



Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

Archibald First School

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 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	Archibald First School
Number of pupils in school	336 (352 FTE)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	13.3%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	2021-24
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2022
Statement authorised by	R Turner
Pupil premium lead	R White
Governor / Trustee lead	M Brown

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£69,300
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£6090
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	£75390

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Archibald First School is committed to providing the best possible education for **every** individual pupil. We have high aspirations and expectations for all learners, and believe that all children should be successful learners. To do this, we make certain that provision is appropriate for even our most vulnerable children. We are dedicated to ensuring that all of our pupils are given every opportunity to realise their full potential, whilst developing a passion for learning and life in general.

In accordance with the DfE, evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school, and often do not perform as well as other pupils. The challenges faced by our pupils are individual across a broad spectrum, and therefore, at Archibald, there can be no standardised approach to the support required.

Research has found that disadvantaged pupils have been worst affected by the partial school closures, and the attainment gap has grown as a result of national lockdowns. It is therefore vital that our school strategies focus on support for our most vulnerable pupils. The DfE states that academically able pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds are most at risk of underperforming. Therefore, we must allocate our funding towards **all** levels of attainment, to ensure positive outcomes for **all**.

Due to a relatively small number of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding at Archibald First School, we will review our strategy annually. This ensures it meets the specific needs of the children in our care each year.

Our Ultimate Objectives:

What are your ultimate objectives for your disadvantaged pupils?

- To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
- All disadvantaged pupils to make progress in line with their peers, from their own starting points.
- To ensure that disadvantaged children have access to technology (where possible), educational materials and extra-curricular opportunities, so as to develop their cultural capital and give equal access to the curriculum.
- To implement a range of strategies for those children who require support with socio-emotional needs.
- To ensure that attendance **and** punctuality are in line with, or better than, non-pupil premium peers.

We aim to achieve this through:

How does your current pupil premium strategy plan work towards achieving those objectives?

- All pupils receive quality first teaching within the classroom setting. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and benefits all pupils in our school. Non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.
- Monitoring progress and using assessment data by all teaching staff to inform planning for all pupil groups.
- Where gaps are identified, carefully considered catch up provision will be provided, in addition to quality first teaching.
- Subsidising extra-curricular opportunities and personally inviting pupils who require it.
- Loaning computing equipment to any families who require it at key times.
- Investing in a whole-school programme to support pupil wellbeing and socio-emotional needs.
- Providing targeted support via our Family Support Worker for pupils in need.
- Training of a staff mental health ambassador.
- Regular tracking of attendance and punctuality; celebrating and addressing attendance with families where necessary.
- Accessing support with attendance via Clennell Solutions.

Key principles:

What are the key principles of your strategy plan?

As stated above, our approach will be responsive to individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, and not based on assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure all pupils are effectively 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 all pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through School Led Tutoring for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	The percentage of pupil premium children below age-related expectations when they start school. Fine motor skills are often highlighted as a cause for concern. There are speech and language, and broader communication issues. In our 2021-22 Nursery cohort, 21% are identified as having speech and language issues - 75% of whom are classed as Pupil Premium. In our 2021-22 Reception cohort, 23% are identified as having speech and language issues; again 75% of whom are classed as Pupil Premium.
2	Attainment and progress in literacy (reading and writing) for some disadvantaged pupils is lower than their non-disadvantaged peers. This is due to weaker retention of phonics knowledge, lack of writing stamina and poor acquisition and understanding of new vocabulary. This is further impacted by the support network available to them beyond school.
3	Attainment and progress in numeracy is lower due to weaker mathematical fluency and poorer reasoning skills linked to the retention of mathematical knowledge and vocabulary. This is further impacted by the support network available to them beyond school.
4	Disadvantaged pupils who are behind in age-related expectations often require targeted 1:1 or small group support to meet their specific learning needs.
5	Disadvantaged pupils may require a host of different approaches and support so as to strengthen their socio-emotional development, and maintain and enhance their mental health and wellbeing.
6	Some of this group of pupils have had poorer attendance and punctuality rates in comparison to non-disadvantaged peers and therefore miss elements of quality first teaching within the classroom.
7	Staff who are supporting children who are falling behind in age-related expectations require an investment in high quality CPD to ensure they are giving effective academic support, tailored to individual needs.
8	Some disadvantaged pupils have not had equal access to resources and opportunities as some of their peers; they may require additional support to access the curriculum offer.
9	Approximately two thirds of our Pupil Premium children have additional barriers to their learning inclusive of home, language, and SEND needs.

