Pupil premium strategy statement – St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School

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	218
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	6%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement each academic year)	2024 - 2027
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Sophie Howes
Pupil premium lead	Emma Giddings
Governor / Trustee lead	Crofton Alexander

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£17203
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year Recovery premium received in academic year 2023/24 cannot be carried forward beyond August 31, 2024.	£2000
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£5627
Total budget for this academic year	£24830
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

As a Catholic school the equality of the opportunities that we provide to children is central to our mission. We are committed to closing the attainment gaps that exist and ensuring that all children have equal access to the opportunities that education provides. We are working hard, in respect of our most disadvantaged children, to ensure that the Pupil Premium budgets are ringfenced and being used insightfully in our school and that the spends are impactful in narrowing achievement gaps. Our strategy in respect of provision for our disadvantaged children is based on several factors including research, previous provision and impact measurement as well as student and parent voice. We run a school in which support can always be flexible and bespoke in order to meet the needs of all of our children.

We believe that, to narrow and/or close the achievement gaps with our disadvantaged students we need to invest in the establishment and progress of quality first teaching, targeted academic interventions which meet individual student need and pastoral support which provides social, emotional and behavioural support to children and families who find inclusion to be a challenge.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Poor attendance by some of our children limits their learning and expands knowledge and skills gaps.
2	Some of our PP children lack learning behaviours necessary for accessing classroom learning consistently.
3	Some of our PP children lack self-esteem and/or have a poor perception of school or staff. This effects motivation and engagement.
4	Most of our PP children have knowledge gaps in reading, writing or numeracy. Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school clo- sures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies.
	This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps leading to pupils falling further behind age-related expectations.
5	Some of our PP children lack aspiration and does not see the choices offered by education

6	Some of our children's parents are not as engaged with the school or the learning process and do not value learning or support the learning process at home.
7	Some of our PP children suffer from material or electronic disadvantage which limit access to learning and to extra-curricular experiences.
8	Some of our PP children display behaviour which suggests social and emotional needs which can prohibit engagement with learning
9	Some of our PP children have difficulties in accessing the language required for learning due to communication barriers. Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate some underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils.

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
KIP1: The school's pedagogical approach will ensure different opportunities for talk in lessons underpins effective learning and progress.	Pupils will improve their ability to talk and learn effectively – raising attainment of all Pupil Premium children at least in line with Non-Pupil Premium groups.
KIP1: Pupils will enjoy the challenge that learning can bring and access mastery at an appropriate level.	Improving progress and raising attainment of all Pupil Premium children at least in line with Non-Pupil Premium groups. Numbers of Pupil Premium children working at a Greater Depth across the Curriculum will increase.
KIP1: The school's pedagogical approach will utilise different environments, including the outdoors, to enhance teaching and learning across the Curriculum and increase engagement levels of pupils further, particularly boys	Deeper levels of engagement will improve progress and attainment of all Pupil Premium children at least in line with Non-Pupil Premium groups.
KIP1: Teaching and learning across the school is at least good.	Monitoring of standards in teaching and learning show that over time, quality first teaching is at least good.
KIP2: PP children become more skilled at reading.	Standardised assessments in Reading demonstrate that children in receipt of the PP make at least expected progress.
KIP1: PP children acquire early language skills in line with peers.	All non-SEND PP children achieve national average expected standard in Phonics Screening Check.
KIP1: PP children's writing skills are improved.	Standardised assessments in Writing demonstrate the children in receipt of the PP make at least expected progress.
KIP1 : PP children's mathematics skills are improved.	Standardised assessments in Maths demonstrate the children in receipt of the PP make at least expected progress.
KIP1/4: 1:1 intervention improves the progress and attainment of PP children in line with National	All targeted individuals are attaining in line with National expectations across Core subjects.

