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Pupil Premium Report 2023-2024



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Executive Overview

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2024 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.

We aim to address the educational attainment gap and remove barriers to eligible children's academic, emotional and social development. The strategy is designed to maximise the impact of the pupil premium funding we receive, ensuring every eligible pupil receives the necessary support to achieve their full potential.

Key elements of the strategy:

- We invest in high quality teaching and learning strategies that are proven to have a positive impact on all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged.
- We will seek to understand the lived experiences of our disadvantaged pupils and use this to ensure the most appropriate and impactful support is provided to them. We seek to be experts in our children and build strong and lasting relationships with each and every child.
- We recognise the important role of parents in supporting their child's achievement in school.
 We will actively engage with parents in order to fully understand their child's academic and social and emotional needs.

The challenges we are seeking to overcome are:

- Supporting eligible children with complex special educational needs
- Closing the attainment gap
- Improving attendance
- Emotional and social needs for children affected by adverse childhood experiences

The funding we receive enables us to provide:

- Additional teaching assistants to provide one to one (in-class) academic support
- Additional support for children with special educational needs and resources to support inclusion
- Top up funding for school-based tutoring
- Strategies to improve attendance
- Pastoral support and ELSA supervision sessions
- Financial assistance for uniform, trips and other related expenses for individual children

The impact of the funding has been:

- Increased progress scores for pupils at the end of Key Stage 2
- Increased attainment for pupils at the end of Key Stage 2
- Case study information where pastoral support has improved attendance
- Increased expertise in teachers linked to Learning Without Limits project and inclusive teaching strategies

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Bexton Primary School
Number of pupils in school	410 (not incl nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	7.8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan	2021-2024
covers (3 year plans are recommended)	
Date this statement was published	September 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2024
Statement authorised by	Emily Armstrong
Pupil premium lead	Jill Sach
Governor / Trustee lead	Sarah Stafford/Kristina Gol

Funding overview

Detail	Amount 22-23	Amount 23-24
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£46,675	£48,250
Recovery premium funding allocation 2022-23 (30 pupils)	£4,350	£3,625
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0	£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	£51,025	£51,875

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Bexton Primary School is a two-form entry primary school that has a hardworking, dedicated and caring staff team who are known for going the extra mile to support their pupils. The school has an experienced and stable leadership team who strive for the very highest standards of education and care for all pupils. Children start school at a broadly expected level of development and typically continue to make excellent levels of progress.

We are committed to being an inclusive school with a welcoming ethos and culture. This means our staff work hard to ensure all children are given opportunities to support all children's academic, social, emotional and physical development and that any barriers to their progress are removed.

We are fortunate to have a thriving nursery, where the vast majority of our children who come into reception attend. This gives us the opportunity to get to know families early and support children both academically and socially. We're also able to identify early any learning gaps and provide early targeted support.

At Bexton we believe a strong curriculum is the passport to children developing a rich cultural knowledge and through effective teaching, children will develop the knowledge and skills they need to thrive at school. We also ensure that we give children a wide set of experiences to support their personal development.

High quality teaching and learning is at the heart of our approach, and we target our additional support for disadvantaged pupils in the areas we have evidence or experience to prove will make the most impact on eligible pupils. We use assessment information to ensure we set ambitious targets and can spot quickly when children are not on track to meet them, putting in effective support and interventions.

At Bexton we are committed to meeting the needs of all pupils eligible for the pupil premium grant, both to support their academic needs and their social and emotional needs. Evidence shows that expert teaching, strong relationships, early intervention and building self-efficacy and self-regulation make the greatest impact on children. Therefore, our strategy is built around these aspects, coupled with accurate assessment of any barriers to children's learning.

Our objectives for Pupil Premium spending

- To provide high quality teaching & learning experiences across the curriculum.
- To provide additional support and intervention to ensure disadvantaged children achieve their potential.
- To provide personalised social and emotional support to disadvantaged children to maximise their wellbeing.
- To provide extra home/school support to help overcome any barriers to learning that may affect their wellbeing or academic achievements.

