# **Pupil premium strategy statement**

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 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	National C of E Academy
Number of pupils in school	1093 (11-16)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	25% (278)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	3
Date this statement was published	November 2021
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2022
Statement authorised by	Martin Brailsford
Pupil premium lead	Alex Hawkins
Governor / Trustee lead	

## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£271,585
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£86,035
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£357,620
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**

Through the over-arching Christian values of the academy and our vision which is "to experience life in all its fullness" (John10:10) the following should be strived for:

- Disadvantaged student literacy and numeracy gaps are identified and, where they exist, are addressed.
- Disadvantaged students are enabled to participate in curricular and extra-curricular activities in line with their non-disadvantaged peers. Lack of resources does not impinge on their ability to thrive.
- Disadvantaged students at risk of underperformance are identified and supported to secure their progress.
- Increased attendance rates for disadvantaged students.
- Students are provided with resources that have a positive impact on the progress and progression and which they might otherwise not have access to.

#### **Challenges**

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Low levels of literacy and numeracy on entry, affecting progress across the curriculum
2	Disadvantaged students lack of aspiration, resources and opportunities, social capital etc.
3	Increasing levels of disengagement particularly evident in disadvantaged students as they move through the school and into KS4
4	Low Attendance of disadvantaged students leading to fewer learning hours and slower progress
5	Lack of resources outside of school to provide support to education, transition and to build aspiration
6	Increased the social economic impact on disadvantaged students due to COVID-19

## **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
Disadvantaged student literacy and numeracy gaps are identified and, where they exist, are addressed.	All disadvantaged students have literacy and numeracy assessed on entry to the school.  Intervention packages exist for general need.  Specific intervention is used where appropriate, intervention is effective reviewed.  Literacy and numeracy gaps decrease.
Disadvantaged students are enabled to participate in curricular and extracurricular activities in line with their non-disadvantaged peers. Lack of resources does not impinge on their opportunity to make progress.	All PP students participate in a residential trip during their time in school (including the Hagg farm in key stage 3) this will be subject to the COVID-19 restrictions.  Disadvantaged students can access extra-curricular activities including clubs.  Disadvantaged receive support with CEIAG and can access quality work-experience placement.  Student voice shows that disadvantaged students feel well supported in school.
PP students at risk of underperformance are identified and supported to secure their progress.	The school has an effective method of tracking progress which highlights PP students. Intervention accurately assesses the need of learners and is effective. Intervention programmes in school including Catch Up work, accelerated reader in KS3, extra support in lessons and the work of intervention tutors leading to increased progress.
Increased attendance rates for disadvantaged students.	The attendance gap between disadvantaged and non- disadvantaged students reduces.  PA for PP students falls.  Where attendance is a concern there is effective intervention.
Students are provided with resources that have a positive impact on the progress and progression and which they might otherwise not have access to.	Where lack of resource affects progress, a solution is found.  ICT hardware is available to all disadvantaged students.  A study review is completed for all PP students to gauge access to a study environment where possible in-line with COVID-19 guidance.

# 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: £ 170000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
All staff attend INSET training on improving L&T for key groups, this includes disadvantaged students.  Disadvantaged focus included in whole staff and faculty meetings throughout year to identify practical strategies which can be implemented to support disadvantaged students.  Raised expectation of all teachers to have identified barriers to learning and strategies to overcome those barriers for disadvantaged students in class.	EEF research shows that high quality teaching for all has a disproportionately positive impact on lower ability and more deprived students.	2,3,6
Small group support provided to students in Junior School to boost levels of basic literacy and numeracy, this will include qualifications such as ASDAN and functional maths and English qualifications where appropriate.	Research identifies that early intervention for literacy and numeracy has significantly positive impact.	1,3,4
Improvement in tracking vulnerable learners, including a focus at each assessment point and through individual tracking as part of the AMP process.	Research shows that the best intervention is that which is personalized to the individual.  Tracking individuals and groups will help identify more accurately where gaps lie and enable intervention to be more targeted.	2,3,
Financial support for visits subject to COVID-19 guidance	Pockets of Poverty, DCSF 2010 made clear that this is a particular risk in schools like ours.	5,6

Financial support for faculty areas who use innovative methods for broadening cultural capital.	EFF have consistently written about the impact of cultural capital on the aspirations of PP students are enabled to participate in curricular and extra- curricular activities in line with their non-disadvantaged peers.	2,5,6
Pen, pencil, ruler, pencil case and calculator offered to all PP students at the start of the year. Support with the cost of uniform.	Internal analysis of behaviour logs showed that disadvantaged students were getting proportionately more behaviour logs for lack of equipment or uniform. This then leads to increasing disengagement and resentment.	2, 6
All revision materials and text books recommended for KS4 students provided to PP students	Ofsted guidance regarding high profile of PP students and classroom teachers taking responsibility for their progress. Knowledge that many of their peers will have all the revision materials provided by their parents.	2,3,6

