

Meir Heath Academy

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery 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 the academic year 2024 – 2025 and the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	293
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	6.8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 - 2027
Date this statement was published	17.10.24
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
Statement authorised by	Melanie Southern
Pupil premium lead	Debra Askey
Governor / Trustee lead	Caroline Thompson

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£29,600.00
Service Children funding allocation this academic year	£1,020.00
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium (and recovery premium) funding carried forward from previous years	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£30,620.00

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our expectation at Meir Heath Academy is that all pupils, irrespective of background or the challenges they face, have access to a broad and balanced curriculum which embraces quality first teaching and opportunities for enrichment in order to widen their life experiences.

Our aim is to use pupil premium funding to help us improve and sustain higher attainment for disadvantaged pupils at our school that is comparable with that of non-disadvantaged pupils nationally.

During the period of this strategy plan we will focus on the key challenges that are preventing our disadvantaged pupils from attaining well: social and emotional challenges, alongside access to wider opportunities, and expectations.

Our approach will be responsive to both common challenges and our pupils' individual needs rather than assumptions about the impact of disadvantage.

The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils to excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our assessments, discussions and observations have identified social and emotional / self-confidence issues for some disadvantaged pupils. Within our school, a number of our children in receipt of both the pupil premium and service children grant are identified as needing additional support and currently receiving small group interventions.

2	A number of our pupil premium children are working below ARE in reading and writing.
3	Our analysis shows some disadvantaged pupils and families need additional support to access wider and extra-curricular opportunities.

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
Improved progress and attainment for pupil premium pupils.	Teacher assessment of attainment and progress across the curriculum demonstrates a reduction in the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils. This is within a context of high attainment for all.
Improved social and emotional regulation, alongside improved self-esteem and intrinsic motivation.	Teacher assessment demonstrates that children can accurately articulate their learning.
Improved access to a range of clubs and extra-curricular opportunities for our disadvantaged children	All of our disadvantaged children will have taken part in instrumental lessons and sports clubs.

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

Budgeted cost: **£28,368.50**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teachers and support staff understand the strategies they employ in their teaching and how this impacts on the pupils so that they are able to adapt to meet the needs of all learners.	CPD will continue to focus on the principles of HQFT and the use of digital technology to enhance accessible teaching and learning for all. EEF Digital Technology Guidance Report.pdf	2

<p>Teachers and support staff understand the strategies they employ in their teaching and how this impacts on the pupils so that they are able to adapt to meet the needs of all learners.</p>	<p>CPD will focus on adaptive teaching to ensure that learning is inclusive and accessible to all, whilst continuing to set high expectations for all.</p> <p>Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Effective deployment of staff, Teaching Assistants to support key children and year groups.</p>	<p>Investing in professional development for teaching assistants to deliver structured interventions can be a cost-effective approach to improving learner outcomes.</p> <p>Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 2</p>
<p>Effective deployment of support staff to support SEMH of PP pupil premium pupils, e.g. 'Socially Speaking' and 'Time to Talk' and emotional coaching weekly session</p>	<p>Improving Social and Emotional Learning in Primary Schools EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 2</p>
<p>Embedding dialogic activities across the school curriculum. These can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understanding and extend vocabulary.</p>	<p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading:</p> <p>Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>2</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provision of instrument and weekly group teaching £2,160.00	Arts participation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Breakfast/break snacks £91.50	Magic Breakfast EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 2

Total budgeted cost: £30,620.00