## Pupil premium strategy statement 2024-2025

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	St Basil's Catholic Primary School
Number of pupils in school	224
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	56%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2025
Date this statement was published	November 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Angela Sheppard / Jim Duffy
Pupil premium lead	Jill O'Donnell
Governor lead	Jim Duffy

## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	204,240
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	0
Total budget for this academic year	204,240
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

At St Basil's Catholic Primary School, we have high aspirations and ambitions for all our children and we believe that all learners should be able to reach their full potential.

When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. This alongside research conducted by the EEF.

We recognise that disadvantaged children can face a wide range of barriers which may impact on their learning.

We ensure that all teaching staff are involved in the analysis of data and identification of pupils, so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses across the school.

#### **Our Context**

St Basil's is a Voluntary Aided, Catholic School. Our vision 'Everyone striving for excellence together', and mission, 'We love, learn and succeed following Jesus' reflects our Christian values and permeates the life and work of our school. The school has historically been a larger than average two form entry primary however has a decreasing number of pupils on roll, 224 (September 2024) due to higher than national falls in birth rates across borough.

The school serves a mainly white, British, deprived community (school location & pupil base well above average ISDR Dec '23)). Children come from a wide variety of socio-economic backgrounds many with limited experiences.

The school is the top 20% of all school for the proportion of FSM (ISDR June '23)The proportion of pupils eligible for FSM has risen steadily over recent years (37% Oct '18, 55% Oct '24). 73% of pupils entitled to FSM have been eligible for 100% of their education and 82% for ≥90% and therefore have experienced significant long term deprivation (October'23). The school population has a high proportion of vulnerable pupils with safeguarding need, adverse childhood experiences and a number of hard to reach families. The Family Support Team (DSL ,5 DDSL's and EWO) work with families to minimise the negative and disruptive factors, including safeguarding and attendance, on pupil well-being and achievement.

Due to early identification and monitoring of pupil progress, the number of pupils identified with Special Needs is well above national at 30% and is a reflection of the community that the school serves. There are currently 16 pupils with EHC Plans: Y1 (1), Y3 (1) Y4 (1), Rainbow Unit EYFS –Y1 (12); 4 pupils with an EHCP application pending and 1 pupils (EYFS) on a spilt placement with a speech and language resource base. A high proportion of pupils with SEND

are also disadvantaged (66% SEND & disadvantaged). In addition boys represent as a higher proportion of pupils with SEND (66%). 28% pupils with SEND have a diagnosis of ASD, ADHD or Global Delay (8% whole school) which includes the Complex Needs resource bases. A large proportion of children are summer born (43% Whole School, 54% Y5/55% Y6 July '24). Y5 & Y6 pupils were in Y1/Y2 in 2019/2020, Y2/Y3 in 2020/21.

On entry some pupils have starting points that are typically well below expectations for their age as the preschool experiences of pupils vary significantly. At the end of EYFS the proportion achieving GLD is consistently in line with or close to the national (3 year trend). School prioritises Personal Development, Language and Communication and increasingly Physical Development. On entry pupils have poor speech and language development and this persists into KS2 which is demonstrated by low average verbal reasoning score. This declined following partial school closures: Verbal reasoning (94 PPG/Non PPG 102) & non verbal reasoning scores (94 PPG /99 Non PPG) Nov '22. This contributes to the higher than national average proportion of children with SEMH needs due to delays in speech, language and communication skills.

#### **Principles**

- We recognise that a disproportionate number of children with SEND, in particular children with SEMH, are disadvantaged or are persistently disadvantaged and this is a barrier to learning.
- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils
- We ensure the sustainability of curriculum experiences by providing equality of opportunity for all (i.e. arts, trips / visits and cultural capital)
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify
  priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all
  children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at
  one time.
- Our pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Funding face specific barriers to reaching their full potential, and we are determined to provide the support and guidance they need to help them overcome these barriers.

• In addition to this, we aim to provide them with access to a variety of exciting opportunities and a rich and varied curriculum.

#### **Key Objectives**

- To narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils nationally and also within internal school data.
- For all disadvantaged pupils in school to exceed nationally expected progress rates in order to reach Age Related Expectation at the end of Year 6

#### **Key Principals:**

We will ensure that effective teaching, learning and assessment meet the needs of all pupils through the rigorous analysis of data. Class teachers will identify through the class pupil premium plan specific intervention and support for individual pupils which will be reviewed at least termly. Alongside academic support, we will ensure that those pupils who have social, emotional and mental health needs will access high quality provision from appropriately trained adults.

