



Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

Expenditure Evaluation

Strategy Plan

2024-27

“I was disadvantaged as a child, yet I had the advantage of being in the company of great teachers.”

(A.P.J. Abdul Khan, 11th President of India)

“Every one of our children is carrying something the world is waiting for – it’s just the world hasn’t got it yet,” Sister Judith Russi

The ‘Pupil Premium’ is a government initiative that provides extra funding aimed at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their peers and that there is a strong link between eligibility for free school meals and underachievement. The Pupil Premium is designed to help each school boost the attainment of disadvantaged children and reduce the gap between the highest and the lowest achievers. The government has used pupils’ entitlement to free school meals (FSM) and children looked after by the local authority (CLA) as an indicator for deprivation. The funding is allocated according to the number of pupils on roll who have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (known as ‘Ever6 FSM’), an allocation for each pupil who has been ‘Looked After’ (in care) and a smaller amount for the children of service families.

Principles

- To ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils.
- To ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil, or groups of pupils the schools have legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at one time.

Pupil premium strategy statement

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This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the **2023 to 2025** 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	Sacred Heart
Number of pupils in school	23-24: 216 24-25: 207
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	23-24: 28% 24-25: 25%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-27
Date this statement was published	3-year plan: October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 24
Statement authorised by	Jo Flower
Pupil premium lead	Nichola Day
Governor / Trustee lead	Julie Burnard

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£79,430
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0

Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£79,430
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Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus for our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high achievers.

High-quality teaching and bespoke pastoral support are at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support – oracy, reading and pastoral care. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged attainment gap and at the same time benefit the non-disadvantaged children in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside process for their disadvantaged peers. Our approach will be responsive to the common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment. Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children, can be less capacity for support at home, poor language and communication skills; lack of confidence and self-esteem; difficulties with learning behaviours and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no "one size fits all".

Sacred Heart's ultimate objectives for your disadvantaged pupils

- To remove the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
- To support pupil's physical and emotional health and wellbeing to enable them to access their learning.
- For all disadvantaged pupils to achieve at least national expectations in reading, writing and maths.
- Equity of access to all areas of the curriculum including wider school opportunities for disadvantaged pupils.

We aim to do this through:

- High expectations and high experiences for all.
- Assessment not assumption. Finding the areas of need for our community, cohort and individuals
- Ensuring high quality teaching and learning in every class which meet the needs of all pupils.

- Quality interactions between adults and pupils throughout the day, adopting a whole school approach in which staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve through positive relationships.
- Acting early to intervene at the point need is identified.
- High quality pastoral care for both our children and their families.

This list is not exhaustive and will change according to the needs and support our socially disadvantaged pupils require.

- Teachers and support staff know their children. Quality transitions and open communication with parents
- Weekly cover for class teachers to work 1:1 and in small groups with identified children on bespoke targets.
- Teaching assistant support in every class.
- Bespoke intervention programmes to address individual gaps, supporting rapid catch-up.
- Provide financial support for extra-curricular activities e.g, educational visits and residential ensuring children have first-hand experiences to draw upon to support in their learning in the classroom.
- Development of '11 before 11' across the curriculum to increase social and cultural capital.
- Systematic monitoring of attendance and bespoke support for families through a Family Support Worker and Attendance Officer.
- Increase provision within the school's pastoral team to support children's social and emotional learning/ELSA training for all TAs.
- Opportunities for the children to learn a musical instrument and to sing in an award-winning choir in community settings.
- Behaviour and nurture support during lunchtimes by providing activities to engage and promote Gospel values and thus enhance learning.
- Transition support into school every morning for identified pupils.
- Bespoke 'Diverse' group using physical education as a way in for individual meeting needs in learning behaviours.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
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1	Low attainment on entry to the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery) in all areas, particularly PSED, CL and PD. There is a lack of basic skills having been achieved prior to joining nursery.
2	Increase in the number of pupils with multiple disadvantages.
3	Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate under-developed oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils, particularly in EYFS/KS1.
4	Increase in parental requests for health assessments: ASD, ADHD, MH
5	Attendance – attendance amongst disadvantaged pupils is presently lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils and lower than the national attendance 'all' pupils.

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.

