Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022-23 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	Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy
Number of pupils in school	255
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	8.25%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022-2025
Date this statement was published	1 st December 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	1 st October 2023
Statement authorised by	Andrew Monaghan
Pupil premium lead	Ginny Turnell
Governor / Trustee lead	Neeta Mistry

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£41550
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£4204
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£45754
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

The aim of Pupil Premium funding is to reduce the gap between children eligible for Pupil Premium and those who are not. At Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy our strategy for using Pupil Premium Funding is as follows to ensure all children "Love God, Aspire to be the Best, Be Honest, Forgive, Care."

The responsibility of Pupil Premium sits with Ginny Turnell alongside the Head teacher Andrew Monaghan. The Senior Leadership team have a clear overview of how the funding is being allocated and what impact this allocation has on children's outcomes. We ensure that all teachers know which pupils are eligible for pupil premium and that all teachers have shared responsibility for their progress and attainment. The activity/interventions within the strategy have a clear focus on behaviour, progress and attainment and the social development/pastoral care of our children. We thoroughly analyse the performance and progress of children eligible in all subject areas, with a particular focus on English and Maths, and employ relevant research through tools such as the EEF toolkit to ensure the best actions are chosen to support disadvantaged pupils in relation to emerging research, data and needs. Regular progress meetings take place to ensure interventions and actions are effective and adaptations are made accordingly. We are steadfast in our belief that eligibility for Pupil Premium must not be considered to be coupled with low ability and that funding supports children to achieve the highest outcomes possible regardless of their Pupil Premium status.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Attendance/ punctuality/ Home support - parental confidence to support learning (e.g. homework and reading)
2	Pastoral/social/emotional barrier to learning
3	Core mathematical knowledge and recall of number facts
4	Widening gap comparative to peers
5	Recall of knowledge – know and remember more

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 ensure that the attendance of PP children is in line with both national expectations and school targets and that episodes of lateness are reduced.	-	Sustained high attendance in PF groups by 2024-25 demonstrate by overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%. Episodes of lateness for PP childre reduce and support (such as meet and greet) is in place for pupils wh need reassurance upon entry to			trated all 5%. hildren meet ls who
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	21-22	% present	% Authorised absence	% unauthorised absence	% Late (on a least one occasion)
	Not FSM Ever 6	93.9%	5.2%	0.9%	1015 marks 69.6%
	FSM Ever 6	88.6%	8.2%	3.2%	285 marks 93.1%
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	children's learning in school (events, school performances etc.)
	 Resources produced to support parents with maths and reading and readily available on the school website (in class pages area).
	 Audits show attendance at key school events.
	- Homework handed in, reading records maintained and times tables and spelling test scores of PP children show that time has been dedicated to learning at home. This will be audited and support put in place.
	 Parents invited to attend trips with children where possible.
	- All school staff trained in Little Wandle phonics and all Reception/KS1 parents invited into school for training to support their child at home. Parents who have not attended contacted and resources shared to support home/school partnership.
ACEs, trauma, anxiety and other social and emotional needs will be considered and support put in place to ensure that PP pupils make progress in line with their peers and that these are not barriers to progress or attendance.	- Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024-15 demonstrated by qualitative data from student voice and parent surveys, reduction in incidences of bullying and a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.
	- Engagement with outside services such as Leicestershire Police to ensure that school is aware of circumstances which may affect pupils' ability to learn effectively (Operation Encompass).
	 Support for the SENCO will direct time to support individuals on a case by case need and pupils' will be supported with specific provision where needed.
	 Pupils will access the curriculum and inclusion will remain a focus of the upmost importance.
	 Key transition times and dates will be planned for in advance.
	 Opportunities for PP children to attend trips, residentials and extra- curricular activities which improve

