



Walsh C of E Infant and Junior School Pupil premium strategy statement 2024 – 2027

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 effect that last year’s spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	394 (167 + 227)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	20% (34 Infants) + 31% (71 Juniors) Total 26%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 - 2027 2025-2026 – Year 2 of the plan
Date this statement was published	December 2024 Reviewed December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2026
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Governor / Trustee lead	Daniel Morris

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year <i>(October 2024 – current 107 Infants 2 PLAC, Juniors 2 Service)</i>	£166,519 £1059– Service £5140- PLAC
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	£166,519

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

We are committed to purposeful and exciting learning where children are nurtured and inspired to achieve.

We believe that every child, regardless of their background, has the entitlement to the very best education. We place inclusivity at the heart of all that we do and are aspirational for all our pupils, knowing the individual needs of all pupils both academically and emotionally. All staff create a nurturing environment for all pupils and this reflects our core values that support the belonging, wellbeing and emotional needs of all pupils. We want all pupils to love coming to school and have many strategies in place to improve attendance that has dropped over the last year.

We understand our local community from which our pupils come, so that we have a clear understanding of need and support. We use this local context, and the research evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation, including the five key principles and tiered approach, to ensure that teachers and support staff have the expertise and resources to help every child to have an equal opportunity to succeed. We want all our children including disadvantaged and vulnerable children to access a broad, enriched curriculum that enables all children to make good progress, achieve well and flourish in all areas of life.

We know how important the foundations of early education are and our aim is to ensure that we provide the very best teaching and learning experiences to give each child the best chance to flourish in their learning. High quality teaching is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged gap. To achieve this, we aim to:

- Raise the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium to enable them to perform in line with their non - disadvantaged peers.
- Increase phonic knowledge and retention to improve early reading and writing skills
- Improve the attainment and progress of PP children with additional SEND needs
- Provide support for families to ensure they support learning through an improved family and wellbeing support.

To achieve these objectives we have adopted the tiered approach recommended by the EEF, which places the greatest focus on promoting high quality teaching, supported by academic interventions and wider non-teaching strategies. Therefore, underpinning this three-year plan is the development of high-quality teaching CPD. Raising standards in phonics and the well planned enrichment throughout our curriculum.

Internal data shows that weak literacy (reading and writing) skills and vocabulary is a substantial barrier for many of our pupils, especially for our disadvantaged pupils and therefore developing literacy across the school is core to this plan, alongside other specific interventions based on identified individual needs.

There has been an increase in the need for pastoral, social and emotional support for children and families, especially to meet the needs of our disadvantaged pupils and families. As such funding is directed to ensuring that pastoral care, Early Help for families and ELSA support are available to all students, and increased support for children.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our pupil premium children are less likely to achieve at least 96% attendance and may have gaps in learning from previous low attendance.
2.	Our pupil premium children, as a group, are not making as rapid progress or reaching EXS/ GDS in their reading, writing or maths as non-disadvantaged children
3.	Many of our pupil premium children also fit into another vulnerable group such as having an additional special educational need, or wellbeing and emotional need that can impact on emotional resilience
4.	To inspire and engage harder to reach families and groups and ensure they feel part of the Walsh community
5.	Assessments and observations of children indicate lower starting points for oral language skills and rich vocabulary gaps.
6.	Disadvantaged groups may have less first hand experiences and a lower cultural capital.

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 achieve higher attendance aiming for above 96%	To improve attendance for all pupils by monitoring and early intervention to support families to above 96%. Work with Inclusion Officer, REMA and other agencies where needed to improve attendance.
Improved progress and attainment end of EYFS, KS1 and KS2 in reading, writing and maths	End of Key stage outcomes show that disadvantaged children (who do not also have SEND needs) meet or exceed the expected standard. All Disadvantaged children make accelerated progress to close gaps over the year.
To achieve and sustain improved SEND and wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Increased support to Inclusion Team so that monitoring of disadvantaged pupils with SEND (including Social and emotional needs) can be increased. Children become confident in using strategies to help regulate and be ready to learn.
To develop and improve cultural capital and wider experiences	To improve the range of experiences for all children, based on an enrichment curriculum, school trips, visitors to school and first hand experiences (holiday clubs and clubs)
Parents and families show greater engagement with school and their children's learning	An increased percentage of parents engaging in school events and parent evenings, Café W drop ins.
Improved vocabulary, oral language skills and listening skills among disadvantaged pupils	Assessments and observations would show an increase in oral language and vocabulary development, This would also be seen in learning responses in lessons and written work.

