# **Pupil premium strategy statement – Red Hill Field Primary School**



This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our under resourced pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the outcomes for under resourced pupils last academic year.

#### School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	235
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	36 pupils 15%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement each academic year)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2026
Statement authorised by	Rachel Watts
Pupil premium lead	Rachel Watts / Alison Dye
Governor / Trustee lead	K White / S.Roddy

#### Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 50,188
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year Recovery premium received in academic year 2024/25 cannot be carried forward beyond August 31, 2024.	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£50,188
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

#### Statement of intent

In our school, we pursue everyday excellence; we respect everybody, and this enables us to learn and grow in harmony, resulting in academic and personal fulfilment.

We know that the quality of teaching is fundamental to the success of all pupils particularly those who are under resourced. As the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) state: Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Using the Pupil Premium to improve teaching quality benefits all students and has a particularly positive effect on children eligible for the Pupil Premium.

We have high expectations for all pupils in our school and recognise that children in receipt of the Pupil Premium are not a homogenous group. As a result of this, our approach to tackling 'under resourcing' is not solely focussed on pupils with lower prior attainment. Our aim is to provide pupils with an introduction to the essential knowledge that they need to be educated citizens; to increase their cultural capital, and to be able to contribute positively to the well-being of their community and to wider society.

To ensure they are effective we will follow the Learn-At Guiding Principles (from LearnATPupilPremiumStrategy LAT055LearnATPupilPremiumStrategy.pdf (learnatpolicies.uk))

At Red Hill Field we are also increasingly finding that pupils starting at Red Hill Field have previous traumatic experiences ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences), repeated negative educational encounters, physical and psychological trauma and complex diagnosed and undiagnosed conditions that result in them lacking the neurological development required for concentration and learning. This has major implications for confidence and self-esteem, along with the desire and inspiration to achieve, so we use the PPG to provide a wide range of additional opportunities to increase safety and trust for investment for lifelong aspirations for all and raise expectations and achievements for all children and their families.

Our approach is research informed and the strategies we employ are supported by sound evidence of effective impact. In line with the EEF guidance, we prioritise the Pupil Premium spending on:

- High quality teaching
- Targeted academic support
- Targeted staff CPD

Removing non-academic barriers

- Attendance
- Pastoral support
- ELSA supervision and CPD

#### Challenges

Whilst recognising that those in receipt of the Pupil Premium are not a homogenous group, these are the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our under resourced pupils:

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths
	Internal assessments indicate that reading and maths fluency and writing among 'under resourced' pupils is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils.
2	33% of under resourced children (PPG) at Red Hill Field also have identified SEND. (25% of PPG pupils with identified SEN have an EHCP or SENIF).
3	Adverse childhood experiences and trauma 72% PPG
4	Social Emotional & Mental Health difficulties 57% PPG inc previous negative experiences in academia: low self-esteem, self-worth and aspiration
5	Parent/carer support, engagement & communication 48% PPG
6	Lack of access to the wider world – trips, visits, places of interest: cultural capital 60%
7	Attendance/ uniform and school readiness 49%

## 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 ensure that a highly effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving.  Improved combined attainment (RWM) for under resourced pupils in all year groups	Termly data analysis (pupil progress) and external assessments will indicate that the gap between under resourced pupils and their non-under resourced peers is narrowing.  • Professional development: Weekly department meetings to support teachers, with a particular emphasis on maths, literacy/vocabulary and curriculum development.  • Half Termly Professional Development for staff by attending whole Trust targeted training courses and INSET. Staff research and evidence based provision is in evidence.

- Improved learning outcomes in reading, writing and maths (making at least expected progress/ meeting end of year expectations). Narrowed gap between PPG/non PPG
- Learning tasks adapted and scaffolded to specific needs of pupils.

To provide specific targeted academic and emotional support either in a one to one or small group situation so that children are emotionally ready to access quality first teaching Structured interventions: SALT interventions for pupils with poor language and communication skills (Wellcomm, colourful semantics) emotion coaching and zones of regulation are embedded and show positive impact.

- Small group tuition: Targeted
   Maths and English teaching for
   pupils who are below age-related
   expectations ensures gap
   narrows.
- 1:1 and small group support from the Pastoral Lead.
- Decrease in negative behaviour records on My Concern.
- Decrease in fixed term suspensions.
- Increased positive learning behaviours and improved confidence for pupils evidenced during Trust visits/ learning walks/observations.

To achieve and sustain improved attendance and punctuality for all pupils, particularly our under resourced pupils

Attendance overall will be at least at national expectations and the gap between under resourced pupils and their non under resourced peers will decrease.

- Support for families from Pastoral Lead
- Breakfast club offer
- SEN transport offer

	Analysis of attendance data and targeted support
To enable all children to access wider curriculum and extra curricular opportunities in order to provide cultural capital and raise aspirations	Increased access to residential and extracurricular activity allows all pupils to experience the enrichment of the visit and participate fully (residential/club registers)
	<ul> <li>Supporting extracurricular activities inc sporting and music clubs/lessons enables pupils to participate in non-academic activities, positively improving their confidence and range of skills: increased participation rates through targeting</li> <li>Increased confidence levels demonstrated in lessons; cultural capital and aspiration increases</li> </ul>

### 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: £ 17,489

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To ensure that a highly effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving - collaborative Professional Development – Trust Under Resourced Project for all staff to improve knowledge of	Evidence strongly suggests that improving teaching is the biggest factor in raising outcomes for under resourced pupils. We are making a significant investment in effective, evidence informed professional development  EEF Guidance Report on Effective  Professional Development	1, 2

strategies around QFT and adaptive teaching. Smaller class sizes in upper KS2. Phase meeting time, pupil progress meetings Joint Teacher and support staff CPD time £13423		
CPD for all staff in Trauma informed practice, nurture led teaching – AOT, Virtual school, Oakfield Inclusion support £3406	Trauma informed practice/ Zones of regulation/ ACES / reflective spaces  Attachment/ Trauma research (Louise Bomber)  Reflective spaces – Virtual school  EEF Guidance Report on Effective Professional Development	2,3,4
CPD – Pastoral Assistant: ELSA training and supervision. £660	EEF Guidance Report on Effective Professional Development Emotional Learning	2,3,4,5,6,7