expectations across core subjects in reading, writing, phonics and mathematics.	
KIP1: The children acquire the disciplines and knowledge required across the curriculum to perform in line with their peers.	Knowledge and disciplines evident in their books and through assessment data.
KIP4: All families who require Early Help, receive this in a timely fashion	Work undertaken demonstrates a notable improvement in a targeted area of the standardised PASS assessment.
KIP4: Children who have been identified as requiring additional pastoral support receive this for the length of time that it is required.	Work undertaken demonstrates a notable improvement in a targeted area of the standardised PASS test.
KIP2: Numbers of notable behaviour incidences for PP children remains low. Number of fixed term exclusions for PP children remains at zero.	Behaviour logs and reviews.
KIP1/2/4 : Impact of the use of external agencies leads to better outcomes for pupils.	Work undertaken demonstrates a notable improvement in a targeted area of the standardised PASS test.
KIP2: The attendance of targeted PP children who are persistent absentees, improves.	Attendance data
KIP4: Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium have equal access to all that the school offers in terms of additional provisions.	All PP children attend school trips, clubs, enrichment and have access to the same resources regardless of means.
KIP5: Children receive equal opportunities for spiritual growth.	All PP children make good progress in Religious Education and participate in the Catholic Life of the school.

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: £ 11,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
 Continued research-led exploration into effective oracy within lessons underpins consistently good and better teaching across the school: Attending high quality training (lessons incorporate a variety of opportunities for quality talk for learning). Purchasing materials and resources to enable quality talk. Opportunities for lesson study. 	We have taken particular guidance from the Ofsted Report <u>'how</u> <u>schools are spending funding</u> <u>successfully to maximise</u> <u>achievement'</u> in our formulation of strategy. This report outlines the importance of diagnostic tools to identify specific gaps and the importance of impact measurement in terms of response. Our whole	2,3,4,5,7

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- Embedding the school's approach to	positi
enhancing Cultural Capital.	relati
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Curriculum through robust evaluation	regula
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enhance the needs of the Curriculum	The <mark>Su</mark>
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	which
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approach to the teaching of reading	1. A
- Supply cover for Subject Lead to monitor	n
standards and to support where there are areas for	o
further development	р
- Enhancement of strategies and resources in	r
the development of reading for pleasure	2. R
- Purchasing of materials to support the	S
school's approach to the teaching of reading.	е
- Continued embedding of the validated	t
Phonics scheme to ensure that all children are	3. S
successful early readers and no Pupil Premium	u
children fall behind.	ir
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egy is based on the production barrier map for all PP children hich specific gaps can be tified and responses agreed. e responses are impact sured and evaluated termly as of our pupil progress meetings hich the progress and evement of PP children is a ific focus.

vidence including that of our experience, the Sutton Trust EEF toolkits and the Ofsted ance is clear that quality hing has a disproportionate ct on pupil premium children. are striving to ensure that hing is at least good across our ol. We invest in training to re that quality first teaching is ys supported and remains a

re working hard with all hers to embed clear, engaging hing and high expectations of arners, both of which are enced by Hattie's research ninating in the Visible Learning ax global research database

research also highlights the tive impact of strategies ing to metacognition (0.6), selfted learning and student selfation (0.67/0.54).

utton Trust and EEF toolkits

ify a focus on a few key things have the most significant nal impact on achievement and ess.

- A school-wide understanding of metacognition and embedding of behaviour management processes which embed selfregulation for children.
- Reading comprehension strategies and the explicit embedding of phonics throughout the school.
- Staff training and the effective use of experts to assist and intervene in the educational process for children.

 Investment into a quality, recommended 	
	We are also acutely aware that the
reading scheme that links directly with the school's Phonics scheme.	disadvantage gap is the result, at
Phonics scheme.	least in part of a vocabulary gap
	which limits access to some areas of
• Development of the provision for Writing:	the curriculum for our most
	disadvantaged children. This is
	evidenced in a number of places
- Supply costs for the English Lead to further	including Open Access Government
	and the work of Alex Quigley and
- Purchasing of materials to support individual	Tanya Christ. We are addressing this
pupils with their development in writing	through establishing a clear reading
- One to one and group teacher support for f targeted children	focus and in embedding oracy in our
	classrooms.
· Development of the unevision for Mathem	
 Development of the provision for Maths: 	
- Subject Leads to monitor standards in	We also believe that the
	We also believe that the 'traditional' methods of teaching do
	not meet the needs of all of our
	children, especially a proportion of
nunils with their development in maths	our most disadvantaged. We are
	exploring how the introduction of
	more organised approach to the embedding of outdoor learning can
-	lead to improvements in wellbeing
	and can better support different
subjects:	kinds of learning. The work of <u>Sue</u>
	<u>Waite</u> , amongst many others outlines the potential benefits of
	this approach.
- Supply costs for the Subject Leads to further	
develop the whole school approach to the teaching	
of Foundation subjects.	
- Purchasing of materials to support individual	
pupils with their development in Foundation subjects	
- One to one and group teacher support for	
targeted children where required	

