

Pupil premium strategy statement – Springdale First School – 2025-2026

Before completing this template, read the Education Endowment Foundation's [guide to the pupil premium](#) and DfE's [pupil premium guidance for school leaders](#), which includes the 'menu of approaches'. It is for school leaders to decide what activity to spend their pupil premium on, within the framework set out by the menu.

All schools that receive pupil premium are required to use this template to complete and publish a pupil premium statement on their school website by 31 December every academic year.

If you are starting a new pupil premium strategy plan, use this blank template. If you are continuing a strategy plan from last academic year, you may prefer to edit your existing statement, if that version was published using the template.

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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 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	300
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	6%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement each academic year)	Year 2 of 3
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2026
Statement authorised by	Debbie Budden
Pupil premium lead	Simonne Burgess
Governor / Trustee lead	Hannah Lee

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£22,392
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years <i>(enter £0 if not applicable)</i>	£0
Total budget for this academic year <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£22,392

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Springdale First School, we believe in maximising the use of the Pupil Premium Grant by utilising a long-term strategy aligned to the School Development Plan priorities. At the heart of our approach is high-quality teaching focussed on areas that disadvantaged pupils require it most, targeted support based on robust diagnostic assessment of need, and helping pupils to access a broad and balanced curriculum. We implement a blend of short, medium and long-term interventions, and align pupil premium use with wider school improvements. Overcoming barriers to learning is at the heart of our PPG use. We understand that needs and costs will differ depending on the barriers to learning being addressed. As such, we do not automatically allocate personal budgets per pupil in receipt of the PPG. Instead, we identify the barrier to be addressed and the interventions required, whether in small groups, large groups, the whole school or as individuals, and allocate a budget accordingly.

Principles:

Although our numbers are relatively low, we recognise:

- Teaching and learning opportunities must meet the needs of all of the pupils. The universal offer is linked to quality first teaching and the expectation is that teachers are teachers of all children.
- We adopt evidence informed approach to PP spending to 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 line with the recommendations of the EEF's Pupil Premium Guidance (June 2019), we adopt a tiered approach to Pupil Premium spending, allowing us to balance approaches to improving teaching, targeting academic support and supporting wider strategies to remove barriers to learning.
- Our work through the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving disadvantaged pupils to at least age-related expectation and matching the attainment of their peers.

We will use the latest evidence-based research on proven strategies that work to narrow the attainment gap and adapt these as necessary to meet the needs of our pupils. This strategy is based on the long-term approach to pupil premium planning recommended by the DfE and the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). It will be reviewed and updated at least once per year.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
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1	A cohort of pupils in receipt of PP is small, with many being multiple group members, needing a personalised approach.
2	For 50% of our PP children in Key Stage One, our assessment indicates that they did not meet GLD at the end of their Reception year. This led them to not meet the expected standards at the end of last academic year. Progress was made, but it was not measurable. We need to ensure that gaps are a focus and are sufficiently developed.
3	Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional barriers for many disadvantaged children. There has been an increase in social and emotional behaviours over the past 24 months. In addition, teacher referrals for support have increased over the past two academic years.

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
Teaching across the school will be high quality and all children will be receiving the support they need in order to make progress and achieve highly.	All teachers will have an increased range of strategies to support the needs of all the children in their class.
Gaps in learning will be eradicated.	Children attending additional catch-up intervention groups will be able to make accelerated progress.
Disadvantaged children's social and emotional needs are being met.	Disadvantaged children and families are accessing appropriate emotional, behavioural and family support when required. This will result in families who are engaging positively with the school and children who are settled and ready to learn.

Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £11.392

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
SLT and Core Subject Leaders closely monitor and intervene where the progress of PP learners is below that of non-disadvantaged learners or below that of their expected attainment pathway.	“Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes of disadvantaged pupils”-EEF guide to the Pupil premium. SLT and core leaders promote positive engagement and teaching strategies for PP pupils. SLT and core leaders track PP pupil progress and use the monitoring cycle to ensure quality first teaching is robust and meets need. Swift and timely intervention is signposted if needed to ensure sustained, rapid progress.	1,2,3,
Enhancing staff subject knowledge, confidence and skills to ensure Quality First Teaching is embedded throughout the wider curriculum.	“Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes of disadvantaged pupils”-EEF guide to the Pupil premium.	1,2,3,
Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants	Teaching assistants can provide a large positive impact on learner outcomes, however, how they are deployed is key. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions	1,2,3,

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

Budgeted cost: £5000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional Speech and Language/Phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further S&L/Phonics support.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	1,2
1:1 Reading sessions for disadvantaged children with a focus on comprehension skills.	Reading is a key determiner for academic success. Closing the reading gap leads to improved confidence, engagement, and improved outcomes. The 1:1 programme support the skills of becoming a confident, fluent https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies	1,2