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

- It enables us to provide in class support, small group and individual interventions to support eligible children with academic progress. All of these are provided by our highly trained support staff.
- It enables us to provide additional support to eligible children so that they can have emotional and social support to allow them to maximise their wellbeing.
- It enables us to provide additional support to families so that children are able to take part in a wide variety of activities to support their personal development.

Challenges

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

Challenge	Detail of challenges
number	
1	A number of our disadvantaged children also have complex special educational needs. Currently 36% of our disadvantaged children have an Educational Health Care Plan or are at SEND Support compared to 11% of non-disadvantaged pupils. A number of the children require specialist support and intervention to support their progress and we also prioritise spending more time with their parents to ensure we have a strong home-school partnership.
2	Our assessment information shows that some of our disadvantaged pupils have been more affected by the partial school closures during 2020 and 2021 and this has increased the attainment gap. This is also supported by national data. Currently there is a 29% gap in reading at the expected standard, 39% gap in writing and 39% gap in maths. Outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 show that this gap is 35% in reading, 24% in writing and 39% in maths. However FFT information shows us that disadvantaged pupils make strong progress, except for disadvantaged pupils with EHCs.
3	Many families are facing increased pressures, due to the cost of living crisis. Through additional pastoral support that focuses on effective communication, the school can ensure that any barriers to children's attendance or their academic progress can be addressed quickly. There is currently a 2% gap in attendance between our disadvantaged pupils and none disadvantaged pupils.
4	The vast majority of disadvantaged children achieve the expected standard at the end of key stage 2, however only a small proportion achieve the higher standard. A rigorous focus on developing teacher expertise in the strategies that make the greatest difference on children's outcomes will support pupil progress. Additional small group or one to one tutoring will also help disadvantaged children to meet their academic targets. In July 2023, 33% of our pupils were above in reading, 16% in writing and 31% in maths. For our disadvantaged pupils this reduces to 7% in reading, 0% in writing and 7% in maths.
5	Some of our disadvantaged children need increased levels of emotional support as they have experienced adverse childhood experiences. Our pastoral lead regularly works with 40% of our disadvantaged pupils or is involved in working with other professionals to support the child or family. This dedicated support allows us to support them through ELSA sessions to have strong attitudes to learning, increase their self-esteem and build self-efficacy. As part of our Jigsaw sessions, we track children's scores on a resilience screener and this shows that the average score for disadvantaged pupils is 33, versus non-disadvantaged children's average score of 36.

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.

measure whether they have	
Intended outcome	Success criteria
Attendance to continue to be high for disadvantaged pupils	 Disadvantaged pupils to have an average attendance of 96% or above Lateness and missed sessions minimised by effective tracking and parental engagement
Improve the quality of teaching for disadvantaged pupils	 Teaching of disadvantaged pupils is good and frequently outstanding as measured by monitoring and assessments. Quality of teaching results in disadvantaged pupils making good progress and achieving same standards as their non-disadvantaged peers
Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils are above national standards and the gap is closing where one remains between national/ all Bexton pupils.	Reading For disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve above national standards for non-disadvantaged pupils. For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress scores For 80%+ disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve age-related expectations For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1-Y5 achieve a positive progress score in internal tracking Phonics For 80%+ of disadvantaged children in Y1 meet the required level in phonics screening. Writing For disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve above national standards for non-disadvantaged pupils. For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress scores For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve the expected standard in writing and increase the proportion of disadvantaged children achieving above (from 4%). For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1-Y5 achieve a positive progress score in internal tracking Mathematics For disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve above national standards for non-disadvantaged pupils. For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve above national standards for non-disadvantaged pupils. For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress scores At least 80%+ disadvantaged pupils in Y2 to Y5 to achieve age-related expectations For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1-Y5 achieve a positive progress score in internal tracking EYFS 80% of disadvantaged pupils achieve age-related expectations by the end of EYFS (GLD) SEND
	 Where children have an EHCP or SEND Support Plan, the school can demonstrate good levels of progress related to their area of need.
Support disadvantaged pupils to thrive emotionally and socially.	 For all disadvantaged pupils to increase their score on the resilience scale (Jigsaw REST) from entry 2021 and the gap to reduce from 3%. For all disadvantaged pupils to talk about the positive impact Jigsaw has had on their emotional wellbeing. Our Pastoral Lead effectively supports disadvantaged children so that any barriers to their learning or emotional wellbeing are addressed.

