# Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (service, tuition and recovery premium for the 2023 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.

#### **School overview**

Detail	Data
School name	Springfield Infant School & Nursery
Number of pupils in school	270 + 38 in Nursery
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	26% (69 children – Autumn 2022)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24
Date this statement was published	December 2021
Dates on which it was reviewed	December 2022
	September 2023
Dates on which it will be reviewed	September 2024
Statement authorised by	A Heath-Robinson
Pupil premium lead	Kelly Head
Governor / Trustee lead	Christine Moseley

## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£98940
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£9860
National Tuition funding this academic year	£3712
Total budget for this academic year	£112,512

## Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

#### Statement of intent

- \* Excellence and uncompromising expectation for every member of our school community through:
- \* Highly effective use of human and physical resources, including employing specialist provision where needed
- \* Challenge and support to improve the skills of staff, parents and children.
- \* Targeted intervention to overcome both whole school and individually identified barriers to a successful learning experience.

## **Challenges**

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<ul> <li>Community</li> <li>Lack of emotional literacy</li> <li>Little experience of building/maintaining positive relationships</li> <li>Parent/carer mental health</li> <li>'Life' distracts from learning due to: Young carer responsibilities; Hunger; Homelessness; Basic needs unfulfilled</li> <li>School as a symbol of negative authority</li> <li>Isolation due to individual / COVID circumstances</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>Initiative</li> <li>Communication (Reception 2021/22 – 70% of total cohort not at ARE, 90% of the 20 disadvantaged chn are not at ARE)</li> <li>Attitude to learning</li> </ul>
3	<ul> <li>Possibilities</li> <li>Difficulty accessing or lack of knowledge about out of school activities</li> <li>Lack of 'play' / pre-school experiences</li> <li>Fear of unknown</li> <li>Few adult role models to support exploration of wider 'world of work'</li> <li>Poor Attendance</li> <li>Complex Additional needs</li> </ul>
4	<ul> <li>Environment</li> <li>COVID-19 restrictions and interruptions to learning</li> <li>Growing diversity of school community - English as a second language, School 'culture' different to previous experience, No previous experience of school</li> </ul>
5	<ul> <li>Adventure</li> <li>Health – inconsistent diet, lack of physical experiences or fear of injury to child</li> <li>Excessive/addictive screen time</li> </ul>

# **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
1	Enable children to achieve outcomes in Reading, Writing & Maths that are closer to pre-COVID levels of attainment	* There is no gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children in Reading and Maths by the time they leave Springfield Infants.  * The gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children in Writing is less than the national gap by the time they leave Springfield Infants.  * The % of disadvantaged chn at Springfield Infants achieved EXS+, exceeds national by >10%.  * By the end of Year 2 >94% of disadvantaged children pass the Phonics Check.
2	Support children to communicate effectively, enabling them to overcome SEMH difficulties, access academic work and develop a rich vocabulary to express their ideas	* Number of children requiring Speech, Language or Communication intervention is reduced to less than 5% of the cohort by the time they leave Springfield Infants.  * Monitoring, oracy, writing and vocabulary assessments, subject leader reports evidence a rich vocabulary is in use for all children.
3	Offer parents/families immediate access to professional advice & support and help parents/families to access external services to support them including: parenting classes, social groups, medical advice, housing and financial support	* Parent survey shows the school's early help offer is known & valued as parents have confidence in the support they are offered.  * Individual case studies demonstrate specific impact for individual families  * School led parenting groups and classes show growth in numbers & are valued as measured in the parent survey  * % absence for Pupil Premium is lower than national, % persistent absentees is in line with or < non-PP peers
4	Ensure every child is prepared for their first day at school and no child is excluded (through inability to pay) from wider opportunities offered by school / partner agencies during term and holiday times throughout their time at Springfield Infants	* All children that join our school are equipped with what they need for school (bookbag, uniform, water bottle etc.)  * Any child can access breakfast/holiday activity clubs at point of need without need for full / any payment  * All pupil premium children have taken part in at least one extra curricular club by the time they leave  Springfield Infants  * All pupil premium children have participated in all school enrichment activities (trips, visitors, events) during their time at Springfield Infants
5	Provide staff with training opportunities to ensure their pedagogical approaches and knowledge of barriers children may face and how to overcome them match the cohort and take account of the most recent, relevant research	* All staff have undertaken the play training offered as part of the OPAL project and are aware how to facilitate play with all the SEMH and physical benefits this brings for the children. >95% report improved playtimes as a result.  * All staff have completed the MPTA training course, >95% staff report improved confidence in supporting children / deploying adults more effectively to support children.  * Staff report an improved knowledge base with regards to additional needs.

