

Pupil premium strategy statement

Sandfield Primary School – Guildford – 2025 to 2026

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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Sandfield Primary School
Number of pupils in school	210
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	42 /210 = 20%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 - 2027
Date this statement was published	October 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2026
Statement authorised by	K Collins
Pupil premium lead	K Collins + L Lidstrom
Governor / Trustee lead	D Kennedy

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year 42 x £1515	£63,630
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year 0 x £145	£0 (grant discontinued)
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	£63,630

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

As an inclusive primary school, our intention is to provide an inspirational and inclusive learning environment with opportunity for all. Our ultimate goal is that no child is left behind socially or academically because of disadvantage. We strive to raise lifelong aspirations and focus on removing barriers to enable all our PP pupils to be the best they can. Every member of our Sandfield team has high expectations and are responsible for improving outcomes of disadvantaged pupils.

Our Pupil Premium Plan aims to address the main barriers our children face and through careful planning, targeted support, delivery of quality first teaching and early intervention; provide all children with opportunities to thrive.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Writing has been the subject that disadvantaged pupils struggle most with and this continues to be a top priority in our SDP.
2	Persistent poor attendance of some of our PP pupils (2024-25) 16 pupils with persistent attendance issues. Disadvantaged pupils had an attendance figure of 94.43% against all pupils at 95.8%. This level of absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress.
3	Family circumstances (housing+ finance) and reduced parental engagement due to families becoming more insular as a result of the cost of living crisis.
4	Mental health of pupils and their families – observed and identified with discussion with pupils and families. Increased referrals to CAMHS and Child Wellbeing practitioners. Substantial waiting times for external services.
5	55% EAL with some of these families new to the country struggling to access full school offer.

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 develop the quality of teaching and learning for the most vulnerable pupils in order to accelerate progress and narrow the gap	<p>Quality first teaching within all classrooms ensures all PP pupils have the resources, scaffolds to support their learning.</p> <p>Increased independence, self-belief and resilience shown by pupils.</p> <p>Regular class drop ins to capture PP pupils access to the full curriculum.</p>
To provide targeted academic support by small group interventions which are regularly reviewed and refined. (EEF – A tiered approach to PP spending)	<p>PP pupils learning gaps are identified and bespoke provision is planned and delivered either within the classroom or beyond in small groups across the phase.</p> <p>Feedback from small group intervention is regularly given to the classteacher</p>
To increase the self-belief and resilience of PP + SEND pupils (SDP links) by offering enrichment curriculum opportunities and small group support for Mental Health and Wellbeing.	<p>Children gain an improvement in their mental wellbeing, self-esteem and resilience.</p> <p>Weekly drop ins reflect high levels of engagement from PP + SEND pupils</p> <p>Evidence from pupil and parent surveys, and student voice.</p>
To improve the level of engagement with targeted parents and outside agencies.	<p>Targeted families (including EAL) receive the support they need from either within school or outside agencies in order to improve the child's outcomes.</p>
To use technology to support PP children to maximise their learning	<p>All PP pupils and their families access and use Seesaw (+ other Apps), confidently leading to improved learning outcomes.</p>

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £1000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
EAL audit (REMA) – Leading a whole school strategy to EAL	High level of EAL (55%).	5
Ordinary Available Provision	Enables our disadvantaged pupils to access a full curriculum and make good progress	1, 2, 5
Restorative practice embedded consistently within the school	The work of Paul Dix highlights the success of this approach when consistently used across the school.	2, 3, 4, 5
Quality First Teaching Training	Every teacher is supported in delivering high-quality teaching, which is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged among them. CPD opportunities identified for all staff. (EEF Maximising learning)	1, 2, 5
Improve outcomes in reading by developing a clear fluency strategy in KS2, so all children can read at a fluency rate of 90%	Using the research of Dr Megan Dixon, to support adults understanding of how to achieve fluency for all pupils	1, 2

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

Budgeted cost: £ 31,315

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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Year 5 + 6 intervention groups (experience KS2 TA)	Extensive learning gaps noted in our year 5 + 6 PP cohort. This extra provision will enable these pupils to reach expected standards and beyond. EEF Toolkit Small groups 4+ months	1
KS1 PP intervention adult (TA)	Additional small group support can be effectively targeted at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, and should be considered as part of a school's pupil premium strategy EEF Toolkit Small groups 4+ months	1
Attention Autism – 2 x PP students access this intervention	Small group support can be effectively targeted at pupils with SEND needs including those with disadvantaged backgrounds EEF Toolkit Small groups 4+ months	1 + 4
Purchasing Technology and licenses to support learning (Apple TV, Seesaw + other educational Apps)	Digital technology has a positive impact when it is embedded in a well-designed learning system (including factors such as the curriculum, pedagogy, teacher professional development and assessment – marking and feedback) Using Digital Technology to Improve Learning: Evidence Review Published: December 2019 Our new feedback and marking policy prioritises “in the moment verbal feedback”. The use of Apple TV to model good examples and address misconceptions. This has been instrumental for our most vulnerable pupils, because feedback is bespoke, visual and instant.	1 + 5
NTS benchmarked testing –	Use of NTS testing has identified gaps in learning and teachers and support staff have systematically addressed these, through whole class teaching and precision teaching for individuals and small groups. Testing periods were October, May and June.	1

