

Pupil premium strategy statement

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This statement details our school's use of pupil premium and (recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 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	Brackenfield School
Number of pupils in school	205
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	41.95%
Academic years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024/2025 to 2027/2028
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
Statement authorised by	Trish Turner
Pupil premium lead	Maxine Ursell
Governor / Trustee lead	Chloe Lawrence

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£92000
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£18000
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
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	£110,000

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our aim is to use the pupil premium funding to help us achieve and sustain positive outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils. At the heart of our approach is high-quality teaching and learning focussed on areas where disadvantaged pupils require it most, helping pupils to access a broad and balanced curriculum and to achieve their highest potential.

Whilst our strategy is focused on those pupils facing socio-economic disadvantage, it is implicit in our intended outcomes that opportunities and outcomes will be improved for all our pupils; because their biggest barrier to learning is their communication, cognition, physical and sensory needs as opposed to socio-economic factors. We are focussed on ensuring that we offer all our pupils the relevant, bespoke skills and experiences which mean they can be as independent both now and within adulthood.

A high priority is to provide disadvantaged pupils with support to access their curriculum and environment with as much independence as possible. This means working with pupils to help them manage their communication, sensory and physical needs to stop these being a barrier to accessing a meaningful curriculum.

Our strategy will be driven by the needs and strengths of each young person, based on formal and informal assessments. This will help us to ensure that we offer them the best experiences and learning opportunities to ensure they are best prepared for their lives after school.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our assessments, observations and discussions with staff and pupils show that our pupils have greater challenges around communicating and expressing their needs than their neurotypical peers, including non-verbal, limited language and social interaction difficulties.
2	Our assessments, observations and discussions with staff and pupils show that pupils have greater challenges around processing, sensory regulation sensory and emotional needs which can lead to disrupted learning.

3	Our assessments, observations and discussions with staff, pupils and their families show that an increasing number of pupils have greater physical, and mobility needs than their neurotypical peers.
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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
Access to extended services to provide support for communication (SaLT) Provide targeted support for communication to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils.	SALT input increasing communication techniques and methods with complex pupils. Observations and assessments show increased use of a range of communication systems to aid pupils' understanding and to develop expressive communication skills.
Access to internal provision to provide support for sensory needs. Provide targeted support for sensory processing difficulties to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils.	Occupational Therapy input increasing understanding and support of sensory processing needs. Observations and assessments show strategies are supporting pupils with sensory processing and emotional needs and leading to decreases in behaviours which disrupt learning.
Access to internal provision to provide support for mobility and physical needs. Provide targeted support for physical and mobility difficulties to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils.	Pupils can access a wider range of activities due to support to develop their mobility and physical needs. A better understanding is gained of their specific barriers leading to better adaptations and support within the curriculum.

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: £5000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Sensory Integration Training	Fully Trained Sensory Integration training for newly appointed OT The Importance Of Sensory Integration – Sensory People (sensory-people.co.uk)	2,3
Moving and Handling Train the Trainer	In house trainer to be able to train staff in effective moving and handling	3
Supervision for OT	Supervision.pdf (rcot.co.uk) Supervision enables the supervisee to develop professional, organisational and personal capabilities which promote and maintain the quality and effectiveness of their work.	2

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

Budgeted cost: £45000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provide targeted support for communication to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils. Increase access to high quality	The Communication Trust worked with the Better Communication Research Programme to develop the What Works database of evidenced interventions to support children's speech, language and communication. What works database (ican.org.uk)	1

equipment and resources to support targeted communication support.	<p>This has been endorsed by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.</p> <p>S&L assessment data</p> <p>Increased communication embedding across school through SALT support</p>	
<p>Provide targeted support for sensory processing to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils.</p> <p>Increase access to high quality equipment and resources to support targeted sensory and physical support.</p>	<p>School-Based Occupational Therapy and Its Goals Explained (positivepsychology.com)</p> <p>Sensory Toolkit information available on children's All About Me's and PLI's detailed on PCP.</p>	2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £60000

