

# PENSHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2023/24 & 2024/2025

This statement details our school’s use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 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
<i>Updated December 2024</i>	
School name	Penshurst CE Primary School
Number of pupils in school	87 (December 2024)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	11 pupils (12.6%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	3 Years September 2023/24 to September 2026/27)
Date this statement was published	Autumn Term 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	Autumn Term 2024/25/26
Statement authorised by	Sue Elliott
Pupil premium lead	Sue Elliott
Governor / Trustee lead	Sophie Curra

## Funding overview 2024/25

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£18,460
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	N/A
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	N/A
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£18,460

## Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

### Statement of intent

At Penshurst CE Primary School we have a child- centred approach that is underpinned by research alongside our vision and values. We aim to ensure all pupils leave Penshurst CE Primary School with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to carry on with their learning, to become successful in life and to make a purposeful contribution to society; walking in the shoes of others and understanding – not just their own needs – but the needs of others. We are ambitious for all our pupils regardless of their backgrounds.

What we want for all our pupils – no matter what their starting points or backgrounds:

- To access consistently high quality learning opportunities
- To be articulate and able to communicate their needs.
- To be able to read fluently with good comprehension skills so that they can access learning across and beyond the National Curriculum.
- To have developed self-confidence and to have their own voice; speaking up for what they believe in and having their views listened to.

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- To leave our school having a necessary skills and knowledge to support them as they move to secondary school; understanding the value of education and how it can impact their future lives.
- To have achieved the expected standards in English and Maths so that they can build on their learning and be fully literate.
- Our Pupil Premium Strategy is built on research evidence and aims to ensure good relationships between pupils, school and parents so that we are all working together towards the same goals – the goals that our Peshurst Suitcase identifies ( see below) and the our biggest priority – to ensure all children are ready for their next steps.

It is our firm belief that by ensuring we have a rich and well-resourced phonics / reading programme we will enable our youngest pupils to become good readers who draw primarily on their phonic knowledge. Once a pupil is a fluent reader this will allow them to access, independently, the school's rich curriculum. Our curriculum is designed to support all learners to 'know more and remember more', it is subject based and we support all teachers to have good subject knowledge so that they can inspire and motivate our pupils to have a love of learning. Through our Pupil Premium Strategy, we also involve the parents of our pupils, providing opportunities for them to develop or skills to support their children at home. We have used current research related to the impact of being able to meet age related expectations in reading and how this influences a pupil's life chances and success in later life.

The well-being of all our school community is of paramount importance – one of the key objectives of this strategy is to ensure that we support parents and pupils to identify what good mental health is and its importance in learning. We also aim to support parents to feel confident when working with teachers / staff in school so that we have a shared language and so that parents share our high expectations of all learners at Peshurst. We work alongside parents through delivery of a range workshops and access to parent support from our SENDCo; the aim is to provide parents with information on how they can secure good outcomes at home when tackling homework or home learning.

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p><b>Well-Being / Healthy Lifestyles</b> - Pupils may face a range of barriers to their wider development at school; for example they may not be aware of the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• personal well-being</li> <li>• good mental health</li> <li>• dealing with anxiety</li> <li>• building resilience</li> <li>• having a positive view of themselves as a learners.</li> <li>• Understanding the importance of good attendance on achievement and well being</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Attendance</b> Pupils who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant may have lower attendance than the school's non FSM pupils. Attendance impacts the outcomes for these pupils as they may miss a significant number of lessons. Attendance impacts end of key stage attainment and pupils in receipt of FSM do not achieve as highly as our non FSM pupils.</p>
3	<p><b>High quality outcomes in phonics</b> Parents of pupils in receipt of FSM may not have the necessary knowledge to fully support their child/children in the acquisition of phonic knowledge or the development of reading comprehension skills. Parents may not be able to allocate time to reading at home with their child(ren).</p>

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4	<p><b>Understanding the role of reading in future well-being and success</b></p> <p>Pupils with poor phonological awareness are less likely to be fluent readers at the end of Key Stage 1. As pupils move through the school the time given to implementing phonic interventions is reduced and teachers in Key Stage 2 may not have the relevant training to use a phonic approach / strategies to teaching reading or intervention.</p> <p>Poor reading comprehension skills impedes access to the school's wider curriculum offer. Poor reading comprehension is linked to poor phonic knowledge.</p> <p>Vocabulary acquisition is not extensive and impacts reading and writing outcomes.</p> <p>We will provide pupils with teachers and resources that can implement a high quality reading programme of study that focuses on excellent outcomes.</p>
5	<p>Financial barriers mean that pupils may not have access to a wider range of activities and opportunities.</p>

