

# St. Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. It is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for free School Meals (FSM), Looked after Children, children adopted from care and Service Forces children. It also includes pupils who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last six years (known as the Ever 6 FSM measure).

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.

This is a three-year pupil premium strategy.



### School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	388 (including 31 in Nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	25.5% (FS2-Y6)
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)	2023-2026
Date this statement was published	Updated February 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
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# Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£150,515
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year Recovery premium received in academic year 2023/24 cannot be carried forward beyond August 31, 2024.	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£150,515
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**

#### **Mission Statement**

# 'By working together at St Mary's School, we aim, through Jesus Christ, to share God's love, helping our community to learn, grow and make a difference.'

At St. Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, we have high aspirations and ambitions for all our children and we believe that all pupils should be able to reach their full potential. We ensure all our pupils have the necessary skills and values not only to succeed but to flourish.

Our pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Funding face specific barriers to reaching their full potential, and, at St. Mary's, we are determined to provide the support and guidance they need to help them overcome these barriers using current research, for example the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). In addition to this, we aim to provide them with access to a variety of exciting opportunities and a rich and varied curriculum.

**Trust Objective:** Strategic Aim 1: Providing high quality Catholic education for all. Priority 1.4 – Maintain a relentless focus on the most vulnerable

**School's Objective**: To maintain the impact seen over recent years regarding attendance (inclu PA) and to raise the profile on how pupils regard themselves as a learner.

#### Areas to improve from OFSTED report 18.01.23:

The curriculum is expertly planned. In a few subjects, this expert planning is not suitably adapted to meet the needs of all pupils. This means that some pupils do not acquire the knowledge and skills that they could. Leaders must make sure that the curriculum across all subjects is implemented securely and consistently to meet the needs of all learners.

# Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Early communication and language. Nursery and Reception baseline assessments highlight low levels of C&L and PSED are demonstrated in pupils eligible for PP. This prevents sustained achieve- ment in FS2 by slowing their reading and phonic progress. Pupils in KS1 and KS2 struggle to use standard English in their spoken form and does not translate into their written form in English
2	Low Cultural Capital and exposer to 'rich and ambitious' vocabulary. Poor vocabulary knowledge and use, and deprivation of cultural capital, can have an impact on attainment including pupils having poor selling knowledge. There is currently a word gap between disadvantaged children and their peers when they start school. Some of our disadvantaged children, in comparison to peers, do not receive regular exposure to ambitious vocabulary, both in their everyday interactions within families and their community or through their choice of reading. As a result, some have not developed familiarity with rich language choices and do not incorporate a range of writing styles in their written work, specifically attainment at the Higher Standard in writing
3	Maths retention of key knowledge and reasoning skills. Data shows pupils achieving GD in maths is not in line with other subjects such as Reading, Writing & SPaG. Both retention and recall of key knowledge and confidence in reasoning and problem solving within mathematics are specific barriers to overcome in order for our boys and middle attainers to make expected or accelerated progress within maths across KS1 and KS2.
4	Metacognition skills of disadvantaged children Pupils, due to cognitive overload, struggle to retain knowledge over the curriculum, particularly spellings, and it is not fully embedded into long term memory.
5	Low parental engagement The catchment area of the school is widespread over the whole of Derby. Many of our parents and carers who would like to support their children with education face many language challenges themselves. In a lot of the cases there is low parent/carer confidence in supporting home learning and learning behaviours at home. At least half the PP children do not engage in homework or reading at home at least 3 times a week. Several of the children are affected by their childhood experiences outside school, ranging from split families, Adverse Childhood Experiences (Neglect/ DV) and trauma. Our numbers of EAL pupils have increased. This has an impact on most subjects, but especially, English writing (including vocabulary) and Maths Reasoning.
6	Attendance Our attendance data over the last 2 years indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been between 1 - 3% lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils. 23 - 24% of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' compared to 13 - 14% of their peers during that period. Our assessments and observa- tions indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress.