Activity in this academic year 2023-2024

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: [Cost to be covered by main school budget]

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Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed		
Further improve the quality of teaching to make a positive impact on all children's outcomes.	We are engaging in a trust wide CPD programme that looks at all aspects of expert teaching (7C's) that have a thorough evidence base in improving outcomes for pupils. We will work with all staff to ensure that they have a good understanding of the 7c and that pupils are being taught through a mastery approach. Teachers will focus on using highly structured talk opportunities in lessons and using child-engaged assessment to make effective pedagogical choices. We are also engaging in a trust wide development project to maximise the impact of teaching assistants (MITA) through effective deployment, looking at effective practice and using time effectively to ensure teaching assistants are prepared and understand what the children are learning. We have also invested in a phonics programme that ensures all pupils receiving daily teaching from their teacher, who can then identify pupils who need additional same-day interventions, to ensure they keep up with the programme. This area is covered by the main school budget.	2 & 5		
	Collaborative learning approaches High impact for very low cost based on limited evidence.			
	Mastery learning High impact for very low cost based on limited evidence. £ £ £ £ £			
	Phonics High impact for very low cost based on very extensive evidence. £ £ £ £ £			
CPD for staff to support effective inclusion and developing the relational approach.	We are currently reviewing all our policies and practices to ensure we have a fully inclusive school. <u>Inclusive educational practice</u> provides opportunities to all pupils to learn together by removing social and emotional barriers and making reasonable adjustments to practice. We have completed a full 360 with staff, children, parents and governors and now seek to eradicate any policies and practices that reduce pupil or parent engagement with school. In 2023-24, the review has been completed and we will continue this project through developing the relational approach to behaviour management and ensuring teachers have an expert knowledge of the disadvantaged pupils . The EEF SEND evidence review also states that there 'weak but positive impact on academic outcomes of pupils without SEN from having pupils with SEN included in their classes. This area is covered by the main school budget. Social and emotional learning Moderate impact for very low cost based on very limited evidence.	1, 3 & 5		
Leadership time to monitor the impact of the strategy.	The deputy head leads on the PPG strategy and works closely with other senior and middle leaders to ensure that there is a whole-school approach to improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Within her role she will: Ensure that every member of staff is aware of how we use the pupil premium funding to support eligible children and that all staff understand the strategies that make the biggest impact on disadvantaged pupils outcomes. In all school development work, prioritise the needs of disadvantaged pupils and understand where there are in-school variations and act upon these. This includes identifying eligible children early in their school life and within the nursery provision. 	1-5		

 Track the attendance, progress and attainment of disadvantaged pupils and within pupil progress meetings. Work with relevant members of staff when achievement falls below targets and ensures that the appropriate support is available and prioritised for eligible children. To create a PPG action plan to further improve outcomes for eligible children. 	
This area is covered by the main school budget.	

