



CPS Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium 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	Cottenham Primary School
Number of pupils in school	478
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	19%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	14 th October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	Summer term 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£135, 020
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£15,057
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	£150,077





Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan

Statement of intent

The *CPS Pupil Premium Strategy Plan* has been designed to ensure that the disadvantaged pupils at Cottenham Primary School are able to reach their potential across all areas of their development and to thrive within the school's curriculum. It is our intention that all pupils are provided with an exceptional quality of education; one that equips them phenomenally well for the next stage of their educational journeys, and their lives beyond.

At CPS we recognise the challenges that vulnerable pupils within our community face and - in partnership with our families and external agencies - we are committed to working as hard as we can to overcome any barriers to their academic and social development.

As with all aspects of the CPS curriculum, this strategy has been developed using evidence-based practice and resources, which are then underpinned by high-quality professional development. It will be subject to regular review across the lifetime of the strategy.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observations and discussion with pupils indicate insecure retention of key components of core knowledge and basic skills across the curriculum.
2	Assessments and observations indicate that complex family contexts sometimes make it difficult for children to attend school regularly; and that parents and carers need support with ensuring regular attendance and punctuality.
3	Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and their families have identified social and emotional issues for many pupils.
4	Assessments (including Language Screener) indicate limited communication skills on-entry to CPS (across all ages and including children with English as an additional language).
5	Limited opportunities for enriching cultural capital (e.g. trips to outdoor pursuits, theatre, music and sporting events).





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 pupils have a secure foundation in the key components of core knowledge for reading, writing and mathematics to ensure that they are ready for the next stage of their education.	<p>Increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieving GLD at the end of the EYFS• Achieving ELG in Literacy and mathematics at the end of the EYFS• Achieving the expected standard in the Y1 PSC• Achieving the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and mathematics at the end of KS2• Achieving the expected standard in the Y4 multiplication check• Achieving at-least the expected standard across the school in the PIRA and PUMA tests, as well in writing.
Early identification of children and families in need, with appropriate support secured and implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targeted families have been identified and supported in accessing appropriate services and programmes• On-going Professional Development has raised awareness across the CPS staff of the issues that some of our families face and equipped them with the knowledge of what to do if they have concerns.• Attendance Reviews are conducted as early as possible to break the cycle of poor attendance and punctuality and to highlight a need for additional services and support• The school continues to provide tangible and easily accessible support for families in need (e.g., distribution of school uniform and school equipment, support with extra-curricular activities)
Children with social and emotional difficulties are planned for and supported across the school day	<p>Bespoke plans for identified pupils have resulted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low levels of serious breaches of the school's Behaviour Policy• Increased attendance• Feedback from parents, carers and pupils which reflects increased enjoyment of school• Improvement in academic progress (including across the course of any intervention groups)
Children with poor communication skills are identified, planned for and supported at the earliest opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Systems and structures support the early identification and intervention for target children.• Interventions delivered, with outcomes analysed and tracked and which result in an improvement in communication skills and progress across the curriculum.• SALT involvement is supported by the team around the child, with individual targets successfully met.
Children are given access to a wide range of experiences and activities that develop their cultural capital and promote their curiosity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents and carers of disadvantaged pupils are proactively supported in ensuring participation on school trips and visits.• Additional funded trips organised for targeted pupils to supplement the gaps in the core knowledge, vocabulary, and provide access to experiences not previously available to them.• Pupil surveys highlight enjoyment of the trips and visits, as well as support with learning.





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: **£69,250**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Professional Development to support high-quality teaching (including support for the specific needs of the school's most vulnerable children)	<i>The EEF Guide to The Pupil Premium</i> states that ensuring an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving, is the key ingredient of a successful school.	1 & 4
Focus of a proportion of the DHT: Inclusion Lead's role to ensure optimum leadership of provision for disadvantaged and all vulnerable pupils	<i>The EEF Guide to The Pupil Premium</i> states that a tiered approach to Pupil Premium spending can help schools balance approaches to improving teaching, targeted academic support and wider strategies.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Employment of a KS2 teacher (0.5FTE) to deliver English and Maths small group sessions to disadvantaged pupils	<i>The EEF Guide to The Pupil Premium</i> states that evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have, including on those who are not making good progress. Considering how classroom teachers can provide targeted academic support is likely to be an essential ingredient of an effective pupil premium strategy.	1

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

Budgeted cost: **£35,195**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Delivery of RWI 1:1 Intervention Programme across EYFS and KS1	The EEF Guide to The Pupil Premium states that evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support (such as small group tuition) can have. In addition, The EEF COVID-19 Support Guide for Schools states that a particular focus for interventions is likely to be on literacy and numeracy. Programmes are likely to have the greatest impact where they meet a specific need, such as oral language skills or aspects of reading, include regular sessions maintained over a sustained period and are carefully timetabled to enable consistent delivery	1 & 4
Delivery of Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) across EYFS		
Delivery of key maths interventions: Success@Arithmetic (Number Sense; and Calculation); 1st Class@Number 1 & 2; Becoming 1stClass@Number		
Delivery of small group Pre- and Post-teaching sessions		
Subscription to Nessy for targeted children in KS2.		
Additional support for children who are new to the English language		