		* School always has at least 3 trained Thrive practitioners available to support staff with techniques and knowledge in relation to the SEMH of children in their class.  * All staff report improved subject knowledge in Maths & Science supporting outcomes identified in point 1.
6	Ensure all families that are entitled to free school meals access this benefit	* 100% of parents return information request forms which enable school to identify families that may be entitled to FSM and support the application process.
		* All parents who are potentially entitled are contacted by the school and offered support to complete the application.

## 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: £7,400

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
TA access to training courses outside normal working hours – OPAL, MPTA, School based CPD programmes based on survey of TA needs (June 2021) & ongoing SDP priorities	* Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)  * Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)  * The-Case-For-Play-In-Schools-web-1-1.pdf (outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 £2,000 (7.5 hrs x 15 TAs)
Release for subject leaders to analyse impact of curriculum design on various pupil groups and to plan next steps	* <u>Putting Evidence to Work - Guide to Implementation  </u> <u>EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	2, 3, 4, 5 £3,600 (£120 x 3 x 10)
Coaching for Senior Leaders to support leadership growth & wellbeing	* Effective Professional Development   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	<b>1, 3, 4</b> £1,800

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

Budgeted cost: £98,702

Activity	Evidence that supports this app	Challenge number(s) addressed	
Additional teacher in Reception (5 x PM) to support high needs children with multiple vulnerabilities – no more than 6 children in the group – 2 x additional adults to support	* Increasing needs profile of children entering school – school based evidence  * EEF reducing class size: - Closing the disadvantage gap  'International research evidence suggests that reducing class size can have positive impacts on pupil outcomes when implemented with socioeconomically disadvantaged pupil populations. Some studies also have also found that smaller class sizes in primary schools can have a greater positive impact on disadvantaged pupils than their peers.  In the UK, there is some indicative evidence to suggest that reception and Key Stage 1 pupils with lower prior attainment and from lower socio-economic backgrounds may benefit from small classes, although the class size threshold at which this impact is identifiable varies between literacy and maths, and potentially also geographical area.'		1, 3, 4 £21,934 (BF) £9778 (CS) £10,610 (SC)
Private speech therapist to work with small groups & individuals identified in the Reception Wellcomm screen and to give ongoing advice regarding children in Year 1 & 2 who are still working below ARE.  Additional teaching assistant to carry out speech packages	* School outcomes from pre- COVID years.  * Tier 3 support – EEF & PHE – Early Language Development	Enable school to provide a 'graded response' looking at each individual child and deciding on level of input needed based on assessment and risk factors (including disadvantage) long term.	2, 3, 4, 5 £15,960 – 1.5 day a wk 2, 3 £7,590 - JB
Additional teaching assistant in EYFS to carry out NELI project	* Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) implemented and measured  * EEF trial and Government Recommended & programme costs funded		<b>2, 3, 4</b> £15,622 – HH
Additional Teaching Assistants supporting Literacy intervention across all years	* Improving Literacy in Key Stage 1   EEF  * Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants   EEF		2, 3, 4 £17,208 – EC AMs JH AMs

