



Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium for the 2025 to 2026, 2026 to 2027 and 2027 to 2028 academic years 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	Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery
Number of pupils in school	414
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	19%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2025-2026 2026-2027 2027-2028
Date this statement was published	September 2026
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2027
Statement authorised by	Henry Bray
Pupil premium lead	Henry Bray
Governor / Trustee lead	Roy Whitfield-Percy

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 130,324
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£ 0
Total budget for this academic year	£ 130,324

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Pupil Premium is an allocation of funding provided to schools to support children who may be vulnerable to underachievement. The Pupil Premium Grant allocation schools receive is based on the number of children eligible for free school meals (either currently or at any point in the last six years) at the time of the annual census.

A service premium is also available to support children whose parents are currently, or have recently been, serving in the armed forces. The service premium is designed to provide additional, mainly pastoral, support for these children to ensure their social and emotional wellbeing. At Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery we provide this support, where it is appropriate, through regular 1:1 / small group sessions with experienced and well-trained Teaching Assistants and Learning Mentors. We also provide additional academic support for children entitled to the service premium where we feel this would be beneficial.

All schools are required to report on the amount of funding and how this is being used. The Governing Body of Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery have decided that this grant will be most effectively spent on supporting children's learning in the classroom by ***providing quality first teaching, curriculum support, targeted intervention, engagement and enrichment activities, pastoral support and social and behavioural intervention.***

As with all children at Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery, to ensure maximum impact, the needs of children entitled to the Pupil Premium are clearly identified, and evidenced-based steps are taken to meet their individual needs, and their progress is closely monitored through school. Where small group or 1:1 support is felt to be most beneficial, Pupil Premium will be used to support this provision.

Principles

Teaching and learning at Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery is designed to meet the individual needs of all children.

- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for children who belong to vulnerable groups and that socially disadvantaged children have their needs adequately assessed and met.
- We recognise that not all children who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged and we also recognise that not all children that are disadvantaged have free school meals.
- We will allocate Pupil Premium funding after a needs analysis to identify priority groups and individuals.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1 Outcomes	Historical disparity between PPG and non-PPG eligible pupils' attainment.
2 SEND	High proportion of PPG eligible pupils with SEND or additional needs, particularly in relation to communication, speech and language.
3 Pastoral	High levels of social, emotional, and mental health needs amongst PPG eligible pupils, leading to a lack of resilience and aspiration. Lack of "life experiences" and exposure to cultural capital. Parental engagement and support at home.
4 Attendance	The attendance of PPG eligible pupils has historically been below that of their peers and a greater proportion are classed as persistent absentees.

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
Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding will have attendance rates in line with their peers, with a reduced number identified as persistent absentees.	- The attendance rate of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium is within 1% of the non-Pupil Premium cohort by the end of the academic year. - The proportion of Pupil Premium pupils classed as persistent absentees (attendance below 90%) is reduced from the 2024/2025. - 100% of Pupil Premium pupils identified as at risk of low attendance receive timely intervention and support (e.g., meetings, action plans, EWO involvement).
All pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding, including those with SEND, will make at least expected progress from their individual starting points.	- 100% of pupils in receipt of funding make good or accelerated progress across EYFS. - Relevant pupils to make accelerated progress in Reading, Writing and Maths.
Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding achieve outcomes across the curriculum that are at least in line with their peers, supported by consistently high-quality teaching and well-targeted interventions.	- 80%+ of PPG eligible Y1 pupils to achieve the standard in the phonics screen. - 100% of pupils able to access the curriculum and learning, removing any communication barriers. - Increased percentages of PPG eligible KS1 children to achieve Age Related Expectation and Greater Depth standard in R, W, M. - Increased percentages of PPG eligible KS2 children to achieve ARE and GDS in R, W, M.

Families of Pupil Premium pupils are supported and engaged to help meet children's social, emotional, and health needs, ensuring they arrive at school ready to learn each day. Pupils also have access to culturally enriching experiences that promote resilience and personal development.	- A broad, well-balanced curriculum, with relevance to our pupils, will be delivered throughout the school - Parents/carers attend parent/carers consultations. PPG eligible pupils' attendance in-line with their peers'.
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Activity in this academic year

This details of 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: £39,224

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Deputy Headteacher role to be entirely non-class based (barring one afternoon per week) to provide coaching and mentoring and to monitor and support teaching and learning and the development of whole school curriculum.	• Collaborative learning approaches (EEF Toolkit +5) • Mentoring (EEF Toolkit +2)	1
Whole-staff (Teachers and Teaching Assistants) training in phonics and the Bug Club Phonics.	Utilise PP to promote long term change which will help all pupils including: • Phonics (EEF Toolkit +5)	1, 2
Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA) training and training in trauma informed practice for all staff.	• Behaviour interventions (EEF Toolkit +4) • Metacognition and self-regulation (EEF Toolkit +7)	3
Initial Makaton training for new members of the EYFS staff team and refresher training for Teachers and support staff.	• Oral language interventions (EEF Toolkit +6)	2
Embedding of VIPERS around a quality text for guided reading in KS2 – deploy TAs to support PPG eligible pupils.	• Phonics (EEF Toolkit +5) • Reading comprehension strategies (EEF Toolkit +6)	1