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
To remove the attainment gap by the end of Reception	All disadvantaged pupils in line with their non-disadvantaged peers
Increase % of EYFS pupils achieving GLD in reading, writing and maths.	Disadvantaged pupils achieving GLD is at least in line with their peers.
Increase % of Year 1 (Year 2) pupils achieving the Phonics Screening threshold.	Disadvantaged pupils meeting the expected standard in phonics in year 1 (year 2) is at least in line with their peers.
All pupils make at least expected progress in reading, writing and maths by the end of KS1	Pupils eligible for PPG make more progress than their peers to remove the attainment gap.
Increase the number of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS1	Pupils in receipt of PPG achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS1 is in line with their peer
Increase the number of pupils achieving at Greater Depth in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS1	Pupils in receipt of PPG achieving the higher standard in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS1 is in line with their peers
All pupils make at least expected progress in reading, writing and maths by end of KS2	Progress of PP pupils matches or exceeds progress of non-PP pupils
Increase the number of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS2	Pupils in receipt of PPG achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS2 is in line with their peers
Increase attendance of disadvantaged pupils	Attendance of identified pupils increases and the gap between non-disadvantaged pupils and disadvantaged pupils is removed – attendance of disadvantaged pupils is above 96%

<p>Reduce the number of disadvantaged pupils with persistence absence from school (below 90%)</p>	<p>The overall attendance figure is above 96% and there is no attendance gap between disadvantaged children and non-disadvantaged peers.</p>
<p>Pupils fully engaged with all aspects of school-life</p>	<p>Pupil surveys (including aspirations) reflect enjoyment in school, increased participation and improved attitudes to learning. Attendance increases (see attendance target above).</p>
<p>To achieve and sustain improved well-being for all pupils in our school, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils.</p>	<p>Sustained high levels demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations • A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils • Vulnerable families identified have access to required emotional and well-being support

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: £33,281.20

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>High quality CPD in English, maths, and foundation subjects for all staff.</p> <p><i>We are part of SWIFT, Torbay English and Maths Hub and Plymouth CASTs subject leader networks. A full CPD programme is in place for all teaching staff.</i></p> <p>Supply for attendance of SLs each half term:</p> <p>English: £1200 Maths: £1200 Science: £1200 RE: £1200 Foundation subjects: £2000</p> <p><i>Bi-weekly support staff meetings to be led by Pastoral Lead and Deputy SENCO</i></p> <p>£2500</p> <p>Bi-Weekly support staff training in RWI + portal (funded elsewhere)</p> <p>£2500</p> <p>Identified subjects for improvement:</p> <p>Science (PSQM - £600 + 6 days supply £1200</p>	<p>There is a strong evidence base that high-quality teaching, developed by CPD is a top priority. High quality staff CPD is essential to follow EEF principles.</p> <p>Continued use of NPQ programmes for targeted staff and full, committed engagement with ECT programme through Teach First.</p> <p>Two teachers partaking in EEF science research over the next 18 months .</p> <p>Effective Professional Development EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1,2,4</p>

<p>Resourcing: £1000</p> <p>Music – 3 days supply - £600</p> <p>CPD for a all teachers £540</p> <p>Curriculum leadership and coaching and mentoring 1 x day x 38 weeks</p> <p>£9766.20</p>		
<p>High quality CPD in Relational Trauma for all staff.</p> <p>TIS UK diploma (11 day supply £2200)</p> <p>Release time to support staff</p> <p>3 x supply £600</p>	<p>Social and emotional learning</p> <p><small>Moderate impact for very low cost based on very limited evidence.</small></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Improving Behaviour in Schools EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Evidence Base (traumainformedschools.co.uk)</p> <p>Impact (traumainformedschools.co.uk)</p>	
<p>Continue to embed dialogic interventions across the school including taking part in Plymouth Oracy project</p> <p><i>3 days supply for monitoring - £600</i></p> <p><i>Talk Boost Training for all TAs and purchasing materials.</i></p> <p>£825</p> <p><i>KS1 Training Mayfield</i></p> <p><i>KS2 Training outsourced</i></p> <p><i>EYFS – Free from Torbay LA</i></p> <p><i>Additional pay</i></p> <p>£400</p> <p><i>Picture News subscription & CPD £300</i></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>Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Oral language interventions</p> <p><small>Very high impact for very low cost based on extensive evidence.</small></p> <p></p> <p>Poor Language and Communication skills on entry to nursery. Most children are working in the 22-36 month age band and are unlikely to have the breadth of vocabulary that reflects their experiences on entry to Reception. In KS1 and KS2, children are unlikely to use talk to connect ideas and explain what is happening coherently Higher than average numbers of children access SALT in Reception – a large proportion of disadvantaged children access and will either require small group support or 1:1 support from speech and language with an assigned to TA to support.</p>	<p>1, 2, 4</p>

