



ATLAS
COMMUNITY PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

2024 - 25

This statement details our school's use of pupil 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 effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Atlas Community Primary School
Number of pupils in school	196
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	29%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023 - 2026
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	Annually
Statement authorised by	Local Governing Body
Pupil premium lead	L Simpson
Governor / Trustee lead	Nicola Haigh

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£82,880
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	£82,880

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Atlas Community Primary School we believe that every child, regardless of their background or home circumstance, has the potential to become a powerful citizen of the future through provision of education which is tailored to their needs through carefully planned teaching and learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom.

We ensure that any need for adapted or additional provision is met for all pupils, ensuring that the needs of pupils belonging to vulnerable groups are carefully assessed and provided for. We will allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupils who we identify as socially disadvantaged, and we will use this funding to support pupils' basic needs as well as to ensure that pupils have every opportunity to overcome any barriers and achieve similar outcomes to their peers. We will make the very best use of our Pupil Premium funding to ensure that the maximum impact can be made to diminish the difference between Pupils Premium and non-Pupil Premium pupils.

At Atlas Community Primary School we see raising the attainment of disadvantaged children as crucial in our aim to unlock the true potential of every child, so that any barriers created through social disadvantage can be overcome. We believe that we can support this aim through:

- Empowering all staff to raise expectations of all pupils in our school so that every child can achieve
- Promoting a fully inclusive ethos, without stereotypes or different expectations based on pre-conceived ideas
- Early intervention and a pro-active approach which is adapted to individual needs
- Effective links with a range of other agencies to ensure that every child receives the best possible support to achieve their potential
- Regular analysis and professional dialogue
- Working with parents to reach the best outcomes for the whole child

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p>In previous years, Pupil Premium children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have not achieved expected outcomes in line with their Non-Pupil Premium peers. Throughout periods of remote learning, many Pupil Premium pupils struggled to access remote learning despite it being offered both online and offline. These periods continue to have an impact</p> <p>The attendance data shows that Pupil Premium pupils are more likely to miss school than their Non-Pupil Premium peers. A significant number of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium have attendance which is below the national average. This significantly impacts on their learning.</p>
2	<p>A higher number of children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium also display additional barriers to learning, e.g communication and language, SEND, safeguarding concerns. As a result, targeted support needs to be provided in a range of ways which are not always academic.</p>
3	<p>Pupil Premium pupils often display a much narrower experience of the wider world due to the social and financial constraints on their families – this means that their vocabulary and knowledge of the wider world can be limited, making elements of their learning more difficult to access.</p>
4	<p>Proportionately, more Pupil Premium pupils have experienced recent adverse childhood experiences throughout this period than their Non-Pupil Premium peers.</p>
5	<p>Lasting emotional wellbeing and mental health needs impact on academic outcomes and therefore these needs must be met in order for pupils to be able to learn. This is currently the biggest factor affecting behaviours in school.</p>
6	<p>Proportionately, more Pupil Premium than Non-Pupil Premium pupils have struggled to have their basic needs met and need family support for things like food/clothing/transport.</p>

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan (2023-2026)**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Children and parents are supported to improve wellbeing throughout the academic year to ensure that pupils are in a good position to access learning with the support of the school and their families.	Case studies continue to show how pastoral support has informed academic support in order for pupils to achieve in line with their peers despite their experiences
Targeted support for pupils and parents in EYFS & KS1 in terms of early learning – we are continuing to see pupils entering the school at a developmental stage which is significantly below what Parents to come into school and learn about child development and how best to support their children at home.	Results at the end of KS1 are above the national average. Pupil Premium children make accelerated progress across KS1. Phonics scores are above the national average. The number of PP children reaching ARE in RWM is increased. The number of PP children achieving GD in KS1 is increased. The number of children achieving GLD at the end of Reception is increased.
Leaders and subject leads look closely at the progress made by Pupil Premium children in KS1 to ensure that their outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics meet the national standard by the end of Year 5 and 6. Where they are not achieving this through QFT alone, targeted support is put into place	Results at the end of KS2 are above the national average. Pupil Premium children make accelerated progress across KS2. The number of PP children reaching ARE in RWM is increased. The number of PP children achieving GD in KS2 is increased.
Those on SEND register and vulnerable register make strong progress from starting points through early intervention and access to specialist support at the first possible opportunity.	Pupils meet their individual targets.
Pupils experience clear routines and boundaries which support their development (DFE Behaviour Hubs and parental links with this)	Pupils are calm and show good learning behaviours both in and out of the classroom. Parents understand the need for expectations, boundaries and routines to be clear and consistent.
The school offers a wide range of experiences to all pupils – these will be subsidised for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium so that no pupil misses the opportunity afforded to anyone else.	Pupils have equal access to all learning experiences. Pupils speak positively about their experiences and this impacts on their learning in class.
Improve attendance of disadvantaged pupils to school target of 96% by the end of the academic year	Attendance is above the national average and PA reduces significantly.