£10k for breakfast

£50k for climbing frame

Add in what is left from the CPD bit when have amount for that

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Whole school breakfast offer	The importance of breakfast for school-aged children (nutrition.org.uk)	1, 2 and 3
Fully accessible outdoor play and mobility equipment	The Benefits Of Inclusive Playground Equipment Creative Play (creativeplayuk.com)	1, 2 and 3

	<u>Children's Usage of Inclusive Playgrounds: A Naturalistic Observation Study of Play - PMC (nih.gov)</u> <u>The Importance of Inclusive Play - WECIL - Supporting Independent Living</u>	
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Total budgeted cost: £110000

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.

Intended outcome	Success criteria	Review of Impact
Improved attainment for pupils in phonics and reading comprehension skills, relative to their starting points as identified through baseline assessments.	Through achievement of improved performance in reading fluency and comprehension as demonstrated by assessments at the end of strategy in 2024/25	Phonics scheme successful implemented, impact observed through lesson observations and Learning walks, pupils engaging in specialist phonics lessons supported by well trained teaching staff.
Improved attainment for pupils in the development of maths skills, relative to their starting points as identified through baseline assessments.	Through achievement of improved performance in application of maths skills as demonstrated by assessments at the end of strategy in 2024/25	Pupils have benefitted from the practical nature of Maths for life, Trained teaching staff have been observed successfully implementing this into the classroom and the progression the pupils has also been observed in the community with then able to generalise the skills they have learnt
Access to extended services to provide support for communication (SaLT) Provide targeted support for communication to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils	SALT input increasing communication techniques and methods with complex pupils. Observations and assessments show increased use of a range of communication systems to aid pupils' understanding and to develop expressive communication skills.	All classes were supported with SALT assessments, communication plans and resources for full class delivery, with at least 1 follow up review to ensure recommendations were being implemented. Whole staff benefitted from full training in Hanen approach

<p>Access to extended services to provide support for sensory processing (OT). Provide targeted support for sensory processing difficulties to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils</p>	<p>Occupational Therapy input increasing understanding and support of sensory processing needs. Observations and assessments show strategies are supporting pupils with sensory processing and emotional needs and leading to decreases in behaviours which disrupt learning.</p>	<p>All informal classes had a number of week support from the OT, resulting in additional resources being purchased and support also being given to families. Evidenced through regulation of pupils and access of sensory activities</p>
<p>Opportunities for pupils to engage in a wider range of range of activities designed to provide opportunities for enrichment to develop hobbies and interests. Pupils have greater confidence and independence to help them engage more with the wider community and prepare for adulthood.</p>	<p>All pupils are able to access a wider range of activities. Observations show where pupils are developing particular preferences and interests. Opportunities for meaningful communication led by pupil needs/ wants/ motivators is increased. Where appropriate, assessments and observations show development of wider range of skills for preparation for adulthood and future employment.</p>	<p>Successful implementation of a timetable of activities provided to a range of pupils, it was observed that independence was increased and opportunities for meaningful expressive communication used in a functional way.</p>

For data set scrutiny see the annual Headteacher Reports.

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
SALT	NHS + Private G I White SALT services

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	As part of teaching and learning resources to support functional life skills
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Access to functional life skills lessons-cooking equipment, shopping budgets

Further information

The recovery premium will continue to support the school community to access the wider community- as we focus on maximising pupil exposure to all aspects of preparing for adulthood in a pandemic.

We recognise our pupils' worlds have changed dramatically, increasing anxiety, unpredictability, experiences and relationships.

