



Nettleworth Infant and Nursery School

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2023-2024



We nurture, we flourish, we achieve

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding for the 2023 to 2024 academic year, in order to improve the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in **this academic year 2023-2024** and the effect that spending of PP funding **2022-2023** had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Nettleworth Infant and Nursery School
Number of Infant pupils in school	207
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	15.9% (33)
Academic year that our PP strategy plan covers	2023 - 2024
Date this statement was published	November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	March 2024 / July 2024
Statement authorised by	Debbie Hyslop
Pupil premium lead	Debbie Hyslop / Lauren Jones
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£45,105
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£2,573
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	£47,678

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

It is our belief that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for high attaining pupils.

We aim to narrow the gap for disadvantaged pupils to make outstanding progress in their learning and vocabulary development. We intend to ensure that all pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium have access to enrichment activities and well-being programmes (THRIVE / Take Five) to ensure they are ready for each step of their educational learning journey.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This has been proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged attainment gap, and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that the attainment of non-disadvantaged pupils' will be sustained and improved, alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, roots in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we will have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel.

To ensure our pupils are successful at our school we will:

- Act early to intervene, at the point needs are identified.
- Adopt a whole school approach in which staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and have high expectations of what they can achieve.
- Continue to development relationships with the parent/carers of children in receipt of PP and offer any further support to them through structured conversations.
- Set challenging tasks based on individual needs

Challenges

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

Challenge	Detail of challenge
1	Speech and Language Assessments, observations indicate significant speech and language difficulties on entry to school including vocabulary development. This is noticeably more evident for our PP pupils on entry to Nursery and Reception.
2	EYFS Attainment on Entry to Reception: September 2023 On entry to Reception (September 2023), no pupils in receipt of PP were assessed as being on track to achieve a Good Level of Development (GLD) compared to 58.1% of non PP pupils.
3	Widening Attainment Gap between PP and Non PP: Mathematics Assessment data indicates that mathematics attainment for PP pupils is below that of non-PP pupils
4.	Widening Attainment Gap between PP and Non PP Phonics. Reading, Writing Assessment data (where available) highlights the widening attainment gap in phonics and reading between PP and non-PP pupils. Writing across school is a key area to develop, particularly when comparing progress and attainment with previous years.
5.	Low Social and Emotional resilience Our THRIVE and COEL assessments alongside discussions with pupils and families have identified social and emotional difficulties for many pupils, alongside limited enrichment opportunities. These challenges particularly affect PP pupils and impact upon their attainment in academic subjects such as phonics, reading, writing and mathematics. This will be evident from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in THRIVE outcomes and COEL (Leuven Scale) Intervention data indicates good progress • Qualitative data from pupil and parent questionnaires and teacher observations. • An increase in participation in enrichment activities • A higher % of parents of PP Pupils will be more actively engaged with their child's learning and engagement with the school/home learning.
6	Low attendance of pupil in receipt of PP Attendance data for the last three years shows pupils in receipt of PP is below our attendance target of 96% resulting in missed vital learning opportunities.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for by the end of our current strategy plan, and how we will measure pupil achievement and success of our planned outcomes.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improved attainment in EYFS in relation to the area of Communication and Language	Children in EYFS will have made good progress in language and Communication from their starting point. As a result, there will be an increase in the percentage of children achieving GLD at the end of EYFS.
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary development among disadvantaged pupils	Assessments, observations and verbal interactions indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence including engagement in lessons, writing book looks and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved phonics outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils	Y1 phonics screening for the disadvantaged cohort are at least in line with the 2023 – 2024 National Average. Y2 phonics outcomes (June 2023) are at least in line with the National Average
Pupils will make good to accelerated progress in reading, writing and mathematics	Outcomes at the end of 2024 show that pupils in receipt of PP pupils make good or better progress from their starting point. This will be evident through work book looks and other monitoring activities including lesson visits, moderation and termly data summative assessments
To achieve and sustain improved emotional resilience and wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing is demonstrated by pupil voice in relation to feeling safe and happy in school. Pupils are willing to take risks in their learning and have a 'can do' attitude to learning and this is recognised in our weekly Celebration assemblies. This will be evident from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data from pupil and parent voice / questionnaires, teacher/TA observations. • Improvement in THRIVE outcomes and COEL (Leuven Scale) Intervention data indicates good progress • An increase in participation in enrichment activities • A higher % of PP parents will be more actively engaged with their child's learning and engagement with the school/home learning.
Increased attendance of pupils in receipt of PP	Attendance data indicates pupils in receipt of PP is at least 96%+ and the gap is closing between PP and Non PP