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self-esteem and confidence through PP funding.
 Children know who to turn to for support and can develop strategies to support them with their learning independently.
 Children will have further success in both academic and social situations –
 Growing number of children will be representing the school e.g. school council, eco-warrior.
 Faith in Families support will be provided for children who need it (pastoral care).
 Draw and Talk support provided for children who need it with trained member of staff.
 Educational psychology support for those who need it.
 The school will embed a 'know more, remember more' ethos with regards to knowledge and vocabulary
 Faith in Families support utilised to support secondary transition (wider groups and especially PP pupils in final term of Y6).
 PP pupils supported during Pentecost term with transition to new classes and transition days within school – this may include meeting with their teacher to build a relationship prior to transition.
 Support for SENCo will be working to support individually identified pupils who have shown signs of anxiety.
 Trained staff will deliver supportive interaction groups to help build pupil confidence in a variety of situations.
 Cultural capital is at the forefront of subject/pastoral leaders' minds. When planning for enrichment, staff will offer opportunities to PP pupils and subject leaders will keep a record of this.
- The sports premium strategy audits the PP pupil participation and sports leader keeps a record of active children including those who are PP.
 Parents are reminded at parents' evenings about the wider opportunities available to pupil premium pupils e.g. sports club and music support.

	Cupport can be offered to remark
	 Support can be offered to parents who may find completing application forms more of a challenge (e.g. for PP forms and school applications).
Improved attainment both at and exceeding the expected standard so it is closer to that of all children (in maths). Children to accurately understand and use	- KS1 and KS2 outcomes in 2024-25 show that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard or above.
appropriate maths terminology, know basic maths skills and number facts such as times tables.	- Pupils eligible for PP make as much progress and achievement, including exceeding the expected standard, as 'other' pupils, across the Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and 2 in maths. Measured by teacher assessments, NFER maths tests, outcomes of National tests (KS1 SATs, KS2 SATs) and through moderation.
	- Outcomes in the Multiplication Tables Check show that pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help our school to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided in order to narrow the gap.
	 PP children to understand and use appropriate Maths vocabulary (supported by knowledge organisers) – evident from talking to pupils, learning walks and work in books.
	 PP children to have their books marked first and receive intervention when needed to address any gaps in attainment after whole class quality first teaching (keep up, not catch up).
	- Times tables rockstars intervention carried out daily by PP children and number facts/times tables scores/engagement will increase over time. For KS1 pupils the focus will be on building number facts/number bonds knowledge and the ability to subitise using the Numbots application.
	 Competitions at pinnacle points throughout the year with rewards to encourage engagement in maths
	 Additional support 'booster group' for Y6 pupils on the run up to SATs (Lent term) to improve their confidence in using appropriate methods and self- esteem.

Pupils will make accelerated progress in English and Maths in comparison to their peers and targets set for pupils will reflect this ambition.	-	Pupils in disadvantaged groups will make at least 6 points progress in English and Maths. KS1/KS2 reading and grammar outcomes show that more than 80% of pupils met the expected standard.
	-	The Fischer Family Trust (FFT) will be utilised for ambition target setting for PP pupils and will focus on accelerated progress and narrowing the attainment gap. All staff will be aware of these targets and they will be regularly updated to reflect current attainment and reviewed during pupil progress meetings.
	-	Use of SEND and PP data will be used to identify children who are not making progress and specific interventions/targets tailored to these pupils will be implemented and reviewed at regular intervals.
	-	Personalised intervention provided for SEND PP children (linked to SEND passport).
	-	Pupils eligible for PP make as much progress and achievement, including exceeding the expected standard, as 'other' pupils, across Key Stage 1 and 2. Measured by teacher assessments, NFER maths tests, outcomes of National tests (KS1 SATs, KS2 SATs) and through moderation.
	-	Outcomes in the Multiplication Tables Check show that pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help our school to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided in order to narrow the gap.
	-	Phonics screening checks will show 95% or above pupils meeting the expected standard.
	-	PP children to have their books marked first and receive intervention when needed to address any gaps in attainment after whole class quality first teaching (keep up, not catch up).
	-	Times tables rockstars intervention carried out daily by PP children and number facts/times tables scores/engagement will increase over