### 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
For our disadvantaged children entering school to have improved communication skills so that they are able to communicate effectively with both staff and peers, enabling them to build relationships and become independent learners.	FS Children to acquire a rich and broad vocabulary through modelled play. For FS children to be able to communicate their own emotional needs and de- velop/maintain healthy relationships. Parental involvement from the point of entry will be improved and this will di- rectly impact on the communication skills of our disadvantaged children. Teaching addresses spelling needs of the pupils. Spelling lesson observa- tions. Vocabulary rich displays. Key vocabulary mentioned on Knowledge Or- ganisers and referred to during lessons and homework. Key vocabulary is pulled out of key texts during whole class reading, ERIC ac- tivities ensure children focus on vocabulary. RAG rating occurs when key texts are introduced and children have the time to explore the meanings of unfamil- iar/new vocabulary. Pupils apply more advanced vocabulary when speaking and when writing. Children are more confident in speaking in-front of their class. Clear personalised feedback given. Children are more KS1/ KS2 / Secondary ready.
Positive progress in Writing in KS2 Improved girls writing, particularly for higher attaining girls in KS1 Increased Cultural Capital.	Oral rehearsal approaches and handwriting focussing around spelling. Attitudes to reading to be pushed out to SPAG work to develop positive atti- tude to writing Curriculum design, vocabulary focus on Knowledge Organisers and displays, use of standard English at home, Phonics focus in FS/ KS1 to ensure children are ready for KS2. Phonic les- sons continued throughout KS2 for those children who need it. Revisiting spellings and SPAG from previous year groups or earlier in the year to ensure retrieval is embedded. Teaching of spelling improves through more discreet lessons, setting up weekly spelling tests and using a new spelling scheme created by English Lead. Phoneme Sound mats shared with children and sent home. Teaching of writing is a whole school focus. Subsidising of school dinners to ensure pupils receive a hot meal

For confidence in reasoning and problem solving and recall of prior knowledge in Maths to be improved so that the number of Middle Attainers achieving GD is more in line with Reading & Writing.	End of key stage formal assessment data will show an increased percentage of pupils achieving GD in Maths. Targeted interventions, relating to specific areas of need in maths, will be in place for children in the key groups whose progress is falling behind at both KS1 and KS2.
Metacognition skills of disadvantaged children improves, and more key knowledge retained.	Staff meetings led by Subject leaders to share progression maps and key sticky knowledge for their subjects.         Subject leadership time directed into SM time to ensure this is monitored regularly and concisely. Time re-directed during monitoring tasks which include lesson visits and pupil discussions.         Focus on key knowledge and vocabulary shared with parents on Knowledge Organisers and are in books for children to refer to throughout lessons. Key vocabulary displayed.         A wide range of retrieval activities, including retrieval cards at the beginning of every lesson, quizzes etc used to check retention of knowledge and vocabulary.         All lessons start with recaps of previous learning that relates to the curriculum sequence of learning.         Staff explore metacognition strategies and trial different ones in their classrooms to ensure the children are supported in ways to help them retain more information.         Breakfast Club to enable pupils to ready for learning         End of key stage formal assessment data will show a positive value-added score for SEND pupils         Targeted interventions, relating to specific areas of need, will be in place for children in the key groups whose progress is falling behind at both KS1 and KS2.         Weekly moderation sessions during PPA in phases ensure at least one
	PP/SEND to keep a constant and regular view on the appropriateness of ad- aptations, expectations and outcomes. This is led by Phase leaders and re- ported back to LT on a regular basis.
For attendance rates for pupils eligible for PP to be at least in-line with National.	To ensure the gap between PP and Non-PP are in line with National. Persistent absences will show a diminished difference. FLO working closely with parents and checking in daily with families not attending. More children receive raffle tickets giving them a greater chance of winning an Amazon voucher.