#### **Achieving These Objectives**

The range of provision the Governors consider making for this group include and would not be limited to:

- Reducing class sizes thus improving opportunities for effective teaching and accelerating progress
- To allocate a 'Catch Up' Teacher to Year Groups providing small group work with an experienced teacher focussed on overcoming gaps in learning
- 1-1 support
- All our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving children to at least age-related expectations.
- Pupil premium resources are to be used to target able children on Free School Meals to achieve Age Related Expectations
- Transition from into EYFS, internal transitions and transition from primary school to secondary school.
- Additional learning support.
- Pay for all activities, educational visits and residentials. Ensuring children have first-hand experiences to use in their learning in the classroom.
- Support the funding of specialist learning teachers.
- To allow the children to learn a participate in a variety of arts projects
- Behaviour and nurture support during lunchtimes.
- Behaviour support consultant.

This list is not exhaustive and will change according to the needs and support our socially disadvantaged pupils require.

## **Challenges**

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
А	To reduce the learning gaps created for disadvantaged children.
В	Pupils have poor communication, spoken language and verbal reasoning skills
С	Some pupil premium children have fallen behind or at risk of falling behind in English and Maths, from their starting points.
D	Pupil premium children are making slower rates of progress and failing to achieve expected rates of progress than other pupils
E	There is a higher proportion of PP with SEND than non PP SEND
F	Effective feedback (pupil & teacher), questioning, metacognition and growth mind-set are not fully embedded within Quality First Teaching
G	Pupils have low perceived learning capability, self-regard as a learner and ambivalent feelings about school
Н	School needs to further support and engage parents and carers with their child's learning
I	Pupils may have social, emotional and mental health needs which prevent them from fully accessing the curriculum.
J	Pupils across school have poor communication, language and literacy skills from an early start
К	High percentage of pupil premium pupils with persistent absence or safeguarding needs
L	Pupils have limited life experiences

### **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 develop communication, spoken language and verbal reasoning skills	To improve language skills so that PPG make rapid progress in reasoning (Maths) and

	English (S & L, reading, writing) as evidenced in NFER data
To improve outcomes for PPG pupils so that attainment is in line with Age Related Expectations (ARE) nationally through target teaching 'Catch Up Groups'	Pupils eligible for PP make accelerated progress so that there is diminishing gap in the attainment of FSM and non FSM pupils in all years from Sept 2023 – July 2024 in English (Reading, Writing, SPAG/Phonics) and Maths levels
	Target – to close the gap to National All Pupils
To raise attainment and accelerate pupil progress in English (Reading and Writing) and Maths through targeted interventions	Improvement in attainment in English & maths.
(Teaching Assistants) and teaching	Y1-6 the proportion of disadvantaged pupils achieving ARE will be: Maths ≥ 69% Reading ≥ 66%, Writing ≥ 62% and achieving Greater Depth will be: Maths ≥ 14% Reading ≥ 14% and Writing ≥ 8%
To ensure that SEND pupils make at least expected progress	SEN children make a least expected progress with a majority making more than expected progress.
Ensure effective feedback (pupil & teacher), questioning, metacognition and growth mind-set are embedded consistently in all teaching	Improved questioning skills evident in all teaching and pupil questioning skills.
Ensure the curriculum provides opportunities for pupil engagement in arts projects, residential trips and after school clubs (Wider engagement)	Equality of opportunity, improved attitudes to learning, resilience, perseverance and pupil well being
Parents and carers are fully engaged with their child's learning	Parents understand what their child is learning and how they can support them with this.
Develop pupils' social, emotional and mental health so they fully access all aspects of school life.	Improved pupil well-being through whole school culture, mentoring, PHSE, social & emotional interventions/support and parent partnership etc.  Pupils demonstrate improved attitudes to, and behaviour for learning.
Pupils across school who have poor communication, language and literacy skills from an early start	To improve language skills so that PPG make rapid progress in reasoning (Maths) and English (S & L, reading, writing)

To reduce persistent absence for PPG children so that they make good progress both educationally and socially	Attendance >= 96% & reduced PA for PPG; Family Liaison & Welfare Officer support for pupils and families and parent partnership
Through the curriculum provide life experiences for pupils	Ensure that pupils are provided with breadth and balance within the curriculum

## Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

### **Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)**

Budgeted cost: £14,200

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Weekly pre teaching of vocabulary.  Daily pre teaching of maths	All pupils Year 3 – Year 6 have undertaken NFER verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests (May 2022). These show a significant decline in scores from previous testing but most importantly that the majority of pupils have below average verbal reasoning scores – a clear indicator for thinking and learning.	A, B, D, J
	Sutton Trust Oral language interventions 5+ months Sutton Trust Small group tuition 4+ months;	
Further develop metacognition.	Sutton Trust Feedback 8+ months progress	F
To provide appropriate training for P4C	Staff continue to receive P4C Support and the school is working towards achieving the P4C Gold award.	
	Philosophy for Children has given the opportunity to reflect on, discuss and deepen their understanding of a range of topics.	

	Children show real enjoyment in the P4C lessons and pupil voice indicates that the children feel that P4C shows them how they can have a different opinion to others and that all ideas and opinions are accepted.	
	Sutton Trust Meta cognition & self- regulation 8+ months progress	
Weekly Music lessons Y1-Y6	Every child should have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument/perform in front of an audience. The music service ensures that all children receive group tuition and learn to play an instrument / perform each year.	G Music Projects - £10,700
Arts and Drama Projects throughout the year for all year groups	The curriculum has been enhanced through drama and arts experiences. The children took part in HAPH Arts Project.	Drama Projects - £1500 Artist in residence - £2,000
	Sutton Trust Arts participation 2+ months progress	
	Increased involvement and commitment in school life.	
	Increased engagement in curriculum	

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

Budgeted cost: £127,964.14

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Targeted intervention including small group intervention & mastery teaching (gap, corrective or greater depth)	Research from The Sutton Trust has shown that good teachers have the most direct impact on student outcomes. Therefore, we train and support highly qualified teachers to deliver targeted support.  Reading	A, C  Target Teaching and Small Group Intervention - £54,538

	The gap between Disadvantaged & non-Disadvantaged is +1%  Writing The gap between Disadvantaged & non-Disadvantaged is - 19%  Maths The gap between Disadvantaged & non-Disadvantaged is -17%  There is a focused use of data and assessment to identify children for targeted intervention and small group support.	
	Sutton Trust Small group tuition 4+ months; Mastery teaching 5+ months;	
Intervention programmes (Talk Boost, Better Readers Programme, Elklan, NELI)	The school ensures that the needs of the pupils are well matched to the interventions they access.  Talk Boost: Better readers: Reading age 12+ months, Comprehension age 5+ months	A, D  TA Interventions- £39,301.14
1:1 Teaching targeted  Targeted support by SENCO for SEND/PP Pupils	Additional support targeted at specific pupils who are making slower progress in learning.  Sutton Trust Small group tuition 4+ months; One to one tuition 5+ months	A, E  SENCO Support - £34,125
To provide Speech and Language intervention	Pre learning of vocab is part of weekly guided reading sessions and lessons including vocabulary relating to science / history and geography.  Teaching assistants have delivered Talk Boost, speech and language interventions and NELI and this focuses on use of basic language and word usage.  Sutton Toolkit Oral Language Intervention 5+ months progress	J (Cost included in TA Interventions)

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

Budgeted cost: £89,501.80

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Ensure all pupils can have access to class visits and visitors to enhance their life experiences	Ofsted research (2019) places emphasis on improving cultural capital, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.  Children from lower income families may not be able to attend school trips which will disadvantage their access to a broad and balanced curriculum.  Sutton Toolkit Outdoor Education 3+ months progress	L Trips / Visits - £2,000
Ensure pupils attendance is good and safeguarding needs are met	Persistent absence in the academic year 2021 - 2022 was 24.4%.  Persistent absence in the academic year 2023 - 2024 was 8.1%.  There are a disproportionate number of disadvantaged pupils with SEND who are PA.  A family and Learner support team, involving the EWO, has been established to address the needs of pupils who have PA.	K EWO SLA – £1,206  Attendance Lead - £9,870
All children to receive a bagel at the start of the day.  Family Breakfast / Family Stay and Play	Research shows hungry children do not perform as well. Providing pupils with breakfast will enable pupils to make a positive start to the day.	Cost included in Family Support
Ensure children have access to residential trips	Children from lower income families may not be able to attend school trips which will disadvantage their access to a broad and balanced curriculum.  Sutton Toolkit Outdoor Education 3+ months progress	G Residential Trips - £2,695

