

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium and recovery premium funding for the 2024 to 2025 academic year, to help improve the attainment of our underserved 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	Belgrave Primary School
Number of pupils in school	210
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	10% (22 pupils)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	Sept 2023-Sept 2026
Date this statement was published	November 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	Sept 2025
Statement authorised by	J Benton
Pupil premium lead	T Clifton
Governor / Trustee lead	F Schmidlin

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 42 370
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	£ 42 370

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The primary aim at Belgrave is to ensure that all children are able to access all aspects of the school's provision in order to achieve the highest standards and make the greatest progress in relation to their individual starting points.

Our key objective in using the Pupil Premium and Recovery Funding is to address any barriers identified within underserved and vulnerable groups. This may be through targeted interventions, extra adult support in class or social and emotional support. We recognise however, that not all children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are in need of focused academic support. When this is the case, we consider the child's interests and learning profile and select opportunities that will support them in achieving their potential and aspirations. This may also include the use the money to provide curriculum enrichment opportunities, some of which will also benefit other children within the school. The challenges are varied and there is no "one size fits all".

Our policy for Pupil Premium states that each pupil in receipt of the grant will have a significant proportion of the costs of externally sourced extra-curricular activities, day trips and residential educational visits funded. The grant also funds music tuition and the hire of the instrument for underserved and vulnerable pupils in Year 5 and 6. We consider that the range of activities that we provide have a lasting impact on pupils' achievements and well-being.

Our approach will be in response to needs and challenges as identified through rigorous assessment and an in-depth knowledge of the children, their strengths, their needs and of any specific barriers to their learning. We will provide quality first teaching for all, where learners are challenged at a level appropriate to their needs and timely interventions ensure that outcomes are the very best that they can be.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Some underserved and vulnerable children still have gaps in phonics knowledge that prevent development of fluency in reading skills.
2	Specific barriers to learning with reading, writing and maths – extra support needed to ensure children make sufficient progress.
3	Misconceptions in mathematics – more time needed to consolidate conceptual fluency and ensure procedural fluency.
4	Lack of fluency in key writing/ transcription skills evident in some children leading to excessive cognitive load when writing extended pieces.
5	Social and emotional issues leading to inability to focus fully on learning; difficulty regulating behaviour leads to barriers with relationships to peers and adults in school.
6	Lack of independence and confidence/ resilience – extra-curricular activities used to build children's confidence/ independence and ensure a broad and balanced curriculum.

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
Underserved children have phonics/ reading skills to access wider curriculum in KS2.	Underserved children in R/KS1 pass phonics check before entering KS2 and can read confidently to access wider curriculum in years 3 – 6.
Those who are in need of phonics support/ intervention into KS2 are still provided for until they are able to apply of phonics skills.	PP Children have phonic skills needed to progress with their learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All PP children pass phonics screening test by end of KS1.
Upper KS2 children are in a position to access the full curriculum at the next stage in their education.	Children achieve full potential in relation to individual starting point. How we determine success will vary from child to child. Barriers and gaps are identified and provision made to address their individual needs.
Underserved children continue to make progress in maths.	Misconceptions identified and addressed. Children achieve full potential in relation to individual starting point.
All children have a level of fluency in key transcription skills, enabling them to write for a range of purposes across the curriculum.	Sufficient time given to quality first teaching of and practise of transcription skills, including: spelling, handwriting, sentence accuracy. Children demonstrate a good level of automaticity by the end of KS2.
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among underserved pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among underserved pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all learners, particularly our underserved pupils.	Sustained levels of wellbeing shown through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil voice, student and parent surveys, observe interactions with peers teacher observations.
All learners, but particularly underserved children demonstrate improved levels of resilience and independence.	Sustained levels of resilience and independence shown through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil voice, student and parent surveys, teacher observations.
All PP children are offered a wide range of extra-curricular activities and a broad range of experiences while at Belgrave to develop cultural capital.	Clubs, trips and residential attended by PP children.

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: **£9 200**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Enhancement of quality first teaching through new appraisal system where teachers will lead their own professional development.</p> <p>Focus this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to develop teaching of key transcription skills to develop automaticity in handwriting, spelling and sentence accuracy. <p>Funding used to support teachers with doing own research and releasing them to work across school and trust.</p>	<p>EEF toolkit evidences a number of ways that focusing on quality first teaching can have an impact for all learners, eg: collaborative learning, metacognition. Ensure that focus areas chosen by teachers are backed by robust evidence.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4</p>
<p>2 Teacher employed to allow class teachers to work with small groups in Y2 and 6.</p>	<p>EEF reports moderate impact (+4) for relatively low cost.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4,5,6</p>
<p>Parent Workshop in reading and phonics – KS1</p>	<p>Parental engagement - EEF reports moderate impact (+4) for relatively low cost.</p>	<p>1 + 2</p>

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

Budgeted cost: **£9 950**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group phonics	EEF reports high impact (+5) for relatively low cost.	1,2
Extra reading sessions/ week with TA	EEF reports very high impact (+6) for relatively low cost.	1,2
TA in class for children in need of 1:1 adult support	EEF reports moderate impact (+4) for relatively low cost.	1,2,3,4
Use of IDL to support in English	<p>This resource is supported by robust research and case studies that show real impact.</p> <p>https://idlsgroup.com/case-studies/the-effectiveness-of-idl-literacy-a-summary-of-research</p> <p>It is our second year of using this intervention and we have seen the impact of its use.</p>	1,2,3,4

