

Rode Heath Primary Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 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	Rode Heath Primary
Number of pupils in school	210
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	12.4% (26chn)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025/26
Date this statement was published	November 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	John Frankland Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	John Frankland Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Tara Sanchez

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£41,805
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	£ 42,000

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Rode Heath we passionately believe individual circumstance should not prohibit any pupils from receiving the best possible education or accessing any activity our school has to offer, either as part of the curriculum, or as part of our wider opportunities through extra-curricular tuition and clubs. We also want to ensure that all pupils make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas.

The targeted and strategic use of Pupil Premium funding will ensure that there is no significant gap between the achievement and opportunities of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium and other pupils in the school.

High quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery and will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs.

We will ensure the following:

- 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	Assessments, observations and discussions suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with English and maths.
2	The education of some of our disadvantaged pupils has been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils
3	Observations indicate that some of our disadvantaged pupils and families have social and emotional issues.
4	Attendance

5	Disadvantaged children don't also get the same life experiences and opportunities as their peers
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Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils	Significant improvement in oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This will be evident during lesson, books and curriculum journal reflections
Improve early reading amongst disadvantaged pupils.	Both of our disadvantaged pupils in reception will meet the ELG for word reading. 4 out of 6 of our disadvantaged children in Year 2 will achieve the expected standard in reading by the end of KS1 <i>We currently don't have any disadvantaged children in Year 1 so we won't use the phonics screening check as a measure of this intended outcome</i>
Improved reading attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS1 <i>With small numbers, statistical comparisons are sometimes mis-leading. See further information in the school self-evaluation summary</i>	KS1 reading outcome in 2025/26 will show that 4 out of 6 disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard and for 1 pupil to achieve the GDS standard
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS1 <i>With small numbers, statistical comparisons are sometimes mis-leading. See further information in the school self-evaluation summary</i>	KS1 maths outcome in 2025/26 will show that 3 out of 6 of disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard and for 1 pupil to achieve the GDS standard
Improved reading attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2 <i>With small numbers, statistical comparisons are sometimes mis-leading. See further information in the school self-evaluation summary</i>	KS2 reading outcome in 2025/26 will show that 75% (3 out of 4) of disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard and 2 children to achieve the GDS standard
Improved maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS2 <i>With small numbers, statistical comparisons are sometimes mis-leading. See further information in the school self-evaluation summary</i>	KS2 maths outcome in 2025/26 will show that 75% (3 out of 4) of disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard and for 2 pupils to achieve the GDS standard
Improve the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standards in reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2 <i>With small numbers, statistical comparisons are sometimes mis-leading. See further information in the school self-evaluation summary</i>	KS2 outcome in 2025/26 will show that 3 out of 4 of disadvantaged pupils meet the expected standard in reading, writing and maths
Achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils	Sustained high levels of wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A low level of child-on-child related incidents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations
Achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils	<p>Sustained high attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall attendance rate for all pupils being no less than 96%, and ensure disadvantaged pupils don't fall below this threshold, and if do, actions are put in-place to rectify this

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 £34,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum.</p> <p>We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Mastery Number EYFS and KS1 and Sustaining Mastery)</p>	<p>The National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics draws upon evidence-based approaches to the teaching of mathematics.</p>	1, 2
<p>Ensure children have access to quality social and emotional learning</p> <p>Social and emotional learning will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff</p>	<p>There is evidence to suggest that there is a correlation between children social and emotional skills and their outcomes at school and in later life</p>	3, 4