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	
of all children. Whilst we continue to work towards that regarding individual children have resulted in skills and	Our ultimate goal is to create a team of teachers so expert that quality first teaching effectively meets the needs of all children. Whilst we continue to work towards that goal it is clear that some inherited and created issues regarding individual children have resulted in skills and knowledge gaps which need to be filled. When deciding how to do this we are led by our barrier map diagnosis and evaluation of data to measure the impact of		

• Teach	er 1:1 conferencing with each Pupil Premium	Whilet we agree that a weither of	1.2.4
child:	and the content of the cash ruph richnum	Whilst we agree that a variety of	1,2,4
-	Individualised target setting with each Pupil	methods should be employed to	
	Premium child	meet individual need we believe	
_	Individualised review of learning	that on the whole 1:1 and small	
_	•	group intervention by a group of	
-	Supply costs to enable Class Teachers to work 1:1	experts is the most impactful	
		method to fill gaps. This mirrors the	
-	Inclusion Lead to oversee the targeted Pupil	findings of the <u>Sutton Trust and EEF</u>	
	Premium children are gaining from the 1:1	toolkits and the Ofsted guidance	
م ۸ ما ما د	conferencing	discussed above.	
	ional, designated intervention from a g Assistant and/or Teacher offers Pupil		
	m children:		
	Development of writing in the outdoor areas		
-	through purchasing appropriate resources to		
	engage and inspire		
_	Delivery of Welcomm Language intervention		
	where appropriate to support vocabulary de-		
	velopment		
-	Writing Fundamentals embedded to support		
	gaps.		
-	Inclusion Lead to ensure that SEND PP chil-		
	dren have dedicated Writing support to en-		
	sure that progress is maximised		
-	English Subject Lead to evaluate the impact		
	of all strategies		
-	Targeted children are exposed to higher or-		
	der Writing strategies		
• Addit	ional, designated intervention from a		
	g Assistant and/or Teacher offers Pupil		
	m children:		
-	Development of Maths in the outdoor areas		
	through purchasing appropriate resources to		
	engage and inspire		
-	Maths Fundamentals addresses gaps in		
	knowledge		
-	Targeted children receive opportunities for		
	Mastery to deepen understanding		
-	Inclusion Lead to ensure that SEND PP chil-		
	dren have dedicated Maths support to ensure		
	that progress is maximised		
-	Maths Subject Lead to evaluate the impact of		
	all strategies		
	nal, designated intervention from a Teaching	The <u>EEF</u> have found that the	9
	nt and/or Teacher offers Pupil Premium	average impact of oral language	
children		interventions and development is	
-	Delivery of additional Phonics for children not	approximately an additional six	
	making expected progress in this area	months progress over the course of	
-	Additional opportunities for activities linked	a year.	
	to reading for pleasure		
-	Delivery of Language intervention where ap-		
	propriate		
-	Specific Reading intervention improves word		
	reading and comprehension for KS2 pupils		
-	Inclusion Lead to ensure that SEND PP chil-		
	dren have dedicated reading support to en-		
	sure that progress is maximised		
-	English Subject Lead to evaluate the impact		
	of all strategies		

- Targeted children are exposed to higher or- der Reading comprehension strategies		
Engagement of the Speech and Language therapist to support individual children with S & L		
Embedding of learning behaviours in children with a focus on self-regulation, resilience and self-efficacy in line with our school mission.	The average impact nationally of successful SEL interventions is an additional 4 months progress over the course of a year.	2,3,5,6,8