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

Budgeted cost: **£45,632**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Accelerating the social and emotional development of identified children through a range of actions and initiatives (including: use of ELSAs, Equine Assisted Learning; Breakfast Club; Music Therapy)	<i>The EEF COVID-19 Support Guide for Schools</i> states that there is extensive evidence supporting the impact of high-quality 1:1 and small group tuition as a catch-up strategy and that interventions might focus on other aspects of learning, such as behaviour or pupils' social and emotional needs, or focus on particular groups of pupils with identified special educational needs or disabilities.	2, 3, & 4
Funding of Family Worker	<i>The EEF COVID-19 Support Guide for Schools</i> states Wider strategies relate to the most significant non-academic barriers to success in school, including attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support. While many barriers may be common between schools, it is also likely that the specific features of the community each school serves will affect spending in this category.	2,3,4 & 5
Increase the cultural capital of identified children through providing opportunities beyond the timetabled curriculum	<i>The EEF Guide to The Pupil Premium</i> states that wider strategies relate to the most significant non-academic barriers to success in school, including attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support.	2, 3, 5

Total budgeted cost: £150,077

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Analysis of our assessment data shows that across the school, the proportion of disadvantaged children achieving at least the expected standard improved on the 2022-23 outcomes for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. In addition, the proportion of disadvantaged children achieving the expected standard for Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined at the end of Key Stage 2 was up by 7% on the 2022-23 figure.

The gap between the proportion of disadvantaged children and the general cohort achieving at least the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2 in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined narrowed slightly from the previous year: down from 25 ppts to 22 ppts.





Across the school, the progress of disadvantaged children was in-line with the general cohort for Mathematics, and slightly below for Reading (as evidenced by the PIRA and PUMA tests in Reading and Mathematics, respectively).

In the EYFS, 33% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD), with all disadvantaged pupils making at least expected progress from their starting points on entry to the school. They were also all able to show increased independence and engagement in their learning activities. Of the 8 children who underwent the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI), 60% had English as an additional language (EAL). 60% of the children on the NELI programme achieved the Early Learning Goal (ELG) for Comprehension; 50% for Writing and 75% for Word Reading. In addition, 50% achieved a GLD.

In Year 1, 82% of the children in receipt of the Pupil Premium, met the expected standard for the Phonics Screening Check (up from 75% last year).

90 children received School-Led Tutoring last year, 42% of which were in receipt of the Pupil Premium. The progress of this group was above the general cohort for Mathematics and significantly above for Reading.

Children identified as having gaps in key components of their core knowledge, have received a range of interventions (including the Edge Hill University maths programmes), where all 4 disadvantaged children made at least the expected progress; with one pupil making 12 months of progress across 20 the weeks of the programme.

Additional interventions that took place during the academic year that benefited pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding (PPF) included:

- *Equine Assisted Learning*, attended by 8 PPF children
- Daily ERT sessions, accessed by 3 PPF children (with the latest assessments showing that the children learned all 12 sets of words in 24 weeks)
- Music Therapy, attended by 6 PPF children
- *Toe by Toe*, accessed by 2 PPF children
- *Circle of Friends*, accessed by 2 PPF children
- Panathlon sessions, accessed by 2 PPF children
- 1:1 sessions with an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) undertaken by 11 PPF children
- Sensory Circuits, attended 4 times a week by 5 PPF children
- SALT Service, accessed by 5 PPF children
- 1:1 sessions with an INCO accessed by 5 PPF children
- *Disney Shooting Stars* Programme accessed by 7 PPF children
- Bespoke SNUG programme to support 2 PPF children
- NELI programme, accessed by 2 PPF children
- Attention Autism Bucket Therapy, accessed by 2 PPF children
- *Fizzy Hands* programme, accessed by 1 PPF child
- CPS Sensory Room, accessed by 10 PPF children

Over the year, the school's Inclusion Team continued to support vulnerable children and their families. The team now includes INCOs, ELSAs, TAs and a Family Worker, who all work under the strategic direction of the DHT Inclusion Lead in delivering an extensive programme of support.

This work is aimed at reducing risk for families where social deprivation is a factor. Families are signposted to external support providers, or work alongside members of the Inclusion Team and





professional partners from a range of agencies (including the Alternative Education and Inclusion Service, the School Nursing Service, and the Family Support Service).

A range of approaches (including an early morning Breakfast Club for 20 disadvantaged pupils with historically poor attendance) have been used to address issues around the attendance of disadvantaged pupils; with the strategic aim of developing the engagement of specific groups of children and their families. The attendance of the disadvantaged pupils who attended the Breakfast Club was 2% better than the other disadvantaged pupils at the school (and the proportion persistently absent 10% better).

Whole-staff professional development (PD) has focussed on accelerating the pupils' academic progress and their social and emotional development (including sessions on ensuring pupils' ILPs are closely aligned to their needs; developing responsive teaching techniques; and how to support vulnerable children in a range of core curriculum areas).

In addition to the content of the school's high-quality knowledge-rich curriculum, the cultural capital of our disadvantaged pupils has been increased through a range of extra-curricular activities, including providing financial support for pupils to attend trips and visits (including residential activities); attending a number of after-school sports clubs; working with a professional sculpture in Year 6; and a weekly dance club, led by a qualified dance teacher.