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: £45,258 (On-line resources including White Rose, Purple Mash, Century, TTRS, Staff CPD, Oracy Project.)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To teach a new mastery approach to maths using White Rose. SL to monitor the newly implemented scheme to ensure the high quality recently purchased resource is consistently used. Maths Lead to cascade White Rose approach in maths lessons and monitor impact. Increase efficient recall of key facts across all year groups by ensuring retrieval opportunities are embedded and recorded on WCFF.	EEF states that Mastery learning is a cost-effective approach, on average, but is challenging to implement effectively. Schools should plan for changes and assess whether the approach is successful within their context. <u>Mastery learning   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	3
Engagement with the local Maths hub		
T4W continues to be delivered, supporting writing across school (includes discussion around a text which allows ALL learners to become more confident in both reading and writing).	EEF Improving Literacy in KS2 shows strong evidence that writing can be thought of as a process made up of five components: — planning; — drafting; — revising; — editing; and — publishing. To support learn- ers in their self-efficacy as writers and aspire to higher Greater Depth attainment, there is evidence around supporting learners with focusing on the writing process. (Recommendation 4)	1 & 3
Staff CPD around understanding of how to draw out ambitious vocabulary.		
To improve articulation of language across the school whilst ensuring progression in Communication and Language skills is ac- celerated in reception and KS1 and that high standard maintained in KS2 through providing refresher training for Echo read- ing.	EEF - Oral language interventions refer to approaches that emphasise the importance of spoken language and verbal interaction in the classroom. Feedback redirects or refocuses the learner's actions to achieve a goal, by aligning effort and activity with an outcome. <u>Oral language interventions   EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1

To revisit retrieval CPD giving opportunities for staff to use a variety of strategies throughout the year.	<ul> <li>EEF – Metacognition and self-regulation approaches.</li> <li>Pupils, due to cognitive overload, struggle to retain knowledge over the curriculum, particularly spellings, and it is not fully embedded into long term memory.</li> <li>Metacognition and self-regulation   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</li> </ul>	4
To ensure attendance rates for pupils eligi- ble for PP to be at least in-line with Na- tional. To utilise the school Family Liaison Officer and SENDCo to be in contact with children daily following attendance policy. Share concerns regarding attendance with phase leader and PP lead. These are then take to Triage. Triage group to meet and discuss any concerns regarding attendance, how to support and put in place actions. Door-step check ins if necessary. Regular contact with families via Class Dojo. Treat sessions (games and treats shared to engage chil- dren and help them feel happy at school). Children's names are entered into competi- tion to win a prize following a week's full at- tendance. Class prizes awarded for each full week of 100% attendance	Relationships between school and parents/carers of disadvantaged pu- pils are strong. Re-establish parental support groups led by the School's FLO	2, 5 & 6

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

Budgeted cost: £75,257 (including SENDCo, EDUKey)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Maths interventions planned with priority given to PP and EAL learners, not least to increase confidence in terms of understanding mathematical vocabulary. Revision books and guides purchased and given to PP children to ensure that they have high quality resources at home to use. CGP materials purchased for pupils across the school to aid home learning.	EEF states that Mastery learning is a cost-effective approach, on average, but is challenging to implement effectively. Schools should plan for changes and assess whether the approach is successful within their context.	3
EYFS to receive targeted support based on their baseline results - targeted reading aloud and book discussions. Reading fluency (Rapid Catch-Up) assessments to be carried out across KS2 in order to identify children for targeted support/intervention.	EEF - Oral language interventions refer to approaches that emphasise the importance of spoken language and verbal interaction in the classroom.	1 & 2
To ensure there is a daily spelling focus across the school. Spelling initiatives to be embedded. Use of sound mat to identify sound buttons will address spelling needs of the pupils.	The EEF states that Phonics approaches have been consistently found to be effective in supporting younger pupils to master the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional five months' progress. Research suggests that phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners (4–7 year olds) as they begin to read. Teaching phonics is more effective on average than other approaches to early reading (such as whole language or alphabetic approaches), though it should be emphasised that effective phonics techniques are usually embedded in a rich literacy environment for early readers and are only one part of a successful literacy strategy. <u>Phonics   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	1 & 5

To increase metacognition skills of disad- vantaged pupils through daily rainbow re- trieval practice and the use of self-regula- tion strategies for specific and concise tasks within topics on subject knowledge.	The EEF states that Metacognition and self-regulation approaches aim to help pupils think about their own learning more explicitly, often by teaching them specific strategies for planning, monitoring and evaluating their learning.	4
To increase confidence in reasoning and problem solving and recall of prior knowledge to be improved in maths for all children, in particular boys and middle at- tainers.	Targeted intervention in small groups increases mathematical confidence. The EEF states that small group tuition has an average impact of 4 months and it is most likely to be effective if it is targeted at pupils' specific needs. <u>Small group tuition   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	3
To give access to excellent quality texts. Additional Library resources including newspapers, journals, specifically selected fiction and nonfiction resources to ensure tailored reading choices. Talk for Writing (beginning with storytelling and oracy only in Early years) and our chosen class texts are vocabulary rich. Writing intervention specifically geared towards use of vocabu- lary, use of tenses and subject verb agree- ment to be implemented.	The EEF states that Teaching Assistants can provide a large positive impact on learner outcomes, however, how they are deployed is key. The average impact of the deployment of teaching assistants is about an additional four months' progress over the course of a year. <u>Teaching Assistant Interventions   EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Parental workshops to support the parental engagement on P1	2