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
 Our Inclusion Lead supports our families in the following ways: ensuring that the families had access to adequate, permanent housing ensuring that families had access to the government funding and benefits that they were entitled to engaging parents and families with support for their mental health and the impact of this on the children; supporting victims of domestic abuse ensuring that families were supported by appropriate external agencies e.g. Service Six, The Voice; Sunflower Centre; supporting families with links to local Food Banks improving adults' prospects of securing employment debt, often leading to other issues surrounding family finances such as food, paying bills etc In response to these and other needs, the children often require regular and direct support from other members of staff to help them deal with a variety of issues and barriers including: General emotional well being mental health trauma induced behaviours children who have witnessed domestic abuse 	 Our approach to social and emotional support is to embed inclusion as a keystone throughout our school. The priorities of our inclusion provision are 1. To have systems in place to secure the inclusion of all children so teachers can teach and learners can learn, 2. To enable leaders to be able to focus their attention on curriculum and leading learning across the school; and 3. To establish excellent provision to ensure readiness to learn and achieve for children and families for whom inclusion is a challenge. There is a plethora of research surrounding the benefits and establishment of inclusion in education¹. A study called <u>Inclusion and the standards agenda:</u> negotiating policy pressures in England² in 2006 defines successful inclusion as 'Schoolshav[ing] 	1,2,3,7,8

¹ 'Inclusive education' means that all children are together in mainstream classrooms for the majority of their day. (Implementing inclusive education, Dr Matthew J. Schuelka University of Birmingham 29 August 2018)

² Mel Ainscow, Tony Booth and Alan Dyson, School of Education, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK; Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury, UK, 2006

tablishment of a clear, articulatable behaviour	strategies for encouraging the
plicy and approach which is inclusive and	presence, participation, and
scalatory.	achievement of all learners'. This is
	now echoed in <u>UNESCO's '<i>Guide to</i></u>
addition to our 'in house' provision, we also	Ensuring Inclusion and Equality in
ngage the services of other professionals to support	Education' (2017). Various models
 a Wellbeing company to support with tar- 	and factors have been discussed and
geted intervention – eg. transition to second-	recent studies (including <u>Dimitrellou</u>
ary	2017^3 and Farrell 2004 ⁴) have
- Educational Psychologist	started to model the features
- School Nurse	required to enable inclusive
	education to occur. These studies
ne Headteacher intervenes early once a child's	coupled with ' <u>School exclusion: a</u>
tendance falls below 95% and further 90%. The	literature review on the continued
terventions include the following:	disproportionate exclusion of
 Informal contact with parents making them 	<u>certain children</u> ⁵ ' provide a
aware of the situation	
 Formal meetings with parents if the attend- ance does not improve 	comprehensive literature review of
 Home visits to support parents with getting 	inclusion and a sound basis of
pupils to school	research. From this research a Trust
 Meetings between parents and the Head 	Approach to inclusion has been
Teacher	established which ensures all schools
 Enrolment on a parental contract where ab- sence is closely monitored 	have inclusion teams to support
	implementation of agreed behaviour
 Referrals to the Education Inclusion Partnership Team 	principles, and who provide bespoke
	support to children including
ensuring of DD ellegation to be accounted to support	emotional support, attendance
oportion of PP allocation to be reserved to support me families with the cost of:	support, early help and family
- Additional resources	support.
 School residentials and trips 	
 Access to extra-curricular clubs and Wrapa- 	We firmly believe in the
round	establishment of relationship in
- Any other expenditure deemed necessary by	order to support SEL. We heavily
the school	resource pastoral support and are
	beginning to find strategies to better
upport individual pupils with developing their	evidence this spend including the
iltural capital through:	analysis of data from the PASS survey
- Identifying individual interests and	and cross-referencing outcome data
supporting the development of this	with pastoral support using the
 Ensuring access to musical instrument tuition Investment in books to support reading and 	Insights programme.
reading for pleasure at home	
 Provision of home learning kits to ensure 	We also rely on the findings of the
children have access to a quality place to	EIF in relation to the effect of early help and intervention in respect of
learn at home	mental health and achievement
- Supporting their lifelong love of learning in	
anyway deemed appropriate by the school	

Total budgeted cost: £ 24,500

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Quality Teaching for All

• **Oracy** - Oracy training attended by Teaching and Learning Lead. Teachers received 6 hours of professional development on easy to embed strategies for making learning more active through effective, quality talk.