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

interventions) Budgeted cost: £25,311			
Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	
Employment of additional teaching assistant to work with disadvantaged pupils providing additional interventions. £22,191 23-24	EEF evidence shows that <u>teaching assistant</u> interventions, when deployed effectively can be successful. Our approach ensures disadvantaged individual needs are addressed and supported in class with targeted feedback and instruction. The teaching assistant will focus her in-class time on giving additional support and provide one to one feedback on pupil's reading skills as this is the area in school tracking that shows the largest gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils. She will also spend time talking to the class teachers to receive feedback on the impact her support has and what further support the children require. It will also involve time giving the training and support she requires to fulfil her role effectively. One to one tuition High impact for moderate cost based on moderate evidence.	1, 2 & 4	
Additional teaching assistant for supporting disadvantaged children who are entitled to SEND support. £1000 23-24	A number of our disadvantaged children also have specific additional needs. This funding allows our SENCO and specialist staff the time to work with these children, providing the correct interventions. It also allows teaching assistants who are in classes to provide additional support to disadvantaged pupils. As the majority of these children are currently in KS1, their support is focused on developing early reading skills and phonic skills. This also allows for the staff involved with supporting disadvantaged pupils get the training and support they need in order to fulfil their role effectively. Small group tuition Moderate impact for low cost based on moderate £ £ £ £ £	1, 2 & 4	
To top up government funding for inschool tutoring sessions. £1900 23-24	EEF evidence shows that one to one tuition is very effective and can increase progress to five months' additional progress. We have identified four teaching assistants and targeted disadvantaged pupils in Year 6 to take part in tutoring. The tutor sessions will be focused on individual pupil needs in reading, writing and mathematics. The impact can be measured through our standardised testing and writing moderation sessions. Small group tuition Moderate impact for low cost based on moderate evidence.	1, 2 & 4	
To purchase a new assessment programme to support the SENCO £1000 in 22-23 £220 in 23-24	We have found that our assessment systems are not as effective for children with an EHC and are not working at National Curriculum levels. Therefore, we have purchased a new assessment system (SOLAR) which will help us to track the relevant pupil's progress and share this information with parents and carers. We feel this model then becomes a positive approach, rather than a deficit model. The EEF SEND evidence review recommends 'high quality ad accurate formative assessment, using effective tools and early assessment materials' and 'setting out the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment and the views and wishes of the pupils and their parents'. We believe this approach will help us to identify the small steps of progress children with complex learning needs require.	1 & 3	

Budgeted cost: £		
Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provide bespoke pastoral support for disadvantaged pupils to help support them emotionally and socially. £25,757 23- 24	EEF shows that developing children's social and emotional skills results in reduced anxiety and increased engagement in learning. Our own experience shows that this is a very effective use of funding as a number of our disadvantaged children also experience challenging circumstances outside of school and require additional support to manage their emotions. This activity links closely with the PSHE scheme of work and measuring children's resilience levels. Those disadvantaged pupils with low levels of resilience will be targeted by our Pastoral support lead. Training planned include: ELSA supervision training sessions, next step training, toxic trio, DSL training, Digital Safeguarding and trauma informed schools training. The Pastoral Lead will also aim to improve children's attendance by working with children and families. Social and emotional learning Moderate impact for very low cost based on very limited evidence.	3 & 5
Provide financial support to eligible families to enable children to fund extracurricular activities,	We can support with the cost of branded uniform, fund the cost of extra- curricular activities and the residential visit and any other trips the children go on. We will also use this fund to fund play therapy sessions, assessments related to specific educational needs and relevant interventions. Our experience shows that children who have access to the same experiences and feel equal to their peers supports their overall wellbeing. We have found that children who attend the extra-curricular activities benefit emotionally and socially from these experiences. Where we have funded activities specifically related to individual needs (related to their academic or personal development) we can quickly reduce barriers to learning.	3 & 5
provide financial assistance for	School uniform Unclear impact for very low cost based on insufficient evidence.	
trips & uniform and other needs specific to individual children. £800 23-24	Outdoor adventure learning Unclear impact for moderate cost based on insufficient evidence. £ £ £ £	
Fund ELSA supervision sessions for our Pastoral Lead.	A number of our disadvantaged pupils need support with emotional needs and behaviours, with this being the biggest barrier to their progress. By ensuring our Pastoral lead has access to high quality training and supervision, we will be able to target the support where it is most needed. Social and emotional learning Moderate impact for very low cost based on very limited evidence.	3 & 5

Total budgeted cost: £51,868

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.