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

Budgeted cost: £ 5598

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional support for children requiring intervention (1:1 and small group support) with PIXL and PIXL therapies £2700	Evidence from Education Endowment Foundation – Teaching and Learning Toolkit:  Individualised instruction + 4 months One-to-one tuition +5 months	1,2,3
Individual 1 to 1 support with the Nessy programme 1 to 1 support £635 Teacher and TA time to create adapted resources using widgit £ 695	Metacognition & self-regulation +7 months  Small group tuition +4 months  Teaching assistant interventions +4 months •	1,2,4
Purchase of, and engagement in, a range of assessment tests	Strategic use of standardised and benchmarked assessments can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of	1,2

and tools to provide targeted	each pupil to ensure they receive the correct support	
support to raise the combined attainment		
combined attairment		
WRAT £475		
BPVS £341		
Insight to track data		
analysis £752		

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

Budgeted cost: £27,101

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice.  SLT, EWO, Pastoral team and admin staff time £4,100  Support for families of PPG children to ensure that children arrive on time every day in school  support for school refusal, anxiety linked to school  well-being phone calls and check ins  1:1 and small group interventions (ELSA)  Behaviour support  Transport support  Healing together programme  Pastoral Lead Salary Contribution £15,363	<ul> <li>DfE guidance informed by:</li> <li>engagement with schools who have significantly reduced their persistent absence levels</li> <li>teachers' standards</li> <li>Ofsted's school inspection handbook</li> <li>other DfE statutory and nonstatutory guidance</li> <li>Raising the attendance of disadvantaged pupils</li> <li>Evidence from the Education Endowment</li> <li>Foundation Toolkit on Social and Emotional Learning + 4 months</li> </ul>	2,3,4,5,6,7
Funding towards attendance at residentials, extra curricular clubs (sports, singing lessons, piano	Maslow This continues to be a popular and successful intervention for our families, who have benefited from additional financial support for	5,6,7

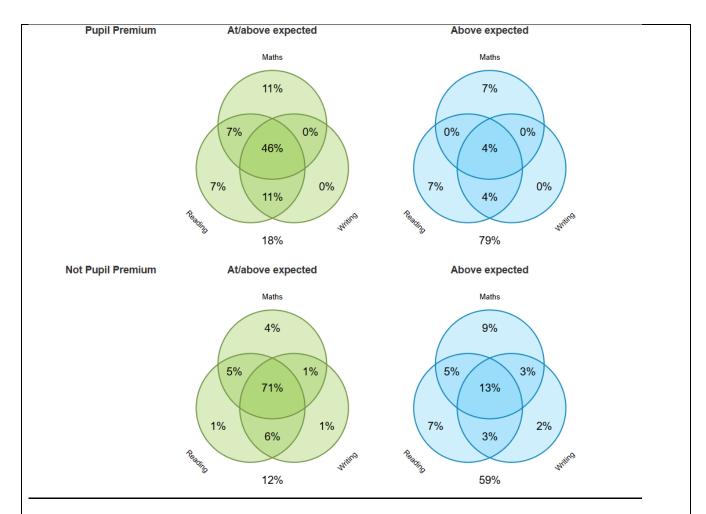
lessons); provision of uniform; payment for TAs breakfast	uniform and other activities especially during this difficult financial climate.	
provision/wraparound care. £7,638	Under resourced pupils needs are met and they are ensured a quality meal at school and when taking part in trips and extra curricular activities. Parents can access wraparound care while attending interviews or undertaking work.	

Total budgeted cost: £ 50,188

# Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for under resourced pupils





#### Gaps in learning for under resourced pupils are identified and addressed forensically and systematically

The continued embedding and use of assessment tools such as PIXL has helped staff to drill down into assessments in order to quickly and accurately identify and target gaps so that they can provide quality interventions and PIXL therapies to meet need. Interventions such as Wellcomm and Nessy have been embedded and impact is being monitored. ELSA support for pupils who need time to talk and nurture is embedded and impact monitored using SDQ.

To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our under resourced pupils

#### **Attendance 2024/2025**

	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised
Whole school	95.5%	3.2%	1.3%
(256)			
Pupil premium	91.6%	4.9%	3.4%



Attendance for all pupils in 2024-2025 was 95.5% and for under resourced pupils was 91.6% therefore a gap of 3.6% which is a slight increase to the previous years gap of 2.2%.

In order to endeavour to close of the gap in persistent absence is directly influenced by the joined up working of the Pastoral team, EWO and SLT, who have drilled down data on attendance to identify barriers to attendance and worked closely with parents/carers to overcome these barriers using, phone calls home, rewards for attendance, strategies for entering school, meet and greet, access to free school meals and snacks, uniforms, access to trips and curriculum enhancements. After drilling down it has been noted that there has been a raise in EBSA and poor parental mental health therefore the pastoral team have been working closely with the Local authority and SENA to facilitate home to school transport. Two pupils now have much improved attendance due to accessing home to school SEN transport. Two pupils are attending on part time timetables in line with Local Authority SEN support and another pupil previously had low attendance due to bereavement abroad.

#### Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium (or recovery premium) to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Wellcomm	GL Assessment
PiXL	PiXL.org

Widgit	Widgit Online
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Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: **How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year** 

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The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

NA

# **Further information (optional)**

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