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: £42,575

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Effectively train all new staff in teaching the school's systematic phonics programme.</p> <p>Further develop the teaching of early reading through targeted group reading sessions for all pupils in KS1</p> <p>Further develop the engagement in reading throughout school through the 'Reading for Pleasure' programme</p> <p>Further develop whole-class reading lessons and the use of core texts for writing.</p> <p>Further develop the range of high-quality texts on offer in all subject areas.</p>	<p>The EEF Toolkit Report – 'Improving Literacy in KS1' indicates that both decoding and comprehension are necessary for pupils to become confident readers, but that neither are sufficient on their own. As a school we are currently undertaking extensive research into the different schemes for teaching synthetic phonics and will ensure that whichever scheme is undertaken is underpinned by good quality reading sessions for all pupils in KS1.</p> <p>The EEF Toolkit Report 'Improving Literacy in KS2' states that reading comprehension can be improved by teaching specific strategies that pupils can apply both to monitor and overcome barriers to comprehension. These include: prediction; questioning; clarifying; summarising; inference; and activating prior knowledge. Through our cumulative reading curriculum we aim to ensure that teachers teach specific skills in order for pupils to fully access a wide range of texts.</p> <p>The EEF Toolkit – 'Reading Comprehension Strategies' states that a crucial element of improving outcomes in reading is through the explicit teaching of strategies using appropriate and high-quality texts. The toolkit also suggests that this should take place through a range of curricular areas; not just reading lessons.</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>

<p>Develop the capacity of subject leadership throughout the school so that all pupils are afforded a broad, high quality curriculum in all subject areas in order to deepen their learning experience.</p> <p>Develop peer-coaching as a model, so that those subject leaders with increased confidence from development work carried out in 22-23 and 23-24 can now mentor and support newer subject leads</p> <p>Tailored CPD for teachers and subject leads which is grounded in research and develops a clear pedagogy for all practitioners in school</p> <p>Further develop the use of 'Learning by Questions' as an assessment tool and to inform targeted interventions.</p>	<p>The EEF Guidance Report – 'Putting Evidence to Work' details the measures that should be taken when implementing research-based work into schools. All subject leads will receive a tailored approach depending their stage of development, with expert coaching support where needed, to ensure that they can carefully plan, adapt and monitor their subject areas to create the best provision for our pupils, planning in wider opportunities and experiences to support this.</p>	<p>1 2 3</p>
<p>Further strengthen the school's Personal Development offer by providing CPD to all staff around the explicit teaching of Social and Emotional Learning</p>	<p>The EEF guidance report 'Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools' recognises the importance of developing social and emotional skills and how these directly impact on outcomes in later life.</p>	<p>2 4 5 6</p>
<p>Continue to deliver and revisit CPD with all staff and stakeholders around behaviour to ensure continued consistency in approach – Trauma Informed practice and through our work with the DFE Behaviour Hubs partner school</p> <p>Workshops for parents around clear boundaries and expectations</p>	<p>The DFE Behaviour Hubs state that clarity and consistency of messaging is the most crucial factor in any school environment. Where it is exceptional, this clarity is shared by everyone, including parents and carers</p>	<p>5 2</p>

<p>Implement further opportunities for parental engagement with learning in school</p>	<p>The EEF Guidance Report on 'Parental Engagement' states that there is an established link between the home learning environment at all ages and children's performance at school. Schools and parents have a shared priority to deliver the best outcomes for their children. However, evidence on effective strategies that schools can use to engage parents in their children's learning is mixed. If the aim is solely to improve academic outcomes, classroom interventions working directly with children currently have more evidence of effectiveness at improving learning than parenting interventions with the same aim. This year we aim to offer in-class sessions alongside workshop-style sessions, encouraging more parents to come into school on a more regular basis to support the learning that takes place in school.</p>	<p>1 2 3 6</p>
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 23, 470

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Mentor and coach pupils on a 1:1 basis through pre-teaching and post-teaching equipping them with skills and strategies enabling them to access learning and experience success.</p> <p>Small group before and after school booster interventions implemented by high quality teaching staff.</p> <p>Targeted interventions for pupils in Y6 throughout the year – small group teaching in R/W/M/Spag</p>	<p>The EEF Toolkit 'Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2' indicates the positive impact that targeted academic support can have on children who are not making strong progress across the spectrum of achievement.</p> <p>Targeted interventions matched to specific children with particular needs and linking structured one-to-one intervention to classroom teaching is an effective component of Pupil Premium strategies.</p>	<p>1</p>