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

Budgeted cost: £ 110000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Catch Up classes for students entering Y7 with low standardized scores in Maths and Reading	Focus on literacy and numeracy is an academy priority. Small group tuition recognized by EEF toolkit as having good impact on progress. Accelerated reader used widely for disadvantaged students especially in year 7.	1,
Faculty leaders for maths, science and English act as intervention tutors – using tutor time to give extra support to KS4 students in receipt of PP.	Tutor time and after school used for small group interventions.	1,3

Use of Bedrock to improve the vocabulary	Disadvantaged students on average have significantly lower levels of vocabulary	1,6
Use of renaissance learning and accelerated reader	Improve the literacy for all disadvantaged especially with respect to reading and decoding	1
Horsforth quadrant used to identify students who require the most support and this prioritises disadvantaged students.	Identifying those at greatest risk of underachievement and direct intervention accordingly.	2,3
Paid for schemes to support literacy and numeracy including Star reader.	Reading Comprehension strategies, digital technology and small group interventions shown in EEF toolkit as having high impact.	1
National tutoring program used across key stage 4 at first in staggered cohorts of around 90 students and then potentially rolled out to all year groups from English and maths once the impact has been reviewed.	Small group intervention and in some cases 1 to 1 has the potential to have significant impact as identified in the EEF toolkit.	1,3
Continue with additional staffing in the pastoral team to allow for individual approach.  Create individual plans created for students who are disadvantaged and where data shows they are not achieving. Plan shows identified need and SMART target for improvement.	Research shows that individual intervention which is targeted at needs is the most effective.	3,4,5
Behavioural interventions put in place for those students whose behaviour is damaging their own or their peers' progress.	The EEF Toolkit suggests that targeted interventions matched to specific students with particular needs or behavioural issues can be effective, especially for older pupils.  Work with TAs and Behaviour Mentor seen to have impact on students with particular SEBD needs.	3,4
Increased targeting of absence for all students with a focus on those eligible for PP. Attendance over to run intervention sessions for disadvantaged students who are at risk of being PA	PP attendance identified as being well below that for other students in the school. Robust national evidence that poor attendance leads to lower outcomes.	4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 77620

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Support for Breakfast Club staffing and credit added to all disadvantaged students SQUID account every day	A positive and calm start to the school day along with ensuring vulnerable students have had breakfast is a great support in enabling them to succeed in lessons.	3,4,6
Careers interviews offered to all PP students in KS4 including support for progression programme for those most at risk. This includes mock interviews and careers interviews with SLT.	Ensuring progression routes for all students is key to their life chances and has an impact on their engagement with GCSE courses. This work sits alongside our tackling of the increased deficit for disadvantaged students	2,3,5
Development of the inclusion provision to include an on-site alternative provision.	This should provide a more inclusive system of support with a differentiated graduated response for students who are not accessing education in a mainstream way.	3,4,5
Key members of the attendance team (including Attendance Manager and Educational Welfare Officer) undertake numerous activities including organising practical support for those with attendance issues; with external agencies such as HRET and CAMHS in order to combat barriers to learning.	This should provide students with a a more inclusive system of support with a differentiated, graduated response for students who are not accessing education in a mainstream way.	4,6
The academy employs an onsite counsellor who meets with students on a one to one basis and in small groups to discuss a variety of complex issues and needs ranging from anxiety to significant mental health needs.	Data tell us that there are more students currently with mental heath concerns which has been exacerbated by the covid-19/lockdown experience which students have suffered through.	3,4,5

Total budgeted cost: £ 357620

# 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 the closure of all educational settings in spring 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a significant reduction in the capacity for quality assurance and assessment both internal and external, therefore the impact of the 2020/21 pupil premium strategy cannot be measured in the same way as other academic cycles. This is further exacerbated by the cancellation of summer examinations for the second year in a row. Therefore, the impact commentary is not typical of what has been provided in previous years. Attendance in 2020-2021 for students entitled to pupil premium funding, whilst not comparable due to such a large part of the year falling during academy closures, showed that attendance for disadvantaged was higher than previous years when we consider the attendance gap between disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers.

The outcomes for students at the end of year 11 were produced through the use of teacher assessed grades (TAGs). These showed that the difference between the progress of disadvantaged students and non-disadvantaged students narrowed across the year by 0.1. This narrowing of the gap will have come as a consequence of both the extra support in school provided to disadvantaged students but also the support given during school closures such as provision of laptops and IT infrastructure as well as remote learning support and intervention. For the most vulnerable on-site learning was provided throughout the pandemic. Through the academic year there was a 10% increase in attainment for disadvantaged students in both English and maths.

In year data for all year groups shows that the difference between the proportion of students making expected progress or better who are not disadvantaged and students who are eligible for pupil premium funding has reduced in every year group. For students who have remained on roll in the academy (years 7-10) the impact of the 2020-2021 pupil premium plan continues to be evident and the impact will be measured through assessment and the quality assurance cycle.

## **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
National tutoring program	Pearson
A number of PIXL programs such as LORIC, WAVE	PIXL
GL assessments such as CATs, dyslexia screening	GL assessment
STAR reader and accelerated reader	Renaissance learning