Activity in this academic year 2024 – 2025

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: £ 13,787

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach <i>Bold, italics is best practise as identified in the EEF</i>	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Quality First Teaching, Individualised pre-teaching, same day, targeted and challenge interventions with instant feedback to provide to provide the best outcomes for pupils</p> <p>Ongoing CPD for all staff</p>	<p><u>EEF guide to pupil premium – tiered approach – teaching is the top priority, including CPD.</u></p> <p>Training and supporting highly qualified teachers deliver targeted support. Agreed consistencies to include – Same day interventions target gaps in learning from previous lessons- linked to basic skills in English and Maths. Pre teaching interventions provide opportunities to rehearse in all subjects Scaffolded tasks to ensure all children have access to learning Half termly pupil progress meetings for all vulnerable groups (PP/ SEND/ EAL/ first 20%) between inclusion lead and teachers. Network meetings for core subjects cascaded back to all staff Weekly/ Fortnightly support staff meetings tailored to staff training and SEND needs Continue Walkthru CDP training for all staff – embed Rosenshine principles and peer coaching</p>	<p>1,2,3,4,5</p>
<p>Little Wandle validated phonic scheme to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.</p> <p>Ongoing CPD to improve phonics teaching and reading</p> <p>Purchase reading books to read at school/home</p> <p>Continue Little Wandle in Juniors for children needing continued support</p>	<p><i>EEF Targeted Academic support – Teacher /Teaching Assistant Interventions</i></p> <p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils:</p> <p><u>Phonics / Toolkit Strand / Education Endowment Foundation / EEF</u></p> <p>Ensure all staff have received training to deliver the Little Wandle phonics scheme effectively and to include new phonic books to send home/ share in class. This cascades to include LSA's Regular learning walks to ensure HQT of phonics and consistency across the school. Updated training for staff for Little Wandle</p> <p>New books purchased to encourage children to read at home (e readers had very low uptake across the school)</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>
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<p>Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with the mastery curriculum</p> <p>-</p>	<p><i>EEF guide to pupil premium – tiered approach – teaching is the top priority, including CPD.</i></p> <p><i>EEF Targeted Academic support – Teacher /Teaching Assistant Interventions</i></p> <p><u>Improving maths in EYFS and KS1</u></p> <p><u>Improving maths in KS2</u></p> <p>High-quality teaching to improve end of year expectations in maths All staff have received training to deliver the White Rose mastery Maths Regular maths training throughout the year – LSA training and feedback from Maths Hub Embed 'I do, we do, you do' Learning walks to ensure HQT and agreed consistencies across the school White Rose scheme to be used across the school, teachers to adapt to needs of their class</p> <p>Training for all staff</p> <p>Maths lead taking part in Embedding mastery</p>	<p>4</p>

<p>Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments - NFER</p> <p>Extra training for staff (if needed) to ensure assessments are interpreted and administered correctly.</p>	<p>Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction:</p> <p>Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	
<p>Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning.</p> <p>Inclusion lead to work with SENDco to champion PP children and families</p> <p>SEL approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff.</p>	<p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Staff who feel skilled and confident leading an intervention will see better progress from the children.</p> <p>LSA's will be more confident delivering the interventions and social group work, which take place and enabling them to evaluate which strategies lead to good progress and how this is measured.</p> <p>HLTA/LSA's- to work with PP children at least once a week, extra reads, enrichment</p> <p>ELSA support for children to work on feelings, emotions, social</p> <p>LSA's to support S and L interventions or other needs</p> <p>6 Principles of Nurture project started March 2025 across Infants and Juniors- social and emotional development approach (replaced Thrive).</p>	5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 117,732

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Trained staff to complete Boxall training to complete Nurture profile</p>	<p>6 Principles of Nurture using Boxall Profile -, evidence based developmental and diagnostic social and emotional assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase Boxall profile assessment programme - <i>All Vulnerable children to be assessed using Boxall profile</i> - <i>Results analysed by trained staff</i> - <i>Individual support plans and profiles completed</i> - <i>Children to receive bespoke nurture support</i> 	1,3,4,5
<p>Reading for pleasure</p> <p>Reading progress promoted through – <i>high quality (validated)</i></p>	<p>High-quality teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Includes small group tuition</i> - <i>Phonics interventions- daily keep up (T/LSA)</i> - <i>LSA interventions</i> - <i>Guided reading led by Teachers</i> - <i>High quality texts read in class</i> <p>Embed Little Wandle to ensure consistency of provision of reading support throughout school –</p> <p>Author visits to enhance cultural capital and inspire a love of books</p>	1,2