<p>Ensure all disadvantaged pupils with SEND receive high quality teaching and that teaching is responsive to their needs. Where the impact cannot be seen, staff work closely with the SENCO to find the correct specialist support and training in order to provide the best type of intervention to promote success for every child.</p> <p>All pupils with SEND to be tracked via Provision Map so that early intervention and engagement with wider services is timely.</p> <p>Other interventions e.g Time to Talk, Lego Therapy, Chatterbox to be implemented to support SEMH and confidence, which is often a barrier.</p> <p>Development of explicit teaching of SEL as detailed above</p> <p>Continued work with all pupils will continue around positive mindset, stereotyping and 'what makes me, me?' to ensure that every pupil sees their own value, no matter how difficult they might find things at times</p>	<p>The EEF Guidance for Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools states that the attainment gap between pupils with SEND and their peers is twice as big as the gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers. However, pupils with SEND are also more than twice as likely to be eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>One of the three key areas the EEF indicate schools should ensure are considered when supporting disadvantaged SEND pupils is that interventions should be high quality and rigorously assessed with clear links between the child's specific needs.</p> <p>Pupils need to be fit and ready to learn within the school and the wider community. Research indicates that children's view of themselves and each other can impact greatly on their learning outcomes – if a child feels that they are 'lower ability', then that becomes self-fulfilling into 'I can't do it', therefore the self esteem of pupils is crucial to academic success, particularly for those pupils with SEND.</p>	<p>2 4 5 6</p>
<p>Work alongside the MHST SKIL Team and SENCO so that all staff have the necessary de-escalation strategies and approaches.</p>	<p>Pupils who struggle to regulate in the school environment are more likely to become disengaged with learning. If all staff have the confidence and the knowledge to help children to regulate, the more likely the children are to access learning.</p>	<p>5 2 3</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £ 16,835

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Continued staff training: Mental Health Support Team (NHS)</p> <p>Continue further CPD through Oastlers School around Trauma Informed Approach</p> <p>Further our MH provision based on the outcomes and advice from the whole school audit</p> <p>Implement further sessions in addition to the PSHE curriculum to teach children the strategies with which to look after their mental health and recognise the signs that someone may need help.</p> <p>Provide specific lessons on SEL as detailed above</p> <p>Provide counselling support for children who have had ACEs as soon as possible through a dedicated Step2 counsellor based in school</p> <p>Teachers to consult with the EMHP to provide the best approach to support individual pupils in their class who display signs of low mood or anxiety</p>	<p>Many of our pupils have adverse childhood experiences – this is proportionately higher in our PP cohort</p> <p>The EEF guidance report ‘Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools’ recognises the importance of developing social and emotional skills and how these directly impact on outcomes in later life.</p> <p>Referrals to services such as CAHMS have risen steeply over the course of the past two years and waiting lists have increased</p> <p>Research shows that the earlier a child is provided with practical strategies, the less likelihood there is of them needing more targeted support at a later date.</p>	<p>2 4 5 6</p>
<p>Further embed Mental Health provision across the school community through working in partnership with external agencies and developing parental awareness and understanding within the wider community</p>	<p>Many of our families experience mental ill-health and research shows that this can be familial and lead to poor mental health in children</p>	<p>4 5</p>

<p>Provide classroom breakfasts through the NSBP for all pupils</p> <p>Subsidise breakfast club provision to ensure PP pupils are in school and ready to learn.</p> <p>Subsidise educational visits and residential providing PP children access to enrichment activities.</p> <p>Provide higher value uniform vouchers to pupils eligible for pupil premium.</p>	<p>Children who eat breakfast before school are twice as likely to score highly in tests and assessments at 11 than those who start learning on an empty stomach (Cardiff University, 2015)</p> <p>Pupils need to be fit and ready to learn within the school and wider learning community. Research indicates that addressing children’s social and emotional needs is a key step to improving academic outcomes for pupils.</p>	<p>5 6</p>
<p>Monitor attendance data to identify trends – implement 1:1 support for pupils with absence patterns.</p> <p>Enhance positive relationships with parents and set clear expectations of good attendance including early identification and half termly attendance meetings.</p> <p>HT to oversee attendance officer and work together to ensure that approaches are fit for different families</p> <p>Attendance office and HT to work with LA attendance team to support those families with persistent absences.</p>	<p>DfE reported that: Of pupils who miss more than 50% of school, only 3% manage to achieve five A* to Cs, including English and maths. Of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs, including English and maths. Of pupils who miss less than 5% of school, 73% achieve 5 A* to Cs, including English and maths</p> <p>The school recognises the important emphasis on excellent attendance. Excellent attendance enhances excellent progress, outcomes and experiences and this enables pupil’s confidence and skill base to develop further. We want to provide extra support to maintain high attainment and progress for pupils with higher absence rates. 1:1 with highly qualified staff which is evidenced by the EFF Toolkit as improving significantly outcomes for pupils.</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Continue to embed careers education into the school curriculum including holding careers events, aspire weeks and through introducing pupils to a wider range of people from the world of work.</p>	<p>Awareness of life beyond the children’s immediate experience is crucial to allow them to set wider goals for the future.</p>	<p>5 6 7</p>