## 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
<p>For all pupils to have an understanding of what good mental health and well-being are and why they are important to them as individuals and learners.</p> <p>Pupils to have a good understanding of healthy lifestyles including being physically active and how these impact positively on learning and personal development.</p> <p>Pupils are able to face challenges and have a range of strategies to deal with different situations.</p> <p>Pupils develop a positive self image.</p> <p>Pupils talk about themselves as learners, have self-belief and are ambitious.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils can discuss ways in which they look after their mental health and well-being. Through 'pupil voice' activities / discussions they are able to articulate how this helps them in lessons and with learning.</li> <li>• Learning across the curriculum (DT/Science/PSHE/PE) embeds and advocates the need for a healthy lifestyle to support good development of the body and mind.</li> <li>• Pupil behaviour is good and pupils are able to demonstrate / articulate how they deal with situations.</li> <li>• Pupils are not involved in behaviour incidents and are able to be role models of the school's vision and values.</li> <li>• Through pupil voice, leadership/governor monitoring pupils are confident in talking about themselves as learners, what they are good at, what they can improve and what their aspirations are.</li> <li>• Pupils have a sense that the school supports them through the curriculum we teach and the pastoral support we provide.</li> <li>• Pupils who have been identified as needing additional support with their wellbeing, including anxiety, poor self esteem or self regulation have taken part in 'Relax Kids' sessions.</li> </ul>
<p>Parents are able to support pupils at home with the acquisition of key reading skills (phonics – for reading and spelling/ reading fluency and comprehension)</p> <p>Parents understand the importance of reading fluency in determining future achievement – not just at school now but achievement in the future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents attend workshops and events that provide the necessary information and training to support pupils at home.</li> <li>• SENDCo provides information/ training for parents who need additional support; Parent Surgery is attended by a range of parents how find supporting their children challenging.</li> <li>• Parent surveys indicate that parents feel supported by the school to improve their knowledge and skills linked to home learning.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents engage with home reading and understand the importance of regular home reading – for all pupils.</li> </ul>
<p>Pupils are fluent readers and have the necessary skills and knowledge to access the school's wider curriculum.</p> <p>Their ability to reading fluently and accurately means that they 'know more and remember more'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils have good reading comprehension skills and this is evidenced across the curriculum as well as in assessments that are more formal.</li> <li>Subject leader-monitoring evidences that pupils have good understanding in a range of subjects and pupils can access reading materials in the subjects that we teach.</li> <li>Governor monitoring evidences that pupils are able to read fluently, can talk about their reading and how they are supported at home and in school to develop their reading skills.</li> </ul>
<p>All pupils have the same opportunities and can access activities / experiences that the school offers.</p> <p>There are no financial barriers for our families – the school provides support as necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils across the school are involved in clubs, activities and opportunities that the school provides; eg access to enrichment clubs, trips, assemblies etc.</li> <li>The school ensures that all pupils have the resources and equipment; school uniform and books etc. to enable them to fully participate.</li> </ul>
<p>Attendance is good for all pupils. Attendance for all pupils is 96% or above.</p> <p>Attendance for identified groups of pupils meets or exceeds national averages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance is in line with the school's attendance target of 96% or above.</li> </ul>

## Activity in this academic year 2024-25 Budget

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: £10,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>At Peshurst CE Primary, we believe that having the strongest teaching team will have the biggest impact on pupil learning – all pupils benefit from our experienced teaching team.</p> <p><b>CPD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training in adaptive teaching – to provide pupils with learning that is matched to their learning needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of resources to support the teaching of writing</li> <li>Purchase of high quality texts to enhance the school's reading diet so that pupil's reading supports them to be better writers.</li> </ul>	<p>Education Endowment Foundation research informs our strategic thinking.</p> <p><i>Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most powerful way for schools to improve pupil attainment, particularly for socio-economically disadvantaged students.</i></p> <p>Supporting continuous and sustained professional development is crucial to developing teacher practice. The content of professional development should be based on the best available evidence and should balance the need to build knowledge, motivate teachers, develop specific techniques, and embed new approaches.</p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Guidance 'Improving Literacy at KS1' Strand 2 Effectively implement a systematic phonics programme .</p> <p>Training: ensure all staff have the necessary pedagogical skills and content knowledge.</p> <p>Improving staff knowledge of adaptive teaching to support SEN pupils in writing.</p>	2&3