To provide counselling for pupils affected by bereavement, friendship issues, domestic violence and marital breakdown.  To provide Nurture Lunch and / or Nurture Group for identified children	The learner support team will continue to provide support and engagement for the most vulnerable pupils.  As there are a significant numbers of pupils with acute needs, the nurture programmes will be adapted to meet the needs of these children.  Sutton Toolkit Behaviour Interventions 4+ months	Social and Emotional Support including Play Therapy , Counselling, ELSA, Learning Mentor - £42,338
To provide extensive support for parents through Family Liaison Officer	The Family and Learner support system continues to identify barriers to learning which are discussed and actions taken at weekly meetings.  Sutton Trust Parental Involvement 3+ months	H Family Support - £26,892.80
Behaviour Support	Accurate understanding of pupil behaviour.	I Behaviour Support - £4,500

Total budgeted cost: £231,665.94

# 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.

To develop communication, spoken
language and verbal reasoning skills

VERBAL REASONING AVERAGE SCORES			
	Pupil Premium	Non Pupil Premium	
Whole School	94	102	
Year 3	104	104	
Year 4	96	98	
Year 5	89	102	
Year 6	93	98	

NON-VERBAL REASONING AVERAGE SCORES			
	Pupil Premium	Non Pupil Premium	
Whole School	94	99	
Year 3	105	109	
Year 4	99	99	
Year 5	97	104	
Year 6	91	101	

The most recent Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning scores indicate that the majority of pupils still have below average verbal reasoning scores and have lower Verbal reasoning scores in comparison to non-verbal reasoning scores.

To improve outcomes for PPG pupils so that attainment is in line with Age Related Expectations (ARE) nationally through target teaching 'Catch Up Groups' There still remains an attainment gap between PPG and Non-PPG pupils achieving ARE however data analysis shows that this gap has decreased for some year groups throughout the academic year 2023-24.

To raise attainment and accelerate pupil progress in English (Reading and Writing) and Maths through targeted interventions (Teaching Assistants) and teaching

Pupil Premium Funding and School led Tutoring funding has been used to provide the additional following support:

- Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
  have had an additional teacher for guided reading
  sessions. The focus of this has been on improving
  comprehension skills rather than developing
  fluency.
- Year 1 Year 6 also have additional target teaching and catch-up sessions support.

	<ul> <li>Year 6 also have additional time to work with small groups of pupils for reading, writing and maths (4 mornings a week).</li> <li>Children identified as not on track for their termly targets have been identified for appropriate interventions both led by Teachers and Teaching Assistants</li> </ul>
To ensure that SEND pupils make at least expected progress	Data analysis for children with SEND identifies that:  Year 1 pupils have made good progress in all areas against end of year targets.  Attainment at ARE for Year 2 pupils has declined from previous year in all subjects for children.  Attainment from the end of Year 2 to End of Year 3 has been increased in Reading and Maths but declined in
	Writing at ARE.  Attainment for Year 4 pupils has decreased in Reading and Maths but remained the same in Writing.  Attainment for Year 5 pupils has increased in Reading b ut declined slightly in Writing and Maths  Attainment in Year 6 shows increase from previous year in writing but remained the same in Reading and Maths.
Ensure effective feedback (pupil & teacher), questioning, metacognition and growth mind-set are embedded consistently in all teaching	Effective feedback is observed as part of Performance Management Lesson Observations for both teachers and TA's. Additional subject specific training has also been given to all staff and this continues to be monitored.
Ensure the curriculum provides opportunities for pupil engagement in arts projects, residential trips and after school clubs (Wider engagement)	Throughout the year all pupils in Y1-Y6 have the opportunity to participate in music projects and to work with the school's artist in residence.  The following extra-curricular activities have taken place during the academic year 2023 – 2024.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<ul> <li>Mindfulness Y1/Y2</li> </ul>	• Craft Club (Y3/Y4/Y5)	Multi-sports (Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4)
<ul> <li>Quidditch Y3/Y4</li> </ul>	• Rounders (Y5)	<ul> <li>Minnie Vinnies (Y3/Y4/Y5)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Art Y3/Y4</li> </ul>	Minnie Vinnies (Y3/Y4/Y5)	Cafod (Y2)
<ul> <li>Multi-sports Y4</li> </ul>	• Science Club (Y4)	Book Club (Y3/Y4)
Basket Ball Y5/Y6	• Lego Club (Y3/Y4)	<ul> <li>Football (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)</li> </ul>
	Book Club (Y2)	Construction (Y1/Y2 by invitation
	Singing Club (KS2)	<ul> <li>Sports (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 by</li> </ul>
	Woodwork (invitation only)	invitation)
	• Handball (Y3/4/5)	Art and Craft (Y4/Y6 by invitation)
	Gymnastics (Y3/4/5)	