<p><i>phonic scheme)</i> <i>-High quality texts</i></p> <p>Inclusion lead and HLTA - champion</p>	<p>Regular phonic assessments every 6 weeks, books matched to phonic assessments</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>Reading practise (Little Wandle) Guided reading activities and focus when reading 1:1 <i>Focus on reading comprehension strategies</i></p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Individual or small group focus to support specific children daily keep up in phonics</p> <p>Continued focus on ‘reading for pleasure’ and PP to have extra reading experiences including 1:1 and shared reading where needed.</p> <p>Literacy for all – research based intervention to significantly improve reading – STIPS training for staff – across EYFS to Year 6</p>	
<p><i>Reading, Writing and Maths interventions;</i> <i>Pre-teach/ same day/ specific skill based intervention.</i></p>	<p>Establish small group interventions for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age-related expectations-</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>SENDco;s embed intervention structure/ ethos/ inclusive classroom</p> <p>Teacher to support keep up groups and catch up focused teaching</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>All LSA’s are trained to have focus interventions</p>	2,3,4
<p>Small groups (or individual) will run to accommodate a personalised curriculum – <i>Social and Emotional needs</i></p> <p><i>Speech and Language</i></p> <p><i>Feelings</i></p> <p><i>Self esteem</i></p> <p><i>PACE</i></p>	<p>Improving Social and Emotional learning</p> <p>HLTA – ELSA support</p> <p>Emotional programme – Thrive programme and Nurture programme</p> <p>Individual needs – feelings, emotions, self esteem , 1:1 and small group support etc</p> <p>Trained staff to run nurture groups</p> <p>ELSA trained to deliver ‘Girls on board’ to help support girls to sustain friendships (improve discussion and problem solving)</p>	5 (indirectly – 1,2,3,4)
<p>Implement vocabulary and oracy enrichment</p>	<p>Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils’ language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment. Vocabulary focus in all curriculum planning and embedded in HQT, dual coding in all learning to help support all pupils. SHREC approach to develop high quality interactions in EYFS.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/oral-language-interventions</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-the-shrec-approach-4-evidence-informed-strategies-to-promote-high-quality-interactions-with-young-children</p>	

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

Budgeted cost: £ 35,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Ensuring disadvantaged children have the widest experiences and opportunities possible.</p>	<p>Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs – self actualisation, increased self-esteem, love and belonging and physiological needs met</p> <p>Develop cultural capital and first hand experiences – school will pay for 50% of trips and experiences</p> <p>Groundforce (KS2) intervention to support children with low self esteem and resilience, promotes team work and project work</p>	<p>All challenges addressed either directly because of activity or indirectly because of general sense of well-being/increased self-confidence and</p> <p>These strategies also help support our good, average attendance.1,2,3,4,5</p>
<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance advice</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.</p> <p>New attendance policy. Regular updates to parents, support offered to help improve attendance.</p>	
<p>School offer to pay for school trips and school experiences generally funded by parents/carers.</p> <p>School offer school club per term to all children eligible for PP funding.</p> <p>School to pay for holiday clubs</p>	<p>Children can fully participate in all aspects of school life to add enrichment to their lives and follow up learning at school.</p> <p>Children can follow their own interests</p> <p>Children can participate in fun, craft or sport activities to help support families in the holidays. Children can have 1 club paid for per year.</p> <p>All disadvantaged children receive a free school jumper or cardigan and school water bottle when they start school</p> <p>Annual theatre visits to Infants and Juniors to enhance Cultural capital and to experience a live show, school will pay 50% of the charge</p>	
<p>Wellbeing woofers to come into school to work with PP children – to raise self esteem and have quality time with adult and dogs</p>	<p>Building positive relationships with all adults, dogs, exploring and developing learning through games, reading etc</p> <p>Disadvantaged children will have at least one half term and where needed more sessions with the wellbeing woofers.</p> <p>1 day for see children at the Infants – attendance, nurture, wellbeing, self esteem, anxiety and calming foci.</p> <p>1 day for see children at the Infants – attendance, nurture, wellbeing, self esteem, anxiety and calming foci.</p>	

