (4)	2018-19 (6)
60%	93% (Year 2)	79%	100%	25%	50%

END OF KS1						
2020/21 No assessments available for 19/20 due to Covid-19	Pupils eligible for pupil premium (Year 2 2021)	Pupils not eligible for pupil premium		Data from previous years		
		School average (Year 2 - 2021 school data)	National average (2019)	2016-17 (3)	2017-18 (2)	2018-19 (6)
% achieving expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths	30%	68%	65%	0%	50%	33%
% achieving expected standard or above in reading.	40%	80%	75%	33%	100%	33%
% achieving expected standard or above in writing	30%	73%	69%	0%	100%	33%
% achieving expected standard or above in maths	30%	71%	76%	33%	50%	50%

END OF KS2						
	Pupils eligible for pupil premium (Year 6 2021)	Pupils not eligible for pupil premium		Data from previous years		
		School average (Year 6 - 2021 school data)	National average (All – 2019 / Dis)	2016-17 (5)	2017-18 (7)	2018-19 (5)
% achieving expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths	75%	78%	65% (51%)	0%	86%	60%
% achieving expected standard or above in reading.	100%	82%	73% (62%)	20%	86%	60%
% achieving expected standard or above in writing	75%	80%	78% (68%)	60%	60%	100%
% achieving expected standard or above in maths	100%	83%	79% (67%)	60%	100%	60%

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	Firfield Primary School
Number of pupils in school	412
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	13.1% (54)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2021/2022 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	March 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2022
Statement authorised by	James Yellop, Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	James Yellop, Headteacher
Governor	James Stafford Chair of Governors

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£67,180
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£6,813
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£73,993

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Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

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 will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. 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 in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils thrive and flourish both in terms of academic and personal development. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p>Disadvantage pupils at the school are more at risk of not reaching the expected standards and fewer children are likely to be working at greater depth for reading, writing and maths at the end of each academic year and the national tests at each key stage.</p> <p><i>Attainment on entry / end of EYFS for disadvantaged pupils is well below that of other pupils. 25% or less of pupil premium children achieved GLD over past five years.</i></p>
2	<p>Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers, writing and spelling strategies available across the school.</p> <p><i>In Autumn 2021 93% of pupils achieved the phonics threshold (60% of disadvantaged pupils passed the threshold)</i></p>
3	<p>Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils suggest less disadvantaged pupils generally achieve the expected level for reading at the end of KS1.</p> <p><i>Attainment in reading shows that on average 51% of pupils reach expectations at the end of KS1 over the past 5 years, this compares to 85% of all pupils.</i></p>
4	<p>Research indicates that children from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to less vocabulary than other pupils. At Firfield we believe this to be true. Many disadvantaged children have delayed speech and language, less access to books, conversations and an environment where an extensive vocabulary is used.</p>
5	<p>Mental health and wellbeing – Disadvantaged pupils and their families at Firfield often require support for mental health and wellbeing as well as safeguarding support through Early Help Provision. The schools' DSLs provide some early help support and other Early Help is provided through ChildrenFirst.</p>
6	<p>Exemplary behaviour / Metacognition – Some of the disadvantaged pupils at Firfield need more support to self-regulate and manage their own behaviour. Metacognition strategies are also key to support children to understand the learning process. The development of a knowledge rich curriculum and teaching strategies that can support all pupils maximise their learning potential is vital.</p>
7	<p>Attendance, punctuality and persistent absence (10%) data suggest that the disadvantage pupils do not attend school as regularly as other pupils in the school.</p> <p><i>Whilst the school consistently has excellent rates of attendance (top 20 percentile for both attendance and low persistent absence) the overall absence for disadvantaged is 6.3% which is the 69th percentile rank. The persistent absence for disadvantaged is 18.4% which is 64th percentile rank.</i></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
<p>Early intervention ensures that the percentage of pupils achieving end of year expectations is increased at the end of KS1 and across KS2</p>	<p>60% (currently 42% Autumn 2021) of disadvantaged pupils reach the end of year expectations in reading, writing and maths (65% NA) and at the end of KS2</p> <p>65% of disadvantage children reach expectations (last five-year average is 55%).</p> <p>Insight Tracker / Pupil Progress Review meetings used to monitor achievement.</p>
<p>The school has high expectations for reading and this is a priority for disadvantaged pupils who develop a love for reading and a passion for books. Excellent reading opens doors to the rest of the curriculum.</p>	<p>Disadvantage children read regularly to an adult, listen to stories in school and have a library of key texts to support reading at home.</p> <p>Children develop good comprehension skills through the application of DERIC skills.</p> <p>70% (currently 57%, Autumn 2021) of disadvantaged pupils to reach end of year expectations in reading and at the end of KS2 75% of disadvantaged children reach expectations (last five-year average 67%).</p>
<p>Children develop a high level of competency in maths</p>	<p>All pupils (especially disadvantaged girls) have the confidence to achieve well in maths through the maths mastery approach.</p> <p>In Maths 65% (currently 48%, Autumn 2021) of disadvantaged pupils to reach end of year expectations.</p>
<p>Early language and the development of vocabulary.</p>	<p>Phonics provision at the school is improved so that all disadvantaged pupils achieve the Phonics Threshold by 2025.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The NELI intervention is used to ensure strong outcomes for all children in Reception and Year 1.</p>
<p>To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.</p>	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations