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	<p>Training on writing progression and key indicators of slower progress.</p> <p>Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) 'closing the attainment gap' – also identifies 'what happens in the classroom' makes the biggest difference. We are therefore investing our funding in teacher training to ensure that all children benefit from teacher subject knowledge.</p> <p>The Reading Framework identifies the need for a systematic approach to teaching of phonics. (Section 3)</p>	
<p>- English Leader release time to develop and embed scaffolding strategies for the teaching of writing from Year 1 – 6 (1 day per week)</p>	<p><i>EEF Research Evidence</i> Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most powerful way for schools to improve pupil attainment, particularly for socio-economically disadvantaged students.</p> <p>CPD and support provided by English Lead. CUSP scaffolding toolkit used to adapt teaching and reduce cognitive workload for SEN or pupils vulnerable to underachievement.</p>	2 & 3
<p>- CPD: whole school focus on developing a better understanding of reducing cognitive load for disadvantaged writers.</p>	<p>Evidence (Writing for Pleasure &amp; CUSP English) demonstrates that pupils with SEND may find the scale of a writing task daunting; the school's aim is to reduce the cognitive load and provide scaffold to young / inexperienced writers.</p>	2 & 3
<p>- CPD: whole school training sessions / INSET using CUSP curriculum materials to improve outcomes in writing</p>	<p>EEF evidence suggests that high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment for all pupils – including disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p><i>EEF Research Evidence</i> Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most powerful way for schools to improve pupil attainment, particularly for socio-economically disadvantaged students.</p>	2 & 3
<p>- CPD: teacher training on developing quality first teaching strategies</p>	<p>EEF evidence suggests that high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment for all pupils including disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>EEF Research Evidence Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most powerful way for schools to improve pupil attainment, particularly for socio-economically disadvantaged students.</p>	1,2 & 3

### Targeted academic support

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

Budgeted cost : £7000.00

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed

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<p>Targeted 1:1 and small group support via additional TA support in classes</p>	<p>Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation indicates that 1:1 tuition can deliver an additional 5 months in progress.</p> <p>Small group support has also been proven to have a moderate impact for relatively low cost <i>EEF Research Evidence</i> <i>Intensive support—either one to one or as part of a small group—can support pupil learning if provided in addition to, and explicitly linked with, normal lessons. Peer tutoring involves pupils working in pairs or small groups to provide each other with explicit teaching support. You should think carefully about how you implement tuition, including how you will assess learning gaps, select curriculum content, prepare staff to deliver sessions, and monitor their impact.</i></p>	<p><b>2 &amp; 3</b></p>
<p>Targeted 1:1 and small group support via additional TA and SENCo Provision for pupils with Anxiety based school avoidance</p>	<p>Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation indicates that 1:1 tuition can deliver an additional 5 months in progress.</p> <p>Small group support has also been proven to have a moderate impact for relatively low cost <i>EEF Research Evidence</i> <i>Intensive support—either one to one or as part of a small group—can support pupil learning if provided in addition to, and explicitly linked with, normal lessons. Peer tutoring involves pupils working in pairs or small groups to provide each other with explicit teaching support. You should think carefully about how you implement tuition, including how you will assess learning gaps, select curriculum content, prepare staff to deliver sessions, and monitor their impact.</i></p>	<p><b>1 &amp; 5</b></p>
<p>Structured follow-up from PSHE lessons</p> <p>Purchase of resources to support the teaching of PSHE</p> <p>Use of wellbeing initiative 'Relax Kids'</p>	<p>The evidence provided by The PSHE Association shows that pupils who are positive about the PSHE lessons that they receive at school are more likely to have positive relationships at school, as well as a strong feeling of belonging at school.</p> <p>We provide pupils with emotional and anxiety needs with a programme of 6 weeks intensive support via 'Relax Kids'. <i>EEF Research Evidence</i> <i>Social and emotional skills support effective learning and are linked to positive outcomes later in life. Schools may consider whole-class approaches as well as targeted interventions, monitoring the impact of these choices carefully.</i></p>	<p><b>1 &amp; 5</b></p>
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**Wider strategies (for example related to attendance, behaviour, well-being)**