	<p>Communication and language approaches</p> <p>Very high impact for very low cost based on moderate evidence.</p> <p>+7 months in Eys.</p> 	
<p>Enhanced training and monitoring programme for new staff by RWI manager 1 x 1hr weekly for observation, coaching and CPD Phonics Lead x 38 £950</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:</p> <p>Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Phonics</p> <p>High impact for very low cost based on very extensive evidence.</p> 	1,2
<p>Enhancement of our teaching of reading and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school.</p> <p>Funded above in release time</p>	<p>Reading comprehension strategies</p> <p>Very high impact for very low cost based on extensive evidence.</p> <p>Highest impact on EEF research. Extensive evidence. SL monitoring the impact of reading lessons (comprehension) and coaching and mentoring teachers.</p> 	
<p>Enhancement of our Maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school</p> <p><i>Teacher: 1 x PM x 38</i> £1,900</p>	<p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Early numeracy approaches</p> <p>Very high impact for very low cost based on limited evidence.</p> <p>+7 months</p> <p>Mastering Number NCETM</p> 	1,2

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

Budgeted cost: **£15, 826**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Additional teacher 1 x PMs to release class teacher to work with targeted Y6 pupils (maths)</p> <p>1 x PM x 38</p> <p>£7,600</p>	<p>The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence:</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p><small>Small group tuition</small> <small>Moderate impact for low cost based on moderate evidence.</small></p> 	1,2,4
<p>Talk Boost intervention programmes and in class adult group support to close gap and increase progress/attainment of disadvantaged pupils. This will include training time and delivery time for teaching assistants.</p> <p>KS2: 6 TA hrs weekly x 38</p> <p>KS1: 3 TA hrs weekly x 38</p> <p>EYFS x 1hr x 38</p> <p>£4180</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, in small groups:</p> <p>Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p><small>Teaching Assistant Interventions</small> <small>Moderate impact for moderate cost based on moderate evidence.</small></p> 	1,2,4
<p>Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support.</p> <p>PM x 12 x 3</p> <p>£684</p>	<p>Synthetic 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:</p> <p>Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>On entry to Reception, many PP children have low Language and Communication skills – 90% of disadvantaged children are working in the low 30-50/ 22-36 month age band with 43% of disadvantaged children working significantly below in 16-26/ 22-36 month age band. Due to and poor socio-economic and disadvantaged upbringing, children are unlikely to</p>	1,2,4

	<p>have the breadth of vocabulary, knowledge and skills required that 'typical' Reception children have. In KS1 and KS2, children are unlikely to use talk to connect ideas and explain what is happening coherently. 24% of disadvantaged children have significant SEND/ learning difficulties requiring high levels of care, 3 of those with additional medical and intimate care needs Most children working within 16-26/22-36 month age band on entry to Reception despite making accelerated progress, do not meet the required end of year ELG's. The additional teaching staff sees progress accelerated in KS2 where Disadvantaged Children's results outperform 'others.'</p> <p>EEF (+6) Very high impact for relatively low cost 'Overall, studies of oral language interventions consistently show positive impact on learning, including on oral language skills and reading comprehension. On average, pupils who participate in oral language interventions make approximately five months' additional progress over the course of a year. NELI – to implement language intervention to improve listening, narrative and vocabulary development.</p>	
<p>Times Table Rockstars (£176) Numbots (£94)</p>	<p>Increasing trajectory in Y4 maths data Average: 2019:17 2020: 19.5 2021: 22 2022:23: 23 23-24: 24.6 (77% achieving MTC in 2024)</p>	2, 4
<p><i>Talk Boost</i> PM x 38 x 3 £2166</p> <p><i>Staffing SALT support</i> 1 x PM TA x 38 £722</p>	<p>Evidence for the early years EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Communication and language approaches  <small>Very high impact for very low cost based on moderate evidence.</small></p> <p>Talk Boost - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives tbks2_evaluation_2016_report_sluk-1.pdf</p>	

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

Budgeted cost: **30,402**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Subsidising trips, clubs and musical tuition	Enrichment activities will have a positive knock-on effect on attendance rates and cultural capital.	5

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 2021 to 2022 and 2023-204 academic year.