Activity in this academic year 2023-2024

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 & retention) Budgeted cost: £34,445

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Secure consistent quality teaching of early reading through effective CPD	<p>Ensure all teachers and TAs continue to receive high quality CPD in the teaching of phonics, in order to effectively deliver the SSP 'Little Wandle' Programme.</p> <p>Introduce Little Wandle Programme for F1 alongside CPD for staff.</p> <p>Phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very little extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds</p> <p>Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	2 4
Enhancement of our English Teaching through Story Dough, Drawing Club and Curious Quest	<p>Quality first teaching is the most important lever schools have in improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils</p> <p>All staff undertake training in order to deliver Story Dough, Drawing Club and Curious Quest in English lessons.</p> <p>Story Dough "CAN I GO AND PLAY NOW..?" - Effective Early Years Practice</p> <p>Drawing Club - "CAN I GO AND PLAY NOW..?"</p> <p>The Curious Quests - "CAN I GO AND PLAY NOW..?"</p>	1 2 4
Embed Metacognition and Self-regulation strategies in the learning process	<p>The potential impact of metacognition and self-regulation approaches is high (+7 months additional progress)</p> <p>Metacognition and self-regulation strategies can be effective when taught in collaborative groups so that learners can support each other and make their thinking explicit through discussion.</p> <p>Talk for writing, co-construction of success criteria (pupils and teachers) 'live' feedback and marking alongside increased pupil motivation and resilience continue to be key features to embed across school. Continue with staff CPD through coaching and mentoring and team teaching will be the driving force for this.</p> <p>Metacognition and self-regulation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Teacher Feedback to Improve Pupil Learning EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>EEF publishes new guidance report – 'Teacher Feedback to...' EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	3 4

<p>Continue to develop Mastery Maths supported by our Mastery Maths Specialists, particularly in F1 and F2 (CPA Approach) (S. Brookes, C. Ripley)</p>	<p>DFE guidance has been produced in line with the National Centre for Excellence for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM), drawing on evidence-based approaches</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mastery-learning</p> <p>Fluency and automaticity in mathematics is also essential part of the mastery maths process and key in reducing cognitive overload</p> <p>EEF Metacognition and self-regulated learning.pdf (ioe.ac.uk)</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Prioritising Pupil's emotional well-being and readiness to learn through Thrive, Take Five and Trauma and Attachment Programmes</p>	<p>Effective social and emotional learning (SEL) can increase positive pupil behaviour, mental health and well-being, and academic performance.</p> <p>Prioritise social and emotional learning to avoid “missed...” EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>https://www.eachamazingbreath.org/about/benefits-take-five/</p> <p>Attachment and child development NSPCC Learning</p>	<p>5</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £33,123

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
TA Language Interventions: Focus pupils work through Chatter Intervention / NELI	<p>EEF evidence demonstrates low cost high impact with some children gaining over 6+ months additional progress from oral interventions</p> <p>Oral language interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Chatter Intervention can support pupils with a range of speech, language and communication difficulties e.g.: Learning difficulties, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Cleft lip and palate, Severe and complex needs, Specific Language Impairment, Dyspraxia</p> <p>Chatter Independent Speech & Language Therapy (chatterslt.co.uk)</p>	1 2
Teacher / TA Phonics Small group and interventions	<p>Small group or 1:1 phonics interventions led by teachers or TA enable additional progress.</p> <p>Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Phonics EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	4
Teacher / TA Reading 1:1 and small group	<p>Small group or 1:1 reading interventions led by teachers and TAs enable additional progress. Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both 1-1 and small groups.</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Improving Literacy in Key Stage 1 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	4
Teacher / TA Mastery Maths interventions	<p>Small-group support is more likely to be effective when Pupil's with the greatest needs are supported by the most experienced staff; training, support, and resources are</p>	3

	<p>provided for staff using targeted activities; sessions are brief and regular; and explicit connections are made between targeted support and everyday activities or teaching.</p> <p>Small group tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	
Immediate Intervention	<p>Small Group and 1-1 support in the classroom sessions. Two adults present in EYFS and KS1 classes all day to enable responsive teaching and feedback and early identification for intervention</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/teaching-assistants</p> <p>EEF Key Findings: Providing feedback is well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies; it provides specific information on how to improve.</p> <p>http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/feedback</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £16,561