Due to COVID-19, performance measures have not been published for 2020 to 2021, and 2020 to 2021 results will not be used to hold schools to account. Given this, please point to any other pupil evaluations undertaken during the 2020 to 2021 academic year, for example, standardised teacher administered tests or diagnostic assessments such as rubrics or scales.

If last year marked the end of a previous pupil premium strategy plan, what is your assessment of how successfully the intended outcomes of that plan were met?

Year 1 Review (2020-2021)		Amendments for
Impact	Issues	next year
During the school closures it was challenging to continue with all academic targets, however attainment for disadvantaged children continued to be tracked. Reading All children attainment – 84% expected / 35% above PPG children attainment – 61% expected/ 18% above & 78% expected/ 23% above with no send included All children progress- 73% expected progress/ 5% above expected progress (-0.2) PPG children progress- 86% expected progress/ 5% above expected progress (-0.1) Phonics 85% of children passed the internal phonic screening test. 2 children didn't sit and 7 sat resits in autumn 21. Writing All children -79% expected/ 16% above/ PPG children 57% expected/ 7% above & 73% expected/ 9% above with no send included All children progress- 75% expected progress/ 8% above expected progress (-0.2) PPG children progress- 86% expected progress/ 0% above expected progress (-0.2) Mathematics All children- 85% expected/ 18% above PPG children -61% expected/ 18% above & 78% expected/ 9% above with no send included All children progress- 87% expected progress/ 11% above expected progress (-0.0) PPG children progress- 81% expected progress/ 10% above expected progress (-0.1) EYFS 75% of PPG children achieved expected in all areas except comprehension (25%) Word reading (25%) Writing (50%) Number (50%) 4 children in group, 1 child in Resource Provision. Pastoral Impact Our pastoral lead worked closely with families during the partial school closures (as per issues column). Overall	59% of our disadvantaged pupils attended school during the wider school closures so continued to have access to teaching & pastoral support. For those who were at home, our Pastoral care lead visited each week with activity packs and offered additional support where needed.	We have increased the uniform budget as we're aware families will be facing more financial challenges. To pay for this we have ceased funding additional music sessions as this was only taken up by a very small number of pupils and all children have access to high quality music sessions in school. We have introduced the wellbeing programme and our joint partnership with Passion 4 Learning.
attendance figures (not including covid or partial school closures) was 96% versus 97.8% for the whole school. For two children within the eligible children, two had significant medical needs.		

Year 2 Review (2021-2022)		Amendments for next
Impact	Issues	- year
 Reading Target- At least 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 25%+ to achieve above the expected standard. (achieved in 2022 with 100% expected and 40% above). Target- For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress scores (achieved in 2022 with progress score of 1.59) Target- For 80%+ disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve age-related expectations (69% expected in 2022) Target- For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1-Y5 achieve a positive progress score in internal tracking (overall score +0.3 and 100% progress score of 0+) Phonics Target- For 80%+ of disadvantaged children in Y1 meet the required level in phonics screening. (67% in 2022) Writing Target- At least 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 20%+ to achieve above the expected standard. (100% achieved expected), 3% below target at higher standard with 17% higher standard) Target- For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress scores (achieved in 2022 with a progress score of 3.66) Target- For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve the expected standard in writing and increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve the expected standard in writing and increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils in Y1-Y5 achieve a positive progress score in internal tracking (overall score +0.2 and 95% progress score of 0+) Mathematics Target- For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 25% to achieve above the expected standard. (achieved in 2022 with 100% expected standard and 40% above) Target- For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 25% to achieve above the expected standard. (achieved in 2022 with 100% expected standard and 10 for 25% to achieve above the expected standard. (achieved in 2022 with 100% expected standard and	The number of children with SEN & are classed as disadvantaged continues to increase so we wanted to ensure some of the Pupil Premium Budget reflects this. We will be putting a new assessment system into place so that we can identify small steps of progress children make, effectively track the progress of children more accurately and share these assessments with parents. Attendance of a small number of PPG children who need to have time off for medical appointments. SENCO and Pastoral Lead to work closely with the families to improve attendance levels.	Introduction & implementation of whole school wellbeing programme to support all children's emotional & social wellbeing £1,455 – now funded in curriculum budget. Provide educational learning packages to support teaching & interventions £2050- now funded in curriculum budget SEND assessment package (£220) Budget £220 (new)