Review: 2023-24

KS2 SATS 2024				
	Class ARE 31	Class GD	PP ARE 7	PP GD 7
Reading	94%	32%	6/7 86%	1/7 14%
Writing	81%	23%	6/7 86%	1/7 14%
SPAG	81%	32%	6/7 86%	2/7 28%
Maths	77%	16%	5/7 71%	0/7 0%
RWM Combined	74%	16%	6/7 86%	0/7 0%

As you can see from the data above, the KS2 results were very pleasing.

Reading – significantly above national for ALL pupils

Writing - significantly above national for ALL pupils

GPS - significantly above national for ALL pupils

Maths – In line with national for ALL pupils

RWMC – 22% national average for ALL pupils.

100% of Targeted pupils achieved RWMC

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Above national average for ALL pupils

2023	2024
<p>50% (3/6) PP pupils got 25/25</p> <p>Average score of the 6 = 23.6%</p> <p>This is above the national average for ALL pupils (22)</p>	<p>89% (8/9) PP pupils scored 25/25. The remaining PP child scored 21</p> <p>Average score of the 9 = 24.5</p> <p>NAtipnal average score for ALL pupils is 22</p>

KS1

YEAR 2				
All: 30 pupils PP: 7 pupils	Class ARE	Class GD	PP ARE	PP GD
Reading	19/30 64%	2/30 7%	2/7 28.5%	0%
Writing	16/30 53%	1/30 3%	2/7 28.5%	0%
Maths	19/30 64%	2/30 7%	2/7 28.5%	1/7 14.2%
RWM Combined	53%	3%	28.5%	0%

Significantly below national average for ALL pupils for Pupils in receipt of PPG in all area. In EYFSP, there were 0% PP who achieved GLD.

Out of five pupils not meeting ARE, all have multiple disadvantages.

Phonics

Pupil Premium			
2019	2022	2023	2024
100%	57.1%	28.5%	6/7 86%

Significant improvement on 2023 and 2024.

2024 is above national of ALL pupils. PPs are out performing 'others'.

GLD

Pupil Premium		
2022	2023	2024
8	6	
50%	33.3% -16.7%	
49.8%	43.3% -6.5%	

Less than 10% below Torbay's average but Sacred Heart's percentage of PP pupils was considerably higher than Torbay's average. SH: 28.6% Torbay 18.7%

2/6 PP pupils achieved GLD. The remaining 4/6 have multiple disadvantages.

Despite the GLD remaining low, RW&M has increased from previous years. The introduction of Mastering number has had a positive impact on early maths understanding. More pupils reached ELG in number this year than in previous years.

Teaching

Class teachers leading the tutoring sessions has been the most impactful intervention to date. Data shows that the majority of targeted PP children in Y3-5 caught or kept up. All targeted PP children in Y2 and Y6 achieved at least ARE. Those who did not are on track for the end of KS2 if continuing their progress at their present trajectory.

Targeted Academic Support

Pre-teaching maths sessions and precision teaching of CEW and tables have also proven to be highly effective interventions.

Wider Strategies

Play Therapy: Over the year, 12 children have accessed weekly 1:1 therapy for at least a term. 3 were Y6 leavers, 2/3 reaching RWMC and the other in a regulated position to begin her secondary education. 2 further children ended the programme successfully, one at ARE and one now accessing his learning in class on a daily basis and beginning to make progress. 2 pupils have moved to different schools and 5 remain in sessions for 23-24.

Attendance

Case studies are available. Data on individual PA successes also available.

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
Read, Write, Inc	Oxford Press
Power Maths	Pearson/White Rose
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance Learning
Talk Boost	I can
Mastering Number	NECTM