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

Budgeted cost: £30,000 (including Ed Psych, Bridge the Gap, Safe & Sound, residential and trips.)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To ensure all PP pupils receive experiences offered to the whole school to enrich their vocabulary for children who may otherwise struggle to receive these additional enrichment opportunities.	The EEF states that Arts participation is defined as involvement in artistic and creative activities. Arts-based approaches may be used in other areas of the curriculum, such as the use of drama to develop engagement and oral language before a writing task. <u>Arts participation   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	2 & 5

To raise attendance and reduce persistent absences through wrap around care for all pupils, especially PP and SEND by offering a Breakfast Club and clubs after school.	Relationships between school and parents/carers of disadvantaged pupils are strong. Breakfast Club, regular coffee mornings and opportunities for parents to engage with their children's learning through mission days, arts and craft days etc More opps to develop further through the use of parental workshops led by the FLO	2, 5 & 6
To improve behaviour and attitudes of all pupils, especially PP pupils and SEND, towards learning through the implementation of a whole school behaviour curriculum.	The EEF states that both targeted and universal approaches to behaviour have positive effects (=4 months). Schools should consider the appropriate combination of behaviour approaches to reduce overall disruption, providing tailored support where required. There is evidence across a range of different interventions with highest impacts for approaches that focus on self-management or role-play and rehearsal. When adopting behaviour interventions – whether targeted or universal – it is important to consider providing professional development to staff to ensure high quality delivery and consistency across the school <u>Behaviour interventions   EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) LT to ensure staff are referring to ask when discussing behaviour with pupils – is this being verbalised effectively? How do we know?	5
For children to have an understanding of ambitious vocabulary to use in writing across a range of genres and subjects. Key vocabulary is pulled out of key texts during whole class reading, Guided Reading/ERIC activities ensure children focus on vocabu- lary. Children given time to explore the meanings of unfamiliar/new vocabulary. Vo- cabulary rich displays. Key vocabulary men- tioned on Knowledge Organisers and re- ferred to during lessons.	Poor vocabulary knowledge and use, and deprivation of cultural capital, results in pupils having poor spelling knowledge. Staff articulating pupils learning and responses as a means of modelling, re-phrasing and supporting vocabulary.	2

# Total budgeted cost: £150,515

# Part B: Review of the previous academic year (2023-2024)

### **Outcomes 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.

To help us gauge the performance of our disadvantaged pupils we compared their results to those for disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at national and local level (though these comparisons are to be considered with caution given ongoing pandemic impacts) and to results achieved by our non-disadvantaged pupils (please see tables below).

\*For our disadvantaged children entering school to have improved communication skills so that they are able to communicate effectively with both staff and peers, enabling them to build relationships and become independent learners.

Impact - The data demonstrates that language and vocabulary is developed through adult interactions within the areas. Language structure is modelled through conversations and group social interventions resulting in disadvantaged pupils in EYFS achieving higher than non-disadvantaged by 2%. Early indication shows that the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading at the end of KS2 is higher than National, and pupils achieving the higher standard in reading is significantly higher than National. The progress in reading from entry to end of KS2 is well above average at +4.6.

\*Positive progress in Writing in KS2 and improved girls writing, particularly for higher attaining girls in KS1

Impact - Teacher assessment and book scrutinies show that writing interventions has had a positive impact on the progress of our PP children. The progress on disadvantaged pupils is higher than non-disadvantaged pupils in KS2. Our evaluation of the approaches delivered last academic year indicates that internal assessment has demonstrated the value of small group intervention on the progress of our disadvantaged children. Writing interventions has proven to work most successfully when delivered by the teacher or adult who consistently works within that class.