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

Budgeted cost: £31,315

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<p>Improved communication between families and school using MCAS App.</p> <p>MCAS provides weekly reports on whole school, class and individual attendance which impacts HSLW, Classteachers, TAs + EWO involvement and actions.</p>	<p>Quick and effective way to make sure that all our parents / carers are signed up to the school messaging app to improve communication between families and school</p> <p>100% of parents signed up</p> <p>EEF Toolkit Parental Engagement 3+ months</p> <p>The analysis of the link between overall absence (and individual reasons for absence) and attainment when taking prior attainment and pupil characteristics into account showed that, for each KS2 and KS4 measure, overall absence had a statistically significant negative link to attainment – i.e. every extra day missed was associated with a lower attainment outcome.</p> <p>DfE March 2016 - The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/framework-for-securing-full-attendance-actions-for-schools-and-local-authorities</p>	<p>2 + 3</p>
<p>ELSA groups led by 1 fully trained staff members</p>	<p>ELSA groups to support wellbeing so children are more ready to access learning. Groups are recorded on Edukey, using the Leuven Scale and feedback given to classteachers. Children have greatly enjoyed these sessions making them feel more confident. Positive feedback from parents has also been received.</p> <p>EEF Toolkit Small groups 4+ months</p>	<p>1, 4 + 5</p>
<p>HSLW / SENCO time</p>	<p>Weekly inclusion team meeting supports a constant conversation of our disadvantaged pupils and those we are most worried about. Sandfield families are accessing foodbanks, local charities, Surrey County Council Specialist Teachers and EP services.</p> <p>EEF Toolkit Parental Engagement 3+ months</p>	<p>2, 3 + 4</p>
<p>Use of Edukey – which is an online secure portal which stores all SEND pupil information</p>	<p>Edukey provides an online secure document resource site for all SEND plans and provisions, which enable staff to monitor progress and set specific targets for SEND pupils</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Seesaw, Apple TV + Educational Apps (TT Rockstars, Numberbots, Spelling Frame)</p>	<p>Seesaw provides bespoke video feedback on writing for each child. Seesaw allows adults to set tasks online which are personalised to their learning gaps which can be accessed at home and at school. Focus on blended learning. Apple TV allows “in the moment feedback to be given,” and</p>	<p>1</p>

	<p>good models (What A Good One looks Like) to be shared live with the whole class, deepening learning and understanding.</p> <p>All educational Apps used at Sandfield can be used at each child's starting point building on their knowledge.</p>	
LSAs leading self-esteem, self-regulation groups	<p>Social and emotional learning (SEL) interventions seek to improve pupils' decision-making skills, interaction with others and their self-management of emotions, rather than focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learning. Evidence shows this leads to improved outcomes at school and in later life.</p> <p>EEF – Toolkit - social emotional learning + 4 months</p>	4
Provision of Forest School for specific KS2 pupils	<p>A wider evidence base indicating that outdoor adventure learning may have positive impacts on other outcomes such as self-efficacy, motivation and teamwork.</p> <p>EEF – Toolkit – outdoor adventure learning</p>	4
Extra funds available for the cost of PP pupils trips + residential, uniform, music lessons, after school sports clubs	<p>Enriching experience are essential for building self-esteem as well as building cultural capital and learning from first-hand experience.</p> <p>EACT Trust Academy has evidenced impact of accreditation of the whole child. focusing on building Cultural Capital for disadvantaged pupils</p>	2 + 4
Lunchtime Planet Soccer sports squads (9 squads offered weekly + playground games)	<p>Physical activity has important benefits in terms of health, wellbeing and physical development.</p> <p>EEF – Physical Activity + 1 month</p> <p>However, as a school we have noted improved afternoon engagement by our most disadvantaged pupils after participating in an active lunchtime, especially after inactivity during national lockdowns</p>	2+ 4

Total budgeted cost: £63,630

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 2025 to 2026 academic year.

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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
Our Childrens' Wellbeing Practitioners (from CAMHS), are offering weekly sessions to identified PP pupils. These children were identified for displaying low mood or anxiety.	Child Wellbeing Practitioner
Strings Project in year 4 Chess Club	RGS outreach
Gardening Intervention	GHS
Matrix – Year 6 drop in lunchtimes Transition support for identified PP pupils which carries through to their secondary placement	Matrix
Celebrating children that do it differently Course being run for indetified PP pupils to support access to classroom learning	Barnardos
Mentoring Service – weekly 1:1 sessions	Turnstyle

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?	
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.