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

Budgeted cost: £15,583

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Family Support Worker – integral to the work of the school to support the ever-growing needs of the community filling the deficit in social care / community provision	* EEF_Parental_Engagement_Guidance_Report.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)  * Improving school attendance: support for schools and local authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	1, 3, 4, 5 £6,708 (half JR)
Parenting / support groups costs	EEF_Parental_Engagement_Guidance_Report.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 3, 4, 5 £250 – sundries
Thrive practitioners to support the SEMH needs of the children	* Thrive: Approach: Info: Credentials(thriveapproach.com)  * Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 2, 3, 5 £8,125 EC / JH – 12hrs a wk
School starter packs, subsidised trips/clubs and promotion to encourage parents to apply for Free School Meals	* It is important that all children feel included in our school community and have the same access to school items / trips and clubs as their peers by having some funding set aside to support families at point of need we ensure that no child is ever excluded from taking part in the activities they want to.  * See previous pupil premium outcomes documents with regard to take up of free school meals.	1, 3, 4, 5 £250 (subsidy) £250 (promo)

# Total budgeted cost: £ 121,685

# **Externally provided programmes**

Programme	Provider	
Numbersense	Systematic number fact teaching   Number Sense Maths	
Thrive	The Thrive Approach to social and emotional wellbeing	
NTS assessments	sments NTS - National Test Style Standardised Assessments (risingstars-uk.com)	
Insight Tracking	Insight   Online Pupil Tracking for Primary Schools (insighttracking.com)	
NELI	Home   Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) (teachneli.org)	
Nursery Narrative	Nursery Narrative - Black Sheep Press	
Read Write Inc.	Read Write Inc. Phonics - Ruth Miskin Literacy	
Talk for Writing	Talk for Writing (talk4writing.com)	

# 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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

As evidenced in schools across the country, school closure, a lack of services for families with pre-school age children and missed health checks due to the pandemic, continue to be most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, as they were not able to benefit from early intervention, social and speech opportunities in pre-schools & parent groups, our pupil premium funded improvements to teaching and targeted interventions to the degree we had intended despite giving them priority access to school places and encouraging as many children as safely possible to attend school. (Around 1/3 of our school population attended during the 'closures' but PP families were the most reluctant to send their children.)

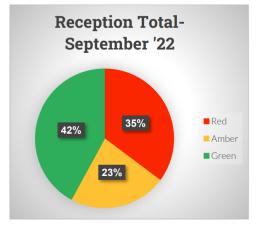
Attendance (all chn Yr R – 2): PP - 91% Not PP - 93% Persistent Absenteeism (all chn Yr R -2): PP - 41% Not PP - 23%

#### Outcomes 2023:

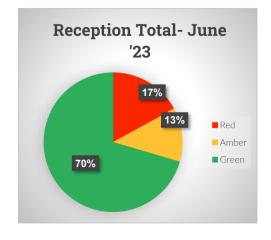
GLD	PP – 67%	Not PP – 67%	To be updated when national figures are available.
Yr 1 Phonics	PP- 67%	Not PP – 86%	OUR GAP: 19% NATIONAL GAP: %
Yr 2 Phonics	PP- 83%	Not PP – 93%	NATIONAL AT YR2 = %
Yr 2 SATS Reading	PP- 63%	Not PP – 72%	OUR GAP: 9% NATIONAL GAP: %
Yr 2 SATS Writing	PP- 47%	Not PP – 59%	OUR GAP: 12% NATIONAL GAP: %
Yr 2 SATS Maths	PP- 81%	Not PP – 88%	OUR GAP: 7% NATIONAL GAP: %

- \* Individual Family Support Worker case studies are available
- \* Individual staff training records are available
- \* Individual Thrive profiles and case studies are available
- \* NELI outcomes: have moved children from slight concern to no concern meaning that communicate and further additional support was no longer needed.
- \* Wellcomm outcomes (Private SALT & S&L TA, NELI work also contributes to these outcomes)

  Reception WellComm Results: June 2023 update







Red: 15 Amber: 11 Green: 62