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

Budgeted cost: **£23 220**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
ELSA + Mental Health Champion support sessions.	EEF reports moderate impact (+4) for relatively low cost.	5,6
Lego Therapy	EEF reports moderate impact (+4) for relatively low cost.	5,6
Music tuition paid for.	Art Participation – moderate impact (+3) for low cost.	5,6
Extra-curricular clubs paid for.	EEF reports low impact (+1) for low cost.	5,6
Residential and trips paid for.	Insufficient evidence to report on impact from EEF, possibly due to difficulty to actually quantify impact. We at Belgrave however have seen the impact that residential and trips have had on children and through children's voice know that it does make a difference.	5,6
Junior Award Scheme for Schools – underserved children will have this scheme funded for them.	Accredited learning programme for young people recognising wider achievement. https://www.jasschools.org.uk/	5,6
Forest School – One afternoon per week funded through PP to ensure all children have at least five sessions per year and access to after school club.	Improving children's self-esteem and confidence in an outdoor environment. https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/research/forest-schools-impact-on-young-children-in-england-and-wales/	5,6
Share Pupil Premium Promise with Parents and Pupils at Pupil Learning Reviews in November and March.	Parental engagement. High impact.	All

Total budgeted cost: £39 900

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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

Spending	Details	Impact
TA support time	KS1 and 2, support in and outside lessons.	<p>Pupils with academic barriers well supported to make progress in their learning.</p> <p>2 out of 3 pupils met the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Both Y2 children passed who had not passed in Y1.</p> <p>Pupils at the end of Key Stage One continue to make good progress from their starting points.</p>
Residentials and school trips	<p>Residentials - parents pay deposit only.</p> <p>Other day trips also funded through PP.</p>	<p>Trips and residential programme:</p> <p>Y5 – Conway, Y6 - London</p> <p>“All the trips and residentials help us become more confident and have fun!” Y5 child</p>
Music Tuition	Y5, 6	Allows PP children access to wider curriculum and develops cultural capital.
Phonics Sessions	R and Y1	<p>Delivered by experienced TA with expertise in this area – 2 out of 3 pupils met the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Both Y2 children passed who had not passed in Y1.</p> <p>“The phonics sessions help us to read and spell words.” Y1 child</p> <p>“I like doing writing in small groups.” Y1 child</p>

Y6 Group Work	Class teacher released to work with focus groups.	Intervention time used effectively to support children to address misconceptions particularly in maths – monitored by TC and many children benefited from this.
ELSA + Lego therapy	1:1 and small group work. 3 hrs/ week in total.	ELSA sessions continue to have a positive impact on many pupils here at Belgrave. Pupil voice responses evidence this: “ELSA sessions are fun because we get to express our feelings.” Y6 child “They [ELSA sessions] build up our energy to work.” Y6 child “The lego therapy helps me with the things that I need to do to get on with my other work.” Y4 child.
Rockstar Times Tables	Software to support maths and spelling – children also able to access at home.	Useful tool for promoting automatic recall of facts etc..
Use of IDL to support barriers in maths and English.	Used as both diagnostic and to address barriers. Children able to use both in school and at home.	Year 4 pupils “It helps me be more confident in my spelling when I am writing.” “I am better at my writing now because I practise every day.”
Use of teachers to allow teachers to lead interventions.	Used from year 1 – 6 this gave teacher 1 hour/ week to address misconceptions and intervene swiftly with children who needed support.	Dynamic approach working well. Used to address key misconceptions in maths at point of misunderstanding. Also used to support with writing CPD project. Teachers reported good impact particularly with progress in Y4 and 5 with writing.

What worked well 2023-24:

- Individual tracking for each Pupil in receipt of Pupil Premium which is added to termly.
- Pupil Premium lead to share whole school view of progress with staff and governors termly.
- Dedicated governor has had close links with lead throughout the year.
- Teaching assistant time allocated to specific Pupil Premium children – both in class support and additional 1:1 or small group sessions. Non-academic sessions, such as play-based social groups ensures children 'ready to learn'; real benefit seen in social development.
- Early intervention phonics sessions in reception – impact seen in willingness to engage in mark making activities and basic application of phonics.
- Pupil participation in marking and self-assessment. Important to have one to one and small group time to review learning and listening to pupils concerns and achievements.
- Funding of curricular enrichment activities such as trips and music tuition give children opportunities to access a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Purchasing of Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed – impact throughout whole of KS2; impact on children's times tables knowledge; children have mentioned impact they feel it has had themselves, both PP, non-PP and SEND.
- IDL used to support children with barriers. Children able to use independently and at home and becoming more confident applying these skills.
- ELSA (Emotional and Social Support Assistant) KS2 – Teaching Assistant training and weekly sessions used to support children with specific emotional needs – this evidenced through pupil voice – children mentioned sessions in termly reflections.
- Pupil progress meeting focused on barriers to learning and next steps.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

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?	