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

Budgeted cost: £67,800

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Deploy additional Teaching Assistants to support PP eligible EYFS pupils in their learning and to nurture their emotional health and well-being in order that they are learning ready.	Early intervention (EEF Toolkit +5) to ensure that the children are ready for learning and the gap between them and their peers closes at the earliest possible stage.	1, 3, 4
Daily phonics intervention session for PP eligible pupils.	Utilise PP to promote long term change which will help all pupils including: Phonics (EEF Toolkit +5)	1, 2, 3
Deployment of TAs to provide daily literacy and maths support for PP eligible KS1 and KS2 pupils in addition to any SEND funded support.	Utilise PP to promote long term change which will help all pupils including: - Reading comprehension strategies (EEF Toolkit +5) - Small group tuition (EEF Toolkit +4) - Targeted support to enable children with specific needs to catch up - One to One Tuition (EEF Toolkit +5) - Teaching Assistant interventions (EEF Toolkit +4)	1, 2
Deployment of highly skilled and experienced Teachers and TAs to provide high quality PPA provision.	Pupils enjoy a wide range of exciting learning opportunities delivered by skilled Teachers and Teaching Assistants who challenge and enthuse learners. Teaching Assistant interventions (EEF Toolkit +4)	5
Additional reading with an adult (Teacher or TA) for all disadvantaged pupils.	- Reading comprehension strategies (EEF Toolkit +5) - Oral language Interventions (EEF Toolkit +5)	1, 2, 3
Small group tuition and nurture groups, including Forest School sessions, cookery and zones of regulation with a focus on oracy.	- Small group tuition (EEF Toolkit +4) - Oral language interventions (EEF Toolkit +6)	1, 2, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £23,300

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Pastoral Support Advisor to provide support (Universal Early Help, referrals for Targeted Early Help, signposting and support with accessing outside agencies, parenting support, attendance support) for vulnerable.	- Social and emotional learning (EEF Toolkit +4) - Parental engagement (EEF Toolkit +4)	3, 4
Financial support to families as required for wider opportunities and equipment (e.g. extracurricular activities, before and after school care, music lessons, milk, fruit, uniform, etc.)	- Arts participation (EEF Toolkit +4) - Physical activity (EEF Toolkit +1)	3, 4
Emotional Literacy Support Assistant training for Teaching Assistants in school.	Social and emotional learning (EEF Toolkit +4)	3, 4
Lego Therapy delivered by trained staff (PSA and TA)	- Metacognition and self-regulation (EEF Toolkit +7) - Social and emotional learning (EEF Toolkit +4) - Oral language interventions (EEF Toolkit +6)	3, 4
Employment of Speech and Language Therapist	Oral language interventions (EEF Toolkit +6)	1, 2

Total budgeted cost: £130,324

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 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Intended Outcome: *Further increase the proportion of PP eligible pupils achieving a 'Good Level of Development' at end of YR.*

- Percentage of PPG eligible pupils achieving Good Level of Development was in line with that of non-PPG pupils.
- 100% of PPG eligible EYFS pupils made expected or better than expected progress.
- All EYFS children fully included within the classroom environment and accessing the curriculum and at an appropriate level.

Intended Outcome: *Maintain the high proportion of PP eligible pupils achieving the standard in the Phonics Screening Test at end of Y1 and Y2.*

- DfE accredited systematic synthetic phonics programme (Bug Club Phonics) fully embedded with all staff receiving training in its implementation and best practice.
- Phonics intervention sessions delivered.
- Phonics and Reading information session and workshops delivered to EYFS, KS1 and KS2 parents/ carers.
- Daily reading with an adult for disadvantaged KS1 children undertaken.

Intended Outcome: *Increase the proportion of PP eligible pupils achieving 'Age Related Expectation' and 'Greater Depth' at end of Y2. Ensure that all pupils in receipt of funding make good or accelerated progress across KS1.*

- Teaching Assistants delivered Literacy and Maths provision for PP eligible children and daily reading with an adult for disadvantaged children undertaken.

Intended Outcome: *Increase the proportion of PP eligible pupils achieving 'Age Related Expectation' and 'Greater Depth' at end of Y6. Ensure that all pupils in receipt of funding make good or accelerated progress across KS2.*

- Teaching Assistants delivered English and Maths provision for PP eligible children and daily reading with an adult for disadvantaged children undertaken.

Intended Outcome: *Further develop pupils' resilience, interest in learning and exposure to culturally enriching experiences.*

- High levels of pupil engagement throughout the school and excellent behaviour for learning observed in those sessions.
- Reviews of curriculum intent, content and progression of knowledge and skills completed and ongoing to sustain the high-quality curriculum offer.

- Increased number of PPG eligible pupils participated in extra-curricular clubs and activities in school.

Intended Outcome: *Continue to support and engage families to meet pupils' social, emotional and health needs to ensure children are 'learning ready' each day.*

- PSA maintained relationships with PPG eligible pupils and families, supporting their emotional needs well. This was sustained and important during the national lockdown.
- Pupil well-being survey completed and used to identify children requiring additional emotional support through counselling or sessions with the PSA.
- Children feel valued and respected members of our school community in line with our core values.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Spelling Shed	Ed Shed
TT Rockstars	Times Tables Rock Stars
Bug Club (reading scheme, including ebooks)	Pearson
Nessy (Dyslexia support programme)	Nessy
Lunchtime and after-school sports clubs	Embrace Group
Number Gym	Numbergym Software Ltd
White Rose Maths	
Letterjoin	Green and Tempest
Charanga	Shropshire Council
Clicker	Crick Software
Languagenut	

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

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

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	• Targeted support and intervention from Teaching Assistants as required. • Social, emotional and mental health and well-being support as required from Pastoral Support Advisor.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	• Relevant pupils felt well provided for and learning ready, making positive academic progress as a result. • Strong parental engagement.