	 time. For KS1 pupils the focus will be on building number facts/number bonds knowledge and the ability to subitise using the Numbots application. Pupils identified during pupil progress meetings as requiring additional support will have appropriate intervention delivered by suitably trained staff to ensure that they do not fall behind (keep up, not catch up). The connection between the 20% lowest outcomes and the connection to pupils entitled to pupil premium will be considered and explored during pupil progress meetings.
Good quality CPD will be a focus for all staff with a clear focus on pedagogy for teaching staff and the effectiveness of first quality teaching linked to this will be consistently monitored.	- By 2024/25, significantly improved vocabulary in disadvantaged groups and an ongoing focus on CPD for improving teaching and learning will be embedded culture within the school.
	 Pupils are encouraged to develop a toolkit of strategies that work best for them across the curriculum and they can select strategies which may best support their learning with some support.
	 High quality CPD for teaching staff linked to CMAT key foci will be implemented in line with existing school policy.
	 Pupils are guided to review the success of strategies chosen and can evaluate how they may adapt their independent learning going forward
	 Resilience and no-opt-out culture allows pupils to develop their confidence in the classroom.
	 Pupils are given immediate feedback (written or verbal) as a result of assessment for learning (during quality first teaching as a class).
	 CPD linked to 'Walkthrus' and Rosenshines principles put in place for teaching staff and this is evaluated using school practices.
	 Coaching walks and pupil interviews will show that pupils are utilising skills taught by teaching staff (linked to CPD).
	 Through discussion with PP pupils, PP lead will see that children are

 developing their ability to use metacognitive strategies, confidence in talking about their learning and independence across the curriculum they will know and remember more. The staff CPD on Walkthrus supports the development of a no-opt-out approach and encourages high
 expectations and independence. Selected staff will take part in the Exemplary Leadership Programme which supports the development of exemplary behaviour and culture, working with subject leaders to develop a knowledge-rich curriculum and the proceeding enacted 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: £ 14390

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Recruitment of pastoral support manager for SENCO member of staff – improve the quality of social and emotional support.	"The evidence linking social and emotional skills in childhood with improved outcomes at school and in later life is extensive. Good social and emotional skills are associated with a range of positive outcomes including good physical and mental health, academic achievement, reduced involvement in crime, and higher income. We also know a good deal about what works to support children's social and emotional development, and that high quality social and emotional learning in primary schools can have a range of positive impacts including improved behaviour and attitudes, improved attainment, and reductions in emotional distress." Prioritise social and emotional learning to avoid "missed EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 2
Teaching staff CPD – pedagogical approaches	"Teachers should acquire the professional understanding and skills to develop their pupils' metacognitive knowledge Self-regulated learners are aware of their strengths and weaknesses, and can motivate themselves to engage in, and improve, their learn- ing. Developing pupils' metacognitive knowledge of how they learn— their knowledge of themselves as a learner, of strategies, and of tasks—is an effective way of improving pupil outcomes. Teachers should support pupils to plan, monitor, and evaluate their learning." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guid- ance-reports/metacognitive knowledge of how they learn—their knowledge of themselves as a learner, of strategies, and of tasks—is an effective way of improving pupil outcomes. Teachers should sup- port pupils' metacognitive knowledge of how they learn—their knowledge of themselves as a learner, of strategies, and of tasks—is an effective way of improving pupil outcomes. Teachers should sup- port pupils to plan, monitor, and evaluate their learning. Overall, costs are estimated as very low. Many studies report the benefits of profes- sional development for teachers, and using an inquiry approach where teachers actively evaluate strategies and approaches as they learn to use them in their teaching. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence- summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/meta-cognition-and- self-regulation/	3, 4, 5
Whole staff CPD Little Wandle Phonics	"Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very exten- sive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged back- grounds.	4,5

	The teaching of phonics should be explicit and systematic to support children in making connections between the sound patterns they hear in words and the way that these words are written." <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-</u> evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics	
Training of senior leaders on Exemplary Leadership Programme	<u>Leadership EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) <u>Home (exemplaryleadership.org.uk)</u> (1 funded place and one at a cost of £1434)	5
Staff CPD linked to Walkthrus and Rosenshine's principles of instruction	 "to ensure that "all teachers can have "24+7 access to a compilation of the best of the profession's practices." <u>Teaching WALKTHRUS by Tom Sherrington St.</u> <u>Matthew's Research School</u> "The principles provide a hugely valuable framework for the process of instruction" <u>Beyond-Rosenshine.pdf (thinkingmatters.com)</u> 	5
Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments (NFER)	Tests for years 1-6 enable reliable attainment and progress monitoring. Developed by experts in collaboration with teachers and used by thousands of schools. <u>EEF Blog: Assessing learning in the new academic year</u> (Part 1 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	4
Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and monitor impact.	Listed as recommendations in improving outcomes in maths (EEF) "Enable pupils to develop a rich network of mathematical knowledge. Emphasise the many connections between mathematical facts, pro- cedures, and concepts. Ensure that pupils develop fluent recall of facts." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guid- ance-reports/maths-ks-2-3/#recommendation-1 Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3, 5
Purchase of a DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics scheme (Little Wandle) to	"Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very exten- sive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged back- grounds. The teaching of phonics should be explicit and systematic to support children in making connections between the sound patterns they hear in words and the way that these words are written."	4, 5

secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics	
Recruitment and retention of teaching staff – CMAT/school wellbeing strategy developed alongside mental health lead and wellbeing governor	'What happens in the classroom makes the biggest difference; im- proving teaching quality generally leads to greater improvements at lower cost than structural changes." "Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Using the Pupil Premium to im- prove teaching quality benefits all students and has a particularly positive effect on children eligible for the Pupil Premium." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/pub- lic/files/Publications/Pupil_Premium_Guidance.pdf	4, 5
Release time for effective embedding of coaching model linked to the SIP	<u>Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) <u>Instructional Coaching CPD and the Early Career</u> <u>Framework (learningcultures.org)</u>	5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 13930

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Catch up sessions linked to Little Wandle Phonics Programme	"Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evi- dence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The teaching of phonics should be explicit and systematic to support chil- dren in making connections between the sound patterns they hear in words and the way that these words are written." <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics</u>	4
Training for friendship support group	"The evidence linking social and emotional skills in childhood with improved outcomes at school and in later life is extensive. Good social and emotional skills are associated with a range of positive outcomes including good physical and mental health, academic achievement, reduced involvement in crime, and higher income. We also know a good deal about what works to support children's social and emotional development, and that high quality social and emotional learning in primary schools can have a range of positive impacts including improved behaviour and attitudes, improved attainment, and reductions in emotional distress."	1, 2

	Prioritise social and emotional learning to avoid "missed EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Recruitment of support for SENCO member of staff	"The evidence linking social and emotional skills in childhood with improved outcomes at school and in later life is extensive. Good social and emotional skills are associated with a range of positive outcomes including good physical and mental health, academic achievement, reduced involvement in crime, and higher income.	1, 2
	We also know a good deal about what works to support children's social and emotional development, and that high quality social and emotional learning in primary schools can have a range of positive impacts including improved behaviour and attitudes, improved attainment, and reductions in emotional distress."	
	Prioritise social and emotional learning to avoid "missed EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Targeted academic support in Y6	"Overall, evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, the smaller the group the better. Tuition in groups of two has a slightly higher impact than in groups of three, but a slightly lower impact than one to one tuition. Some studies suggest that greater feedback from the teacher, more sustained engagement in smaller groups, or work which is more closely matched to learners' needs explains this impact. Once group size increases above six or seven there is a noticeable reduction in effectiveness."	3, 4
	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-sum- maries/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition/	
Pastoral support group training	On average, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school. They also have an average overall impact of four months' additional progress on attainment." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-summaries/teaching-learn-ing-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning/	1, 2
Embedding dialogic activities	Dialogic Teaching EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	4, 5
across the school curriculum –	Dialogic_Teaching_Evaluation_Report.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net)	
these can support pupils to articulate key ideas, consolidate understandin g and extend vocabulary Teacher/TA	New EEF podcast: Developing Oral Language EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
release time for training		

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

Budgeted cost: £ 15776

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continued employment of social worker from family society	On average, SEL interventions have an identifia- ble and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school. They also have an average overall impact of four months' addi- tional progress on attainment." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evi- dence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and- emotional-learning/ "Transition is a time of change between classes, year groups and settings. Research evidence that attends transition is largely focused on the move from primary to secondary. However, principles can be learned for other potentially vulnerable transition points. Several studies have shown a dip in attainment coinciding with transition, especially in literacy and numeracy." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/the- tiered-model/3-wider-strategies/ https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/pub- lic/files/Support/Tiered_Model/EEF-School-Transitions- Tool.pdf	1, 2
Recruitment of support for SENCO member of staff	"The evidence linking social and emotional skills in childhood with improved outcomes at school and in later life is extensive. Good social and emotional skills are associated with a range of positive outcomes including good physical and mental health, academic achievement, reduced involvement in crime, and higher income. We also know a good deal about what works to support children's social and emotional development, and that high quality social and emotional learning in primary schools can have a range of positive impacts including improved behaviour and attitudes, improved attainment, and reductions in emotional distress." Prioritise social and emotional learning to avoid "missed EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1, 2
EWO involvement at the earliest opportunity to support with attendance.	Attendance interventions rapid evidence assessment EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1