Implement the My Happy Minds scheme into our Hearts and Minds curriculum		
Ensure we have consistent and progressive phonics and spelling programmes to ensure the strong teaching of phonics and spellings for all pupils	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading, particularly for disadvantaged pupils	1, 2
Ensure all classes have a teaching assistant for most mornings, for in-class academic support	Ensuring in-class academic support is paramount to supporting the progress and attainment of all pupils	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £3000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Weekly phonics, reading and writing intervention groups or one-to-one support outside of normal curriculum provision (see class intervention timetables)	Evidence suggests that small group work and bespoke one-to-one learning opportunities can ensure children make good, if not accelerated progress.	1, 2
Weekly maths intervention groups ran by class teachers outside of normal curriculum provision (see class intervention timetables)	Evidence suggests that small group work and bespoke one-to-one learning opportunities can ensure children make good, if not accelerated progress.	1, 2
Phonics: small group personalised and structured support. A small group of children in Y1 will	Evidence suggests that small group work and bespoke one-to-one learning opportunities can ensure children make good, if not accelerated progress.	1, 2

work with an adult four times a week, alongside in-class support		
Reading one-to-one. A group of children in Y2, Y3 and Y4 will read to an adult daily, alongside in-class support	Evidence suggests that small group work and bespoke one-to-one learning opportunities can ensure children make good, if not accelerated progress.	1, 2

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

Budgeted cost: £5000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Offer weekly instrumental tuition to all pupils eligible for pupil premium funds in order to widen their curriculum and experiences further which in turn will improve wellbeing and self-esteem	Disadvantaged children should be given the same opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities	2, 3, 5
Offer an after-school club, paid for by the school in order to promote social interaction and support	Disadvantaged children should be given the same opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities	2, 3, 5
Contribute a level of funding towards the cost of school uniform that require a logo	Children are more likely to feel part of school and will be more willing to participate if they have a sense of belonging. Having a uniform which is the same as their peers helps with this	4, 5
Ensure disadvantaged children have access to electronic devices and the internet to ensure they can access home learning, including Atom Learning our KS2 homework platform	Children who have access to electronic devices are more likely to engage with home learning activities and thus less likely to fall behind their peers	1, 2
Ensure disadvantaged children have direct access to our mental	Children who have access to people they can talk to can help them to raise	4

health team and our safeguarding team if requires	their self-esteem and can also be used to identify areas of concern	
Whole staff training on behaviour management and anti-bullying approaches	Ensuring consistency in our approaches can have a positive overall effect on behaviour	3, 4
Ensure each class has a teaching assistant for one morning a week or equivalent, for in-class well-being support.	Ensuring in-class well being support is paramount to supporting the mental health and well-being of all pupils	2, 3, 4
Continuously track and monitor children's attendance and progress	By rigorously tracking attendance and attainment of children on a regular basis can ensure negative trends are actioned swiftly and effectively thus improving attendance and progress	1, 4

Total budgeted cost: £ 42000

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024 to 2025 academic year.

<p>The intended outcomes were successfully met and this is how I have come to this conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra catch up sessions were implemented across school to ensure vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils had the opportunities to catch up with their peers • Upper KS2 tutoring sessions were used effectively to ensure almost all met the expected standard in reading, writing and maths • In 2024/25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% of Year 1 disadvantaged pupils (6/6) passed the phonics screening check. - 100% of Year 2 disadvantaged pupils (2/2) passed the phonics screening check. - 66% of disadvantaged pupils (2/3) achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths by the end of KS1. 100% achieve the expected standard in reading. - 66% of disadvantaged pupils (2/3) achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths by the end of KS2. 100% achieved expected in Science.

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Behaviour in our school has remained consistently high and there hasn't been any recorded incidences of poor behaviour or of bullying from or to disadvantaged pupils.

- Attendance was strong with our Pupil premium children. It was 95.9%, which was above the national average of 94.8%. It was also very close to our overall attendance of 96.3%.
- Participation in extra-curricular clubs and activities was a strength. All children (29) attended at-least one school trip and 26 of our PP children attended a residential trip.
- 26 out of 29 PP children attended an after-school club, ran by ourselves or our Sports Coach provider. All subsidised by school.

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
Times Tables Rockstars	Maths circle
Nessy	Nessy Learning
Spelling Shed	Ed Shed
Education City	Education City
Phonics Plays	Phonics Play
Maths No Problem on-line platform	Maths No Problem
Kapow foundation subjects planning	Kapow

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?	One-to-one support in maths and English. Small group intervention group.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	(3/3) 100% achieved the expected standard in maths, reading and writing in

	their respected year groups. Including a child in Year 6.
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