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 have and use a broad range of vocabulary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Children access a language rich environment and use it daily.- Children leave EYFS meeting their ELG in language and communication.
Progress in Reading and Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Progress of disadvantaged pupils will be in line with their non-disadvantaged peers, from their own starting points.- All disadvantaged pupils achieve age-related expectations in the Phonics Screening Check.- All disadvantaged pupils achieve age related expectations in the end of Key Stage One statutory assessments.
Progress in Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Progress of disadvantaged pupils will be in line with their non-disadvantaged peers, from their own starting points.- All disadvantaged pupils achieve age related expectations in the end of Key Stage One statutory assessments.
Progress in Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Progress of disadvantaged pupils will be in line with their non-disadvantaged peers, from their own starting points.- All disadvantaged pupils achieve age related expectations in the end of Key Stage One statutory assessments.
Pupil socio-emotional development, and mental health and wellbeing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All pupils will access appropriate provision to support them. E.g. Mrs West, Forest School, North East Wellbeing Programme
Access to Cultural Capital and enrichment opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Disadvantaged pupils will be invited to extracurricular opportunities, materials and resources that are subsidised by the school.- Pupil Voice and academic progress will show the impact of this.
Attendance and Punctuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attendance of disadvantaged pupils will be at least 97%. Punctuality of all disadvantaged pupils will be monitored and deemed 'very good' if less than 5 late marks are needed during an academic year.

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: £65775

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Employ experienced staff, including a Family Support Worker, to provide quality first teaching and support to all children. = £64,000	Classroom interventions working directly with children currently have more evidence of effectiveness at improving learning than parenting interventions with the same aim. B. H. and Gorard, S. (2015)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9
Invest in 'Infusing Rich Vocabulary into the Primary Curriculum' – Chris Quigley course for all staff = £600 Webinar £175 https://www.chrisquigley.co.uk/product/infusing-rich-vocabulary-throughout-the-primary-curriculum/	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPD engages with and builds upon teachers' aspirations for pupils.• CPD is completed as a process for supporting pupil progress and well-being.• A paper published by CUREE (Cordingley et al, 2020) includes advice on how CPD activities can be designed to support "active professional learning focused on aspirations for pupils".• There is an understanding of what teachers do, what motivates them, and how they learn and grow, in order to help them develop new practices and practical theories side by side.	1, 2, 7, 9
Work alongside Maths Hub specialists to ensure all year groups have at least started their Maths Mastery journey, in relation to School Development Plan. £1000 for release time for Maths Leader to work alongside colleagues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact of mastery learning approaches is an additional five months progress, on average, over the course of a year. – Education Endowment Foundation	3

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

Budgeted cost: £10230

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Newcastle University Lively Project	Research has consistently shown that children who do not recover from language difficulties are at risk of adverse longer-term outcomes such as unemployment and poorer economic and psychological wellbeing.	1
Employ a member of staff on 0.2 contract to carry out structured interventions, in addition to quality first teaching. = £4500	Classroom interventions working directly with children currently have more evidence of effectiveness at improving learning than parenting interventions with the same aim. B. H. and Gorard, S. (2015)	2, 3, 4
School Led Tutoring group with a focus on writing in each year group. = £25.56 per hour <i>6 staff x 18 hours £3200</i>	Classroom interventions working directly with children currently have more evidence of effectiveness at improving learning than parenting interventions with the same aim. B. H. and Gorard, S. (2015)	2, 3, 4
Invest in Lexia and IDL packages; build in before and after school times to use school technology. = £2330 and £200	Evidence-based research studies have demonstrated that Lexia's literacy program, Core5, contributes to students' success on standardized reading assessments. In multiple studies published in peer-reviewed journals, Lexia Reading Core5 has been found to accelerate the development of literacy skills.	2, 6, 8

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

Budgeted cost: £12,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Purchase Curious Beasts Wellbeing package through North East Wellbeing for each year group to strengthen pupils' socio-emotional development, and maintain and enhance their mental health and wellbeing. = £5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Breeze Project (2018) found young people frequently commented that they felt Forest School was 'fun' and that they appreciated the opportunities to 'get outdoors', run around, experience nature, and take part in bushcraft activities which felt very different compared to school or home.• This engagement was also reflected in their attendance data with four out of the five children having increased attendance of Forest School days; for two children there was an 8% increase on Forest School days and taken as a group a mean increase of 2%.	5, 6
Staffing and resourcing for Forest School = £4000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above.	5, 6
Develop opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to access 'Cultural Capital' experiences linked to the arts, community and sports, alongside educational materials and resources to enable them to have equal access to the curriculum offer This will be facilitated through: Outside agency cultural visitors in to school, music tuition, educational materials / resources and educational visits = £3,000	Education Endowment Foundation:– Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum. The research here summarises the impact of arts participation on academic outcomes. It is important to remember that arts engagement is valuable in and of itself and that the value of arts participation should be considered beyond maths or English outcomes.'	5, 8

Total budgeted cost: £88005

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 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Please see the 2020-21 Pupil Premium Strategy Statement and Impact:

<https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/pupil-premium-2020-21>

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Lexia Core5	Lexia
IDL Literacy	IDL
Doodle Maths	DoodleLearning
Oxford Reading Owls Online	Oxford Publishing

Service pupil premium funding

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	Contributed to support staff salary within particular year group.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Pupil finished the year as an exceeding learner across the board, due to quality first teaching and support from teaching assistant within lessons. Pupil received 1:1 time for reading in addition to this.

Further information (optional)

For further information about our pupil premium strategy please see:

<https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/school-information/pupil-premium/>

Information about our Recovery Strategy and the Catch Up Premium from 2020-21 can be found here:

<https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/school-information/catch-up-premium/>