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

Budgeted cost: £6000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
ELSA	The EEF highlight that effective social and emotional learning (SEL) can increase positive pupil behaviour, mental health and well-being, and academic performance. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/prioritise-social-and-emotional-learning	1,3
Rock Steady Music tuition	<i>“Our inclusive approach helps children find a sense of belonging through new friendships and a shared love for music, whilst boosting social skills, wellbeing and confidence”.</i> Rock Steady Music School	3
Trauma Informed and Mental Health-Informed School (Practitioner Status)	Professor Tamsin Ford (University of Exeter Medical School) states that “schools are our default line service in relation to mental health” (2018), In light of this, Springdale have selected two members of the Senior Leadership Team to complete a practical skills based training course underpinned by over 1000 evidence-based psychological, medical and neuroscientific research studies. Our intent is to inform and empower school staff to respond effectively to vulnerable children and those who have suffered a trauma or have a mental health issue.	1,3

Hamish and Milo	<p><i>“Social and emotional skills support effective learning and are linked to positive outcomes later in life”</i></p> <p>National evidence via Ofsted and NAHT shows that children’s mental health has significantly declined over the pandemic and this effect is exaggerated in vulnerable pupils. Our trauma informed schools training has highlighted the importance of this in our own school. Qualitative evidence will show increased mental well-being and increased engagement of vulnerable learners.</p> <p>https://www.artofbrilliance.co.uk/training/education/primary</p>	1,3
School funded places at Breakfast and After School clubs as well as school trips for identified children and families.	<p>Extracurricular activities are important in developing social skills as well as being associated with a range of other positive outcomes, for example achievement.</p> <p>Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF</p>	1,3

Total budgeted cost: £22,392

Part B: Review of the previous academic year (2024 – 2025)

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Springdale First School's plan explicitly references the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) guidance and adopts a tiered approach (teaching, targeted support, wider strategies).

There is a strong emphasis on **Quality First Teaching** as the most effective lever for disadvantaged pupils.

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the previous academic year, drawing on national assessment data and our own internal summative and formative assessments.

Our internal assessments during 2024/25 identified that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was good in the core curriculum specifically, leading to most pupils meeting or exceeding the expected standard. Where children have not met their expected standard, accelerated progress has been made. This is due to a robust monitoring cycle which has a clear focus on Quality First Teaching. As an outcome of this robust cycle, the school was able to direct an additional teaching assistant to undertake targeted tuition based on class teacher's formative assessment.

SLT and subject leaders track progress closely, ensuring swift intervention when pupils fall behind.

Previous year's outcomes show this approach worked:

- 100% disadvantaged pupils scored 25/25 in the National Multiplication Tables check.
- 60% disadvantaged pupils achieved GLD in EYFS compared to 51% nationally.

This is also supported the quote from the EEF – guide to the Pupil Premium “*Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes of disadvantaged pupils.*”

In terms of wider opportunities for our disadvantaged pupils, 100% of our children in years one, two, three, four were offered or participated in intra or inter competition games.

With the intent to inform and empower staff to respond effectively to the emotional, behavioural, and circumstantial needs of all vulnerable children, the school has continued to provide CPD for all members of staff and the school continues to be classed as a Trauma Informed school. In addition, all members of the leadership team can respond effectively to mild to moderate mental health problems.

Attendance for disadvantaged pupils (93.5%) exceeded national disadvantaged average (88.6%).

Access to Early Help through the strategic use of ELSA and coaching programmes continue for this year. As a result of this, families are engaging positively with the school and there are children who are settled and ready to learn. Based on all the information above, the performance of our disadvantaged pupils met expectations, and we are at present on course to achieve the outcomes we set out to achieve by 2025/26, as stated in the Intended Outcomes section above.

Overall Effectiveness

- **Academic impact:** Highly effective — phonics and maths outcomes exceed national averages, reading interventions show strong progress.
- **Wellbeing impact:** Promising — trauma-informed practice and ELSA support are embedded, but evaluation metrics could be sharper.
- **Strategic coherence:** Strong — plan aligns with SDP priorities, EEF guidance, and OFSTED’s outstanding judgement.

We have reviewed our strategy plan and made changes to how we intend to use some of our budget this academic year.

Points to consider for the next academic year

- Strengthen personalised tracking for the small PP cohort, ensuring individual progress is visible.
- Plan for sustainability by training staff to deliver more interventions internally, reducing reliance on external providers.
- Continue annual review cycle with governors and publish impact reports to maintain accountability.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Standardised Reading and Maths tests	Pira and Puma
Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

*For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information: **How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last academic year***

Children eligible for the Service Premium are prioritised for focused attendance support to ensure they are able to access regular education

- Monitoring of service pupils' progress compared to the wider school population to ensure that they learn, develop and achieve well
- Monitoring of the well-being of pupils and actions put in place to support pupils where needed, including support from the Class Teacher, Teaching Support Staff and Pastoral team
- If required, on-going pastoral support for identified pupils, individualised to meet pupil needs, including: Pastoral 1-1 sessions & ELSA.
- Links to Early Help support and signposting of support services where appropriate
- Where additional support is needed for children and their families, support is provided for them on an individual basis, in liaison with Parents, the Teacher, SLT and the Pastoral Team.

The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

- Outcomes in 2024/25 show Service pupil premium pupils met or exceeded expectations in core subjects.
- Investment in ELSA, trauma-informed training, and programmes like Hamish & Milo and Rock Steady Music tuition means that programmes can support children if required.

Further information (optional)

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