<p>All PP children to have their own book.</p> <p>All PP children to receive art book and pencils</p>	<p>Increase own ownership of books to encourage love of reading and having their own special books and belonging. All disadvantaged children to choose a book at the book fair.</p> <p>All children to access to paper and pencils at home to encourage mark making, drawing, creativeness</p>	
<p>Ensure children are emotionally supported so they are ready to learn (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)). Cost of proportion of salary of ELSA's</p>	<p><u>Social and emotional learning</u></p> <p>School level approaches to developing a positive school ethos, which also aim to support greater engagement in learning;</p> <p>More specialised programmes which use elements of SEL and are targeted at students with particular social or emotional needs</p> <p>All PP children can access ELSA support</p> <p>Senior mental health training</p>	
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<p>Breakfast and fruit bought daily (and nutritional breakfasts for those children who need it)</p>	<p>Maslow's triangle – Physiological needs met</p> <p>Calming and social time with member of staff.</p>	
<p>Contingency fund for acute issues.</p>	<p>We have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified (ie taxi to ensure children can attend school or play therapy to support well being)</p>	<p>Contingency fund for acute issues.</p>
<p>Total budgeted cost: £ 166,519</p>		

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

During the 2024/25 academic year our pupil premium funding made a positive contribution to both academic progress and holistic and wider outcomes for disadvantaged children. Targeted support and high-quality teaching helped to improve reading fluency, particularly through structured interventions and increased opportunities for regular reading practice. As a result, children were more confident readers and better able to access the wider curriculum.

Pupil premium funding also increased access to extra-curricular opportunities, ensuring that disadvantaged children were able to participate fully in clubs, enrichment activities and educational experiences alongside their peers. This had a clear impact on engagement, confidence and a sense of belonging within the school community. Parental engagement strengthened through targeted support and communication and joining in Café W, our community cafe, helping families to better support learning at home, reinforcing positive attitudes to school and providing key speakers to help support all parents.

The needs of all PP children were met either in class or through ELSA and extra nurture sessions. From feedback from children transitioning to Year 3, many of these children that had extra nurture and ELSA support have transitions smoothly and are more settled and able to learn in class and showed positive learning behaviours. Our well being woofers is prioritised for our disadvantaged children to help build positive relationships and emotional regulation that support children in their social and emotional skills and therefore more positive engagement in class.

Tea and toast and soft starts have enabled children that find transitions more difficult more successful and have started to see a positive impact on attendance and a positive and calm transition to class and children are then ready to learn.

A positive impact was having the Mental health team based at school. Children and families were referred and supported and this saw a positive increase in class engagement, strategies for self help, parental engagement and home support and an increase in attendance. The Mental Health team also attend Café W so all parents have access to support and this also was offered during parents evenings across schools and again saw positive engagement from more parents that have been able to access this support.

A focus on attendance across both schools saw a positive improvement in both attendance and positive engagement and relationships with parents. Regular supportive meetings have built positive relationships with parents that have impacted on children attending school. Ofsted recognised the positive strategy that is in place and the positive impact on families and children's attendance.

Our SEND provision has improved for all children having clear SMART targets, all LSA's have specific interventions that they are trained for and teachers have time for individual interventions that have all seen a positive impact for all children in all subjects – handwriting, phonics, maths. Our speech and language therapist now works across both schools and this has enabled a smooth transition from Year 2 to Year 3 with the continuation of support and referrals and support for KS2 children.

Ofsted recognised the nurturing and adaptive support given to disadvantaged children and their families, this was still a strength evident throughout our school. Practical support, such as free or subsidised uniform and educational visits, ensured full inclusion and removed financial barriers that might otherwise limit participation. We offered Food wise project to our disadvantaged families that had a positive uptake and long term impact for healthy eating at home. We offer food hampers through other initiatives for families in need, further supporting our families to ensure positive outcomes.

Externally provided programmes

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

Programme	Provider
Various teaching resources	National College
Language training	Elklan Training
Phonics and reading	Little Wandle
Spelling site	Spelling Shed (Edshed)
Dyslexia screening	GL Assessment
History subject leadership	Historical Association
Library Software	Libresoft
Curriculum	Kapow
PHSE subject leadership	Jigsaw PHSE
Fun kids workouts for the classroom	Jump Start Jonny
Language resources	Linguascope
Times table site	TTRS
Assembly songs & lyrics	Sing up
Computer teaching resource	Teach Computing
Teaching children to be safe online	Project Evolve
Geography subject leadership	Geography association
Educational resources	Twinkl
Maths resources	White Rose
PE resources	Get Set 4 PE

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

The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