	<p>A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils through increased participation and the range of activities we offer as a school.</p> <p>Children develop the life skills needed to flourish and thrive.</p>
<p>Through improvement in Quality first teaching, focusing on metacognition, current research on development of long-term memory and retrieval practice ensure that children have the best tools to retain information and access a knowledge rich curriculum.</p>	<p>Learning walks, subject deep dives, scrutiny of books and discussions with pupils show that pupils are retaining knowledge and are developing a rich base of knowledge.</p> <p>The sequencing of the curriculum allows children to build on knowledge as they progress through the primary curriculum.</p> <p>Evidence based practice and professional research ensures that staff have quality CPD to drive learning throughout the school.</p> <p>The school is outward looking and the use of the Exemplary leadership programme, national professional qualifications, and expertise within the cluster and in DCC is used to inform best practice.</p>
<p>Disadvantaged pupils attend school regularly, they are punctual, and rates of persistent absence are low.</p>	<p>Attendance of disadvantaged pupils is in the top quarter nationally (25%) and is close to the attendance of non-disadvantaged.</p> <p>Disadvantaged pupils arrive at school on time and are ready to learn. The number of lates are reduced.</p>

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 / Whole School

Budgeted cost: **£45,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Improvements to the school library including purchasing books to engage boys and pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds in reading, look at use of audio books and technology as a way to support boys – In 2022 prepare bid to Foyle Foundation Funding £10,000 , match funded by the school / PTA / WRAP.	In 2019 progress for boys reading was -1.6 compared to +0.1 for girls. The figure for disadvantaged pupils is shown in the challenges section.	1,2,3,4
Supporting Early Careers teachers who missed out on training and visits to other schools during lockdown. Half day additional time given to support staff early in career. (19 full days cover £3,800)	The DfE have already recognised this and supported ECTs who entered the profession this year. As a school we are providing for the previous year.	1,2,3,4,6
Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary. We will purchase resources and fund ongoing teacher training and release time. NELI (Nuffield Early Language Intervention) Early Year intervention through the Nuffield Language Development Programme Cost of HLTA (1 day a week, £4,700)	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: Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	4
Purchase of a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils. Training for staff to deliver phonics. £5,000	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:	1,2,3
Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning.	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with	5

<p>Senior mental health training for member of SLT.</p> <p>Refresher training for current mental health leads. £0</p> <p>Train 2 additional mental health leads. £500</p> <p>Whole school mental health training.</p> <p>Purchase wellbeing package from the Art of Being Brilliant. £5,000 (resources to support staff).</p> <p>Mapping of Mental health and wellbeing (Universal, Targeted and Individual) support for both staff and pupils</p>	<p>improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	
<p>Access to technology to support developing confidence in maths and Computing curriculum (Coding Club)</p> <p>School to invest in Apps to be used on DfE laptops issued for disadvantaged pupils e.g. TTRS</p> <p>TA directed time to support gaps in numeracy. Supporting pupils through First Class Number and General TA support.</p> <p>Year groups 1-6 (2 afternoons per week)</p> <p>4x6=24 x 39 = £16,000</p>	<p>The school received 17 laptops to support learning for Pupil Premium Children (2020/21). An additional 9 computers were issued to school (Feb 22).</p> <p>These computers have been used to support remote learning during lockdown but will be used to support coding club (loaning out to disadvantaged pupils) and to support maths.</p>	1

Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: **£51,500**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Additional support for current Year 1 as EYFS and Preschool experience affected by Covid-19.</p> <p>HLTA employed to support year group.</p> <p>£9,500</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:</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 5, 6</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>Train a group of teaching assistants to be able to support National Tutoring Programme.</p> <p>Deputy and Assistant Headteachers not to have classroom responsibilities to support year groups or specific groups affected by Covid-19.</p> <p>AT (Year 4 and 5) RT (Year 1 and 3)</p> <p>Additional 0.4 teacher employed to support Year 6.</p>	<p>And in small groups:</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>3 x 2 hours weekly (25% of cost)</p> <p>Cost £1,200 (inc training costs)</p> <p>Cost £16,100</p> <p>Cost £9,700</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>
<p>The development of inference skills in reading and widening reading activities and experiences for pupils will assist in removing barriers to reading comprehension and improve reading outcomes.</p> <p>Purchase books for disadvantaged pupils to have a collection of quality texts. £2,500</p> <p>Accelerated Reading used to support reading of disadvantaged. £2,500</p>	<p>EEF suggests very high impact and very low cost (Plus 6 months potential impact). Extensive evidence to support this.</p> <p>Reading comprehension strategies EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>
<p>To develop the resources to support children that have sensory needs.</p> <p>Design and resource a multi-sensory room, John's Garden and other resources to support sensory needs.</p> <p>£10,000</p>	<p>High percentage of disadvantaged pupils have SEND 25% compared to 19.8% nationally and 9.1% have an EHCP compared to 6.4% nationally.</p>	<p>5, 6, 7</p>

Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: **£49,830**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Whole staff training on behaviour management approaches with the aim of developing our school ethos and improving behaviour across school.</p> <p>Exemplary Leadership Programme</p> <p>CPD for staff on supporting children with challenging behaviour.</p> <p>Level 2 Team Teach Training for key staff (8 x £150) = £1,200</p> <p>Level 2 Team Teach Training for TAs (24 TAs) = £2,200</p> <p>NPQ Training for Middle Leader in Behaviour and Culture £800 release.</p> <p>ELP £1,800 (3x£600 DfE Subsidy)</p>	<p>Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects:</p> <p>Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Team Teach is an accredited positive behaviour training course to provide a holistic approach to managing behaviour for individuals and organisations working with children. Used to build strong relationships and transform challenging situations into positive outcomes.</p>	<p>5, 6</p>
<p>Early Help Offer</p> <p>Leadership time to support EHA</p> <p>15 days total £5,000</p> <p>ChildrenFirst support</p> <p>Currently £7966.20 (£8,603.60 in 2022), proposal to increase support for 5 families rather than 3 (£11,980) for April 2022 budget.</p>	<p>Statutory guidance in each nation of the UK highlights the importance of providing early intervention, rather than waiting until a child or family's situation escalates (Department for Education (DfE), 2018; Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, 2017; Scottish Government, 2021; Wales Safeguarding Procedures Project Board, 2020)</p>	<p>5, 6, 7</p>
<p>Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning.</p> <p>Pupils will be able to deal more effectively with emotional and social difficulties through the high-quality support and intervention from well trained, experienced staff at Nurture Club / Star Club sessions</p> <p>Nurture training for 2 x TAs</p> <p>TA support for 15 hours x 39 weeks £8,850</p> <p>Boxhall Profiles to be completed for all disadvantaged pupils. £1,000</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>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>5, 6, 7</p>

<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance 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>Leadership Time – 6 days across the year for attendance plus EHA £2,000 (see above)</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Pupils will have enjoyed access to additional extra-curricular opportunities, widening their own experiences and interests beyond school and increase their range of skills and aspirations. This includes Arts clubs (music, drama and art).</p> <p>£2,000 First Grade Sports</p> <p>£5,000 TA support to run clubs after school.</p> <p>STEM sessions to support disadvantaged girls to have an interest in Science, technology and maths. 10 week programme for 10-14 children from Year 4-6 at Trent College.</p> <p>Cost ¼ day cover x 30 £1,800</p>	<p>The EEF suggests that participation in Arts clubs has a low cost with moderate evidence (plus 3 months impact)</p> <p>Arts participation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 5, 6, 7</p>
<p>Contingency fund for acute issues. £1,500</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>	<p>All</p>

Total budgeted cost: £146,330

Large budget carry forward used to support gaps due to Covid-19 from

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.

Catch Up funding and Pupil Premium funding was used to support reading, writing and maths and phonic intervention with children who had moved to Year 1,2 & 4 (September 2020). The impact of this ensured that 85% of pupils reached the phonics threshold in 2020 (above the national average of 78.3%) and 93% reached the threshold in 2021 (well above the national average of 79.4%).



For a full review of outcomes for 2020/21 see reviewed plan and reviewed Pupil Premium Statement 2021

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.