Liaison with Operation Encompass	Improving school attendance: support for schools and local authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) On average, SEL interventions have an identifia- ble and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school. They also have an average overall impact of four months' addi- tional progress on attainment." https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evi- dence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and- emotional-learning/	2
Whole staff training on behaviour management linked to school policy with the aim of developing our school ethos and improving behaviour across the school.	Improving Behaviour in Schools EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Improving behaviour in schools (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net) A key theme from these recommendations is the importance of knowing individual pupils well, so that schools and teachers know which factors might affect pupil behaviour and what the school can do to address these. Focusing on developing good relationships also ensures pupils feel valued and supported, meaning they are less likely to misbehave. It is also good that many simple approaches that don't take much time or money to implement—like providing breakfast clubs, or greeting pupils individually before a lesson—can have a really positive impact on behaviour.	2, 4
Embedding principles of good practice set out inn the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice. This will involved training and release time for staff to develop and implement new procedures.	Improving school attendance: support for schools and local authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Recognise attendance as an important area of school improvement. Make sure it is resourced appropriately (including through effective use of pupil premium funding) to create, build and maintain systems and performance.	1
Contingency fund for acute issues.	Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding side to respond quickly to the needs that have not yet been identified.	2, 4
Fund for enrichment and associated transport costs so that pupils from a disadvantaged background are able	<u>'Cultural capital': what Ofsted is looking</u> for The Key Leaders (thekeysupport.com) the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said,	2

to access enrichment activities which build cultural capital.	and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement. "There is a general belief in many countries that school uniform supports the development of a whole school ethos and therefore supports disci- pline and motivation." <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evi- dence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/school-uni- form/</u>	
Support and intervention including continued advice, training and specialist teacher sessions from the Specialist Teaching Service and educational psychologist (to include bespoke assessments and therapies based on individual need).	Assessments, groups, advice and support have enabled the school to improve the personalisation of learning for individuals – CMAT Educational psychologist will be used to evaluate and support pupils where needed.	1, 2, 4

Total budgeted cost: £ 43896

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 2021-22 academic year.

Our first official assessment outcomes at the end of KS2 since the Covid-19 pandemic during 2021-22 suggested that the performance of disadvantaged pupils was not in line with attainment outcomes of those not entitled to the pupil premium in key areas of the curriculum. Outcomes in KS1 showed that, in most instances, pupils entitled to the pupil premium made better than expected progress. Across the school, although some pupils have made accelerated progress, some pupils have made less than expected progress so this remains a key focus in closing the attainment gap with a focus on 'keep up, not catch up'.

In order to mitigate some of the gaps in attainment that were created as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, catch-up funding was utilised for reading catch up and maths tuition programmes which supported pupils in the development of key knowledge and a positive impact was seen in summative data outcomes for some individuals.

Attendance for those within the disadvantaged group was below the threshold for 'good attendance' at 89.27% and therefore will continue to a focus this year. A support for the SENCo has been employed to help facilitate supporting pupils with attendance in school and this support will be available throughout the year to ensure that other pastoral factors affecting attendance and punctuality are addressed and that support is in place. An increasing number of pastoral needs have been identified and as such the positive impact of our connection with The Family Society has been instrumental in supporting pupils and therefore this support will continue.

The refinement of the systematic synthetic phonics programme and high-quality training associated with this has a positive impact on the learning and outcomes for pupils in KS1 and beyond. A focus on mathematical facts has begun to be embedded and engagement in school is more evident through the use of applications to support fact learning and retention. The use of a booster group for mathematical methods and developing confidence in application had a significant positive impact on pupil outcomes within the borderline group in the KS2 mathematics SATs assessments.

Considerations will be made regarding additional sessions before and after school to ensure that staffing is not a barrier to this support.

A continue focus on CPD and quality first teaching is integral to this strategy.

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
Nessy	
GL dyslexia assessment	

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?	N/A
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	N/A

Further information (optional)

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