Budgeted Cost: £4000.00

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Evidence that supports this approach</b>	<b>Challenge number(s) addressed</b>
Training related to updated Government guidance on improving attendance in schools	Working Together to Improve School Attendance (DfE publication August 2024) <i>EEF Research Evidence</i> <i>Poor attendance at school is linked to poor academic attainment across all stages. Some parental communication approaches and targeted parental engagement interventions show promise in supporting pupil attendance.</i>	<b>5</b>
Financial support for : Y5/6 residential trip School visits and experiences Early Morning Club and After-school Club Extra-curricular sports and well-being clubs Top-up swimming	Evidence from previous years supports this provision as it has had a positive impact on attendance and individual pupil's sense of worth and involvement in the school community <i>EEF Research Evidence:</i> <i>There is some evidence that providing free, universal, before-school breakfast clubs can benefit pupils by preparing them for learning or supporting behaviour and school attendance.</i>  <i>Extracurricular activities are an important part of education in their own right. These approaches may increase engagement in learning but it is important to consider how increased engagement will be translated into improved outcomes.</i>	<b>4 &amp; 5</b>

**Total budgeted cost: £ 21,000.00**



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2. Current attainment – 2023-24 Academic Year Key Stage 1 Data - no statutory testing for KS1 in 2023-24		
2. Current attainment 2023-24 Academic Year Key Stage 2		
Attainment for 2023-24	Pupils eligible for PP National %	Pupils not eligible for PP
% achieving expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths	Penshurst CE Primary 100% National 45%	Penshurst CE Primary School 50% National to 67%
% achieving expected standard or above in reading	Penshurst CE Primary 100% National 62%	Penshurst CE Primary School 83% National 79%
% achieving expected standard or above in writing	Penshurst CE Primary 100% National 58%	Penshurst CE Primary School 50% National 78%
% achieving expected standard or above in maths	Penshurst CE Primary 100% National 59%	Penshurst CE Primary School 100% National 79%

### **Pupil premium strategy outcomes**

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023-24 academic year.

#### **Academic Attainment**

- Our strong phonics and reading results demonstrate that we have a highly effective phonics programme that is implemented well by skilled teachers. Our bespoke, well-planned and resourced phonics scheme supports all pupils to achieve well.
- All KS1 disadvantaged pupils reached the expected standard in reading; enabling them to be ready to tackle the Year 3 curriculum.
- All disadvantaged pupils reached the expected standard in mathematics; enabling them to be Year 3 ready.
- Additional support is in place to help KS1 pupils close their learning gaps in writing.

As a small school, we are able to work closely with the needs of specific children and identify the barriers to learning so that we can ensure that these pupils make good or better progress so they have an equal chance of success in future years.

Following on from the Covid19 pandemic we have implemented a new curriculum approach to reading and writing; progress of all pupils is being monitored. Where we find gaps in learning we provide intervention or in class support to ensure individual pupils can be successful.

Pupils have been supported to improve reading skills and comprehension to enable them to be successful when transferring to secondary school. Subject Leader time has been essential in supporting the school to develop an effective phonics programme. The school's Ofsted report [November 2022] evidences the high quality teaching and curriculum in relation to reading. Pupils with SEND and those in receipt of FSM have also made good progress. Pupils in Y6 transferring to secondary school have the necessary knowledge and skills to make them secondary ready.

End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (2023/24) to be advised in due course.

FSM pupils achieved well in English and Mathematics; reaching the expected standard in all subjects

#### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance for academic year 2023-24 was 95.1%

Attendance for disadvantaged pupils (2023-24) 93.2% up from 78.9%.

Attendance for disadvantaged pupils was affected by one pupil who has medical health issues. School worked with parents to regain trust and pupil now has good attendance.

#### **Well-Being Measures**

Pupil and parent surveys provide evidence that children at school feel safe and that their social, mental and emotional needs are being met. The school works closely with parents of children with concerns related to pupil well-being (often anxiety based). Post Covid 19 we have seen an increased number of pupils (including disadvantaged pupils) who present with needs that are linked to anxiety. The school employed a SENDCo who was experienced in these issues, unfortunately due to ill health she resigned and the school then worked closely with our Provision Evaluation Officer (PEO) to provide the necessary support and to signpost where additional support might be sought.

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A member of staff also completed 'Senior Mental Health Leader' training to allow them to oversee and champion mental health and well-being education.

School supports pupils with additional needs by funding a wellbeing initiative called 'Relax Kids'.

Teachers taught PSHE using PSHE Association materials. This provided a good framework for teaching areas of social, emotional and mental health alongside other important areas such as Online Safety.

Pupils gain much from a wide range of opportunities to support their personal development. These include educational trips, clubs and visits.

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