run the club are kind.' 'I really like the club, the whole group are really nice. Last year they did really fun games at
Christmas and sent us home with activities to do over the holidays. Attendance at the club is also very strong with
children rarely missing a session.

Year 3 Review (2022-2023)		Amendments for
Impact	Issues	next year
• Attendance: In July 2023 the average attendance of disadvantaged pupils is 94.3% (just below the target of 95%) whereas for all pupils the average attendance is 96.3%, meaning there is still a gap of 2%. There are six children with persistent absence of more than 10%. One pupil has improved their attendance and is no longer in the persistent absence category. • Outcomes: Reading -Target- At least 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 25%+ to achieve above the expected standard. (not achieved in 2023 with 80% expected and 20% above). -Target- For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress scores (achieved in 2023 with progress score of 5.52)√ -Target- For 80%+ disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve age-related expectations (55% expected in 2023)x -Target- For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y1. To Y5 to achieve age-related expectations (55% expected in 2023)x -Target- For 80% of disadvantaged children in Y1 meet the required level in phonics screening. (50% in 2023 x4 pupils) x Writing -Target- At least 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 20%+ to achieve above the expected standard. (80% achieved expected, with 20% higher standard) -Target- For 30% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard in writing and increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve the expected standard in writing and increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve a positive progress score in internal tracking (overall score − 0 and 85% expected progress) √ Mathematics -Target- For 80% of disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve the expected standard and for 25% to achieve above the expected standard. (achieved in 2022 with 100% expected standard and 40% above) -Target- For all disadvantaged pupils in Y1 to Y5 to achieve age-related expectations (48% in 2023) x -Target- For all disadvantaged pupils in Y6 to achieve positive progress score in internal tracking (overal	Persistent Absence Attainment Gap in reading, writing and maths, especially at the higher standard. Continuing to develop consistency around our assessment procedures for children working below national curriculum levels.	More focus on individual targets and progress for disadvantaged pupils in all forms of monitoring.

- **Inclusive teaching**: There have been clear improvements in staff understanding of what effective inclusion looks like and this has been externally validated by an external SEND review (led by a National Leader in SEND education) and the Ofsted inspection in April 2023. Both highlighted the effective practice in in-class interventions, the ethos of inclusion and high expectations, staff expertise and the keep up/ not catch-up approach.
- **SOLAR**: The SENCOs are effectively using this software to track the progress of children working below national curriculum levels. This expertise needs to be developed in the whole staff and used to set clear targets in wider curriculum areas.
- **Pastoral Support:** The pupil survey evidenced that 99% of children know who they can go to for support and that 99% of them enjoy coming to school. In the Inclusion Labs survey, Mrs Franklin, our Pastoral Support lead was noted as someone children could go to for support and she has increased the interaction between the school and families, in order to support children emotionally, socially and improve their attendance.
- **Funding trips & visits**: This funding has paid for trips to the beach (Y1) Blue Planet (Y2) Chester Zoo (Y3) Cheshire Show (Y4) Conway Residential (Y5) and Harry Potter World (Y6). It has also funded fleeces for the majority of eligible children (all parents were offered this).