• **Mastery** – The school has purchased a subscription to NACE to support with auditing our provision for highly able children.

• **Outdoor Learning** - EYFS and Y1 have a weekly outdoor lesson in the school's Forest planned in to Curriculum time. EYFS and Year 1 have had new resources purchased for their outdoor learning areas to support provision. Rainbow provision provides targeted children with weekly outdoor sessions. All children from EYFS to Year 6 have experienced Forest School over the year.

• Curriculum / Foundation Subject Development – This is well documented. All Curriculum areas have clear progression of subject disciplines and knowledge. The Core Aims are fed effectively through the Curriculum and wider provision of the school. Where needed, schemes of work have been purchased to support the quality first teaching in Curriculum areas; for example, PE and MFL. Middle Leads have a developing understanding of how to lead subjects and have led opportunities for the moderation of standards and scrutiny of evidence, including data. There has been continued significant investment into the Curriculum this year. The main investments include:

- Book Spine books across the Curriculum
- Curriculum resources for foundation subjects
- New scheme for Modern Foreign Languages
- New Handwriting scheme

There is further funding ring fenced to support the ongoing development of outdoor learning and every Curriculum area has an allocated budget for resourcing and enhancing provision next year.

• **Reading** – Teachers and Support Staff have received ongoing professional development throughout the year. This includes, but is not limited to, Reading for Pleasure, Fluency, the teaching of Phonics and assessment / intervention. The English Lead has successfully monitored the impact of provision across the school and has worked collaboratively with the Trust Reading Lead to do this.

• Writing – The English Subject Lead has monitored standards in the teaching of Writing and been able to identify areas of weakness in teaching across the school. Where needed, informal support has been implemented with strategies such as; team teach, team plan and peer observations. Staff have received training on a new handwriting scheme that runs from EYFS – Year 6. This has had a positive impact across the school. The school is focusing on developing the approach to writing over the next academic year.

• Maths – The teaching of Maths has continued to be embedded over the year. The Subject Lead and Headteacher received highly quality training from a maths specialist. The Maths Lead has worked with staff to develop a bespoke approach to meet the school's needs. Staff have had the opportunity to observe, team teach and plan collaboratively. Pupil and staff voice has been incredibly positive and gaps are narrowing for maths.

Targeted Intervention

• 1:1 / Small Group Intervention - Individualised learning for pupils addressed specific gaps in knowledge. Both formative and summative internal assessment illustrates accelerated progress had taken place. Pupil voice was very positive about the experience.

• **Pupil conferencing** - Personalised target setting empowered children to take ownership of their own learning and be aware of how to improve. Both formative and summative internal assessment illustrates accelerated progress had taken place. Pupil voice was very positive about the experience.

Other Approaches

• Emotional Health – A growing number of children have had access to internal, and external, support services to address a range of needs. Community Voice has been very positive.

• **Behaviour Policy** – The school has a progressive Behaviour Policy rooted in educational research and aligned with a validated approach. Parents are aware of the Policy and are now an active participant in managing sporadic and low level Tier 1 behaviours. An Inclusion Team now work with children, parents and staff on children presenting consistent low level behaviours to put a plan around the child. There is now a clear process and guidelines for Senior Leadership involvement for more serious behaviours at Tier 3.

• Attendance -The school's attendance rate is currently above the National benchmark. The school has been impacted by illness and long term holidays that were delayed due to Covid. The Inclusion Team is working with families, where needed and the half termly letters are sent regarding attendance.

• Fully Funded Residentials and trips - Pupils were able to access their residential and school trips. Pupil voice was very positive about the experience in terms of Wellbeing.

• **Bespoke offer** - The continued development of the school's bespoke offer ensured positive outcomes for all pupils. 100% of Pupil Premium have support with reading materials and fully funding of music tuition in school for 60% of PP children is now in place.

• Summer 2024: Legend Below Just within Expected Above No data Oracy 25% Average: Compe Reading 14% 29% Average: Competen Writing 29% Average: Competen Maths 21% Average: Competen Science 17% Average: Com

Attainment

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
Change for life	Pearson
White Rose Maths Hub	White Rose