#### The following visits/events also took place:

- Restorative Theme Week
- Multi faith Week Judaism
- World Mental Health Week Islam
- Parliament Week
- Anti Bullying week
- Anti Bullying Theatrical Performance
- Christmas Party Day
- Christmas Activity Day
- Pinocchio Christmas Panto
- Peace Week
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Safer Internet Day
- British Science Week
- Online Safety Theatrical Performance
- Mission Together Words for our World
- Enterprise Week
- Mental Health Week
- Sports Day
- Fun Run

## Parents and carers are fully engaged with their child's learning

#### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents have been provided with this year:

- Basil Tots
- Christmas Nativities FS Y5
- Remembrance Collective Worship
- Christmas Coffee morning
- Family Cookery Workshop
- Termly Parent Consultations Meetings FS-Y6
- EWO Parental Meetings
- Family Breakfast
- EYFS story visits
- Reading Hour Parent Workshop
- Resource Base Afternoon tea
- Family Stay and Play EYFS
- Collective Worship Mothers Day KS1
  - CAFOD Lent Fundraiser Big Lent Walk

Develop pupils' social, emotional and The school has two ELSA's, engages two specialist play therapists and works closely with the MHST (Behaviour mental health so they fully access all aspects of school life. support teacher) The Learner Support Team works effectively to meet the needs of all pupils, in particular those with high needs, reducing the risk of disaffection and suspension. In 2023/24 there were no suspensions compared to 2018/19 when fixed term and repeated fixed term exclusions were in the highest 20% of schools nationally Pupils across school who have poor Pre learning of vocab is part of weekly guided reading sessions and both Humanities and Science lessons communication, language and literacy skills from an early start including vocabulary relating to science / history and geography. Teaching assistants have delivered Talk Boost, speech and language interventions and NELI and this focuses on use of basic language and word usage To reduce persistent absence for PPG The Family Support Team meet weekly with the EWO to children so that they make good discuss and action any attendance issues within the progress both educationally and socially school. Children identified as potential or actual PA are identified and targeted for interventions with the aim to reduce absenteeism. The school has worked effectively with parents/carers to significantly improve attendance (94.9% July '24) and reduce PA (8.1% inc under 5's July '24) School purchase additional involvement from the EWO service. This has included: Weekly Monitoring visits - Meetings with school staff to discuss PA pupils and overall attendance, The Team Around the Child approach was implemented which EWO attends to discuss pupils with attendance issues. 2 Families had been through the APM process. 5 Target Letters issued to families. 11 School attendance meetings with 10 review meetings 2 PNWL issued. 0 Prosecutions 6 Holiday Fines issued

	ATTENDANCE (This includes under September 2023 - July 2024	er 5's)	
	,	%	
	Attendances	94.83%	
	Authorised absences	3.32%	
	Unauthorised absences	1.85%	
	Possible attendances		
	Term 1 = 16.12% - 39 Pupils  Term 2 = 8.64% - 21 Pupils  Term 3 = 12.65% - 31 Pupils  Term 4 = 11.43% - 28 Pupils  Term 5 = 11.38% - 28 Pupils		
Through the curriculum provide life	Term 6 = 10.57% - 26 Pupils  The curriculum has been enhanced through visitors, trip		
experiences for pupils	and events including ALTRU drama, children working		
	with an artist, sports week includ police, Halton Health Team, Acce sports tournaments, Holy Commo musical extravaganza, and visits t	nt Halton music festiva union, residential trips,	

## **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
Purple Mash	2Simple
GL Assessment	GL Assessment
NFER Hub	NFER
Phonics Play	Phonics Play
Power Maths	Pearson

## 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?	
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	

Further information (optional)					