In order to develop resilience and lifelong learning for our pupils, we must support pupils by providing opportunities to address the preparation for adulthood outcomes:

- Independent living
- Good health, including mental health and wellbeing
- Friends, relationships and communities
- Employment

Previous Summative overview

2023-2024

School name	Brackenfield School
Number of pupils in school	173
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	40.4%
Academic years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/2024 to 2026/2027
Date this statement was published	November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2026
Statement authorised by	Trish Turner
Pupil premium lead	Chloe Lawrence
Governor / Trustee lead	Mica Coleman-Jones
Priority Outcome Summary	SaLT input was very successful; we increased our understanding on how to support through working with the SaLTs and this developed communication in

	<p>pupils as measured through their PLI outcomes. This offer has continued into the next academic year.</p> <p>Whilst the OT provision was supportive and helped some pupils the cost is very expensive as an external offer and 1 day a week has limited impact. We recognised OT support is invaluable to our pupils so have employed our OTs to increase impact and the pupil premium pot can support training, resources and specific assessments to further support their work.</p>
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2022-2023

School name	Brackenfield School
Number of pupils in school	161
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	34.8%
Academic years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022/2023 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	September 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2023
Statement authorised by	Trish Turner
Pupil premium lead	Maxine Ursell
Governor / Trustee lead	Suzanne Millership-Liddle
Priority outcome summary	Phonics and Maths scheme successful embedded. Targeted support for pupils SLC and Sensory needs including individualised assessments and intervention programs written.

2020-2021	Data
School name	Brackenfield School
Pupils in school (figures from Jan 2020 census)	121
Proportion of disadvantaged pupils	53% 65 (56 PP, 2 Service children, 2 previous LAC, 5 LAC)
Pupil premium allocation this academic year	£63, 115
Financial year covered by statement	April 2020- April 2021
Data set used for strategy	June-2019-June 2020
Publish date	May 2020
Review date	October 2020
Statement authorised by	Trish Turner
Pupil premium lead	Sophie Evitts
Governor lead	Pamela Holder
Priority outcome summary	<p>Alongside expansion of provision (nursery and sixth form), ensure classroom spaces meet the sensory needs of the cohort and all pupils can have their needs met in fit for purpose SEND teaching and learning environments - carried over to 2021-2022</p> <p>Provide targeted support for communication and sensory processing to compliment curriculum offer and maximise outcomes for complex pupils- achieved and continued into 2021-2022</p> <p>Promote life skill learning and development to prepare pupils for adulthood-Partially achieved due to school closure</p> <p>Breakfast: achieved</p> <p>Life skills shopping: partially achieved</p> <p>RSE resources + staff CPD: achieved</p> <p>Partnership working: postponed</p>
Total carried forward into 2021-2022:	£40000

2019-2020	Data
School name	Brackenfield School
Pupils in school (figures from Jan 2019 census)	83
Proportion of disadvantaged pupils	56.6% (47 pupils)
Pupil premium allocation this academic year	£50, 490
Financial year covered by statement	April 2019- April 2020
Data set used for strategy	June-2018-June 2019
Review date	March 2020
Statement authorised by	Trish Turner
Pupil premium lead	Sophie Evitts
Governor lead	Suzanne Millership-Liddle
Priority outcome summary	Designed and installed a life skill track (phase 1) and sensory park to increase access to high quality resources to meet the growing level of sensory processing needs across the school population as well as the need to immerse pupils in structured play opportunities to deliver the curriculum offer (pre-formal, semi-formal and formal curriculums)

2018-2019	Data
School name	Brackenfield School
Pupils in school (figures from Jan 2018 census)	67
Proportion of disadvantaged pupils	53.7% (36 pupils)
Pupil premium allocation this academic year	£45, 985
Financial year covered by statement	April 2018- April 2019
Data set used for strategy	June-2017-June 2018
Review date	March 2019
Statement authorised by	Trish Turner
Pupil premium lead	Kamal Sohel
Governor lead	Suzanne Millership-Liddle
Priority outcome summary	Designed and installed 2 sensory rooms and an immersive classroom; including staff training and access to high quality resources to meet increase in sensory needs across the school population; in turn supporting the development and implementation of new life skill focused curriculum