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
Floppy Phonics Programme	Oxford Owl
White Rose Maths	White Rose Hub
Write Stuff (Reading, Writing & Spelling)	Jane Considine
Jigsaw	

Service pupil premium funding

How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last year				
NA				
The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils				
NA				

Cheshire Academies Trust Disadvantaged Pupil Strategy

Attendance: Overall attendance at the school is good, with overall absence was in the lowest 20% of all schools for the last seven years (as per School Inspection Dashboard 2022). This is the same for persistent absence rates. Our pastoral care lead works closely with families where attendance falls below expected and has evidence of her work making a positive impact. We have a small group of PPG children who have long-term medical needs and this unfortunately affects their attendance when they miss school for hospital appointments. The parents of these children work hard to ensure their children miss school for the smallest amount of time possible and the school works hard to meet the needs of all the children academically and pastorally. When a child has missed sessions, we are able to ensure a teaching assistant has time to work with the child to support them with any work they've missed.

	Pupils in group	Attendance	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Late Before Registration	Late After Registration
Pupil Premium	32	94.61	4.74	0.65	1.86	0.23
Not Pupil Premium	394	96.99	2.57	0.44	0.37	0.05

Vocabulary & Literacy: We have in school a highly trained and experienced speech and language teaching assistant. They also work closely with the Speech & Language Therapists who come into school and delivers daily speech therapy to children in the Resource Provision. We are also investing in a new training package so that staff working in early years are able to screen, identify and support children with speech and language developmental delays. We are developing a oracy through structed talk opportunities in lessons across the curriculum. We prioritise opportunities to read to children every day.

Mastery & Mindset: We adopt a mastery approach, ensuring all children have access to quality first teaching and where necessary, additional interventions. We have high expectations for all children and through the trust Learning Without Limits programme ensure no children are labelled or grouped by 'ability'. Our choice of phonics programme was chosen as it is delivered in a whole class approach with additional daily interventions for children who need more time to grasp the sounds. External SEND reviews highlighted the strong ethos of inclusion and a keep up, not catch-up approach. Teachers use short, targeted in-class daily interventions to support children to make strong progress.

Attainment Mobility: Our PPG strategy ensures all PPG children are set high expectations for attainment and progress. We aim to ensure our children have the best possible starting place to begin their secondary education, which will have a significant impact on their future opportunities. As statutory outcomes show, our children achieve very high results (all results in 2022 significantly above national) and our strategy in 2021-22 ensured all PPG children achieved the expected standard or above (40% above in reading and maths). We achieve this through strong relationships with our children, supported by the additional teaching assistants funded through the PPG budget, which in turn allows us to target the support to help them achieve their very best.

Connected Curriculum: Our wider curriculum schemes of work are clearly set out with clear end points. Our history, geography and science schemes allow children to see a clear model of progression and linking concepts that will help the learning to be memorable and connected. When you talk to our children about their learning, you will see they all can talk confidently about what they've learnt and are very proud of the high standard of work they achieve.

Expert teachers: As part of the Learning Without Limits programme, the school has embarked on a three-year strategy project to embed highly effective teaching strategies through a continuing professional development programme, led by the trust. In 2022-23 we looked to at the Seven C's of Expert Teaching (Care, Control, Challenge, Captivate, Consolidate, Confer and Clarity) and in 2023-24 we are focusing on child-engaged assessment and teachers using this information to make adaptation to their lessons through effective pedagogical choices. We think this common language will take teaching and learning to even greater places, building on our already high standards of teaching and learning.

Equity of Opportunity: Within our PPG strategy we have allocated an amount of the fund to support children where they need. Sometimes this is providing uniform, paying for access to a club, access to a play therapist, funding access to a dyslexia assessment or an educational phycologist to support a SEND pathway. We always fund school trips and

residential visits to support disadvantaged learners. Our pastoral lead works closely with children to identify where children require additional support and secures the funding from the budget.

Accumulate Advantage: We aim to provide all eligible children with dedicated staff who make time to get to know their needs and targets, support them to have access to a wide variety of experiences to enhance their school experience and remove any barriers to children achieving their full potential. We regularly review the impact of our work on a pupil-by pupil basis, evaluating all parts of our strategy and how they impact the child.