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge addressed
Member of the SLT is in role as Senior Mental Health Lead CPD (Nottsalone)	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training Behaviour interventions seek to improve attainment by reducing challenging behaviour in school including low-level disruption to aggression, violence, bullying, substance abuse and general anti-social activities https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/behaviour-interventions	5
Lead Thrive Practitioner to deliver staff CPD in order to equip all staff with the basic skills to implement this with pupils	Thrive interventions help children to become more socially and emotionally resilient so that they are better equipped to deal with life's ups and downs. The impact Thrive has on children and young people and the communities around them has been evidenced in a number of studies. These include: *Thrive helps to develop resilience in young people. (Hart and Heaver 2015) *Thrive closes the gap for vulnerable children across a range of measures including attainment, behaviour, relationships, self-confidence and attendance. (McGuire-Snieckus et al 2015)	5
Lead Thrive practitioner to deliver targeted 1-1 / small group emotional and behavioural interventions	*Staff using the Thrive Approach feel more equipped to manage behaviour and better able to support more vulnerable children.(Office for Public Management 2013) *Supplementary evaluations were carried out in 2018 and 2019 that further support these findings. Impact of Thrive - The Thrive Approach https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/what-is-emotion-coaching It is important for anyone who works with children and families to support parents and carers in building positive relationships with their child. Having positive interaction and play with caregivers can help a child's brain to develop healthily.	5
Trauma and Attachment CPD	Continue to deliver Trauma and Attachment CPD to all staff 'Children with secure attachments are more likely to develop emotional intelligence, good social skills and robust mental health' (Howe, 2011) NSPCC Attachment and child development NSPCC Learning	5
Parental Engagement through Workshops, extended support	Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress. It is crucial to consider how to engage with all parents to avoid widening attainment gaps. Parental engagement EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	6
Improving Pupil Attendance close tracking	Our school parental engagement analysis highlights a marked difference between PP and non-PP	6

and monitoring and action. Use of incentives and increased engagement through targeted communication with parent/carers	<p>Ensuring every absence is followed up with a call from the Attendance Lead (NR school office)</p> <p>Engaging in reflective conversations with parent/carers based on an 'active listening' process includes:</p> <p>Effective communication, Attending and Receiving, Paraphrasing and Restating, Reflecting Content and Feelings, Clarifying, Open Reflective Questions</p> <p>Use of 'The Partnership Factor Detailed Descriptors 2016' will be a key feature in supporting parent/carers and in identifying barriers to their child's learning</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/evidence-reviews/attendance-interventions-rapid-evidence-assessment</p> <p>Pupil Premium Guidance iPDF.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Improving school attendance: support for schools and local authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	
Provide subsidised enrichment opportunities and wider opportunities	<p>School visits and visitors play a significant role in enhancing learning and enriching the curriculum in school.</p> <p>These experiences serve to develop and inspire pupils both personally and academically</p>	5 6
Contingency Fund	We have set aside an additional amount of funding in order to respond quickly to essential needs that have not yet been identified	All

Total budgeted cost: £84,089

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact our pupil premium plan on pupils in **2022-2023** academic year.

Data outcomes show that many of the initiatives and support put in place to support pupils in receipt of PP have impacted on narrowing the attainment gap between PP and non-PP pupils, although writing remains a priority.

In 2022-23 pupil premium funding was used to improve the teaching of phonics and reading for teachers and teaching assistants through CPD. Through this CPD the teaching of phonics and reading has become more impactful on closing the gap between non-PP and PP pupils. This is evident in phonics assessments results in EYFS and KS1.

One-to-one and small group phonics and reading tuition was delivered by school led Teaching Assistants, via additional before, during and after school interventions. This data shows an increase in PP pupils reading and phonics attainment. As a result, school led reading tuition will continue in 2023-24 in order to support PP pupils to the end of KS1.

We used a proportion of pupil premium funding to support PP pupils wellbeing. Our Thrive data indicates that pupils who have received Thrive interventions through small group and individual sessions show an increased resilience and social and emotional wellbeing, resulting in a positive impact upon the learning process and increased pupil progress.

End of year assessments for 2022-23 show that the focus on accelerating the progress and attainment of pupils in receipt of PP must continue. This is essential in order to narrow the attainment gap between PP pupils and non-PP pupil and to increase the overall attainment outcomes in phonics, reading, writing and mathematics.

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
THRIVE	Thrive Approach www.thriveapproach.com
Take Five	Each Amazing Breath www.eachamazingbreath.org/about/benefits-take-five/
Synthetic Phonics Programme	Little Wandle (validated scheme)
Drawing Club and Curious Quest	Drawing Club - "CAN I GO AND PLAY NOW..?" The Curious Quests - "CAN I GO AND PLAY NOW..?"
The Curiosity Approach	The Curiosity Approach www.thecuriosityapproach.com