Challenge perceived gender stereotypes through the range of people who are introduced to pupils to widen the opportunities for all pupils, regardless of gender		
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Total budgeted cost: £ 82,880

Pupil premium strategy outcomes 2023-24

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Intended outcome	Impact 2023-24
<p>Children and parents are supported to improve wellbeing throughout the academic year to ensure that pupils are in a good position to access learning with the support of the school and their families.</p>	<p>Case studies continue to show how pastoral support has informed academic support in order for pupils to achieve in line with their peers despite their experiences. Pupils who have received additional, targeted support through the MHST or through Step2 have maintained progress, improved attendance and have improved learning behaviours.</p>
<p>Targeted support for pupils and parents in EYFS & KS1 in terms of early learning – these children’s earliest life experiences were heavily affected by the pandemic. Parents to come into school and learn about child development and how best to support their children at home.</p>	<p>Significant increase in pupils who are on track in EYFS – Reception baseline showed that 14% were on track to meet GLD; July 2024 data shows that 54% achieved GLD. This is an 8% increase on the previous year. There was a 12% increase in the number of pupils reaching ARE for Reading at KS1; a 17% increase in writing and a 10% increase in the number of pupils at the expected level in RWM Phonics scores – 76% of the Y1 cohort reached the national standard (this would have been 82% but reduced due to pupil mobility in the summer term)</p>
<p>Leaders and subject leads look closely at the progress made by Pupil Premium children in KS1 to ensure that their outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics meet the national standard by the end of Year 5 and 6. Where they are not achieving this through QFT alone, targeted support is put into place</p>	<p>Results at the end of KS2 are above the national average, with 65% of pupils at Atlas achieving the expected level in RWM Pupil Premium children made accelerated progress across KS2. The number of PP children reaching ARE in RWM is increased – a higher % of disadvantaged pupils reached ARE that those who are not (67%) The number of PP children achieving GD in KS2 is increased in reading and in maths</p>
<p>Those on SEND register and vulnerable register make strong progress from starting points through early intervention and access to specialist support at the first possible opportunity.</p>	<p>Pupils met their individual targets, with a significant number of those pupils exceeding them.</p>

<p>Pupils experience clear routines and boundaries which support their development (DFE Behaviour Hubs and parental links with this)</p>	<p><i>'The behaviour and attitudes of the pupils is a strength of the school. Pupils are delightful, they are kind and respectful; they are comfortable to be themselves. They are welcoming and considerate of visitors to their school. They enjoy their learning and value all the opportunities that school provides for them.'</i></p> <p><i>'The atmosphere is positive around school and there are clear routines in place. The reviewers saw no low-level disruptions. When one pupil was seen to struggle with his behaviour, staff showed highly effective action in being able to support the child. This meant that learning was not disrupted for other children.'</i></p> <p>External review – May 2024</p>
<p>The school offers a wide range of experiences to all pupils – these will be subsidised for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium so that no pupil misses the opportunity afforded to anyone else.</p>	<p><i>'There is a very strong, comprehensive and inclusive approach to PD. The offer is intrinsic to the work of the school and the staff are committed to creating well-rounded, empowered pupils. The school is proactive at ensuring that there are opportunities for pupils to further their talents – in particular, in sports and music.'</i></p> <p><i>'The enrichment offer is well mapped, broad and progressive. Pupils spoke enthusiastically about the extensive range of trips, visits, and opportunities available to them.'</i></p> <p>External review - May 2024</p> <p>Attendance in additional clubs has increased this year for PP children</p>
<p>Improve attendance of disadvantaged pupils to school target of 96% by the end of the academic year</p>	<p>Attendance at the end of 23-24 for PP children is 93.2%, which is above the national average for PP (91.8%). Within the last month of the term, this figure was 96%.</p>