\*Metacognition skills of disadvantaged children improves, and more key knowledge retained.

Impact - Staff understand the importance of giving pupils opportunities for them to recall prior knowledge to enable them to move their learning on. Evidence seen during learning walks show pupils recapping prior learning linked to new learning within subject areas. Rainbow Retrieval

cards are embedded across the school allowing children to recall prior knowledge. Opportunities for children to recall prior knowledge is an integral part of a child's learning journey.

To improve articulation of language across the school whilst ensuring progression in Communication and Language skills is accelerated in reception and KS1 and that high standard maintained in KS2 through providing refresher training for Echo reading.

Impact - Whole class texts are used as part of Guided reading, which are specifically chosen to suit age and link to Topics taught across the school. Early reading continues to be an area of high importance throughout school. The scheme is working well and we will continue to embed this, ensuring all new staff receive training.

\*For pupils under the K code who receive additional support through Individual Educational Plans (including those entitled to PP) to gain in academic confidence in Writing and Maths to equal the attainment and progress of non-SEND pupils.

Impact – Class teachers use EduKey to create individualised plans for pupils identified as SEND. These are reviewed termly and plans are monitored by SENDCO. EduKey has been working well for disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND and children are making progress. We have also drawn on school data and observations to assess wider issues impacting disadvantaged pupils' performance, including attendance, behaviour and wellbeing.

\*To ensure attendance rates for pupils eligible for PP to be at least in-line with National.

Impact - The data demonstrated that the attendance of all pupils is in line with National, including those identified as SEND, and the attendance of pupils identified as Disadvantaged has improved from previous year. The Persistence Absence rate is lower than National.

ATTENDANCE DATA			
	% Attendance of pupils eligible for the PP	% Attendance for All pupils	National % Attendance for All pupils
2023-24 (Y1-Y6)	92.8%	95.3%	95.2%
2022-23 (Y1-Y6)	91.06%	94.44%	na
2018-19	93.8%	96.3%	96%

\*The pandemic has affected attendance figures in school in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

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.

# Assessment Data for previous 3 years \* Estimated National Statistics for 2023-24

No individual school or National data is available for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

	Pupils eligible for PP	Pupils not eligi- ble for PP	All pupils	National PP	National non-PP	National All pupils*
% achieving Good level of development (GLD)	63%	58%	55%			67.7%
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Reading	75%	73%	71%			
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Writing	63%	60%	60%			
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Maths (Number)	75%	80%	80%			
EYFS DATA 2022-23						
% achieving Good level of development (GLD)	40%	76%	68%			67%
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Reading	70%	97%	90%			
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Writing	40%	79%	69%			
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Maths (Number)	60%	90%	82%			
EYFS DATA 2018-19						
% achieving Good level of development (GLD)	58%	82%	74%	57%	74%	72%
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Reading	58%	86%	76%	62%	79%	77%
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Writing	58%	82%	74%	58%	76%	74%
% meeting EXP or exceeded in Maths (Number)	67%	91%	82%	66%	82%	80%

	Pupils eligible for PP	Pupils not eligi- ble for PP	All pupils	National PP	National non-PP	National All pupils*
% of pupils passing Phonics Screening Check	58%	81%	75%			80.4%
PHONICS 2022-23					1	
% of pupils passing Phonics Screening Check	87%	73%	77%	69.4%	84.1%	80.5%
PHONICS 2018-19			1		l	
% of pupils passing Phonics Screening Check	100%	88%	90%	71%	84%	82%
% meeting expected standard or above in maths	60%	83%	75% (TA)			71%

	Pupils eligible for PP	Pupils not eligi- ble for PP	All pupils	National PP	National non-PP	National All pupils*
Ks2 Attainment RWM combined			78%			60.3%
Progress score in reading						
Progress score in writing						
Progress score in maths						
KS2 DATA 2022-23		· 				·
Ks2 Attainment RWM combined	65%	76%	71%	66%	66%	61%
Progress score in reading	+6.88	+2.71	+4.6	+0.40	+0.40	0.03

KS2 Data 2023-24 – Progress due to be pu	ublished 2025					
Progress score in writing	+3.47	+2.42	+2.89	+0.36	+0.36	0.03
Progress score in maths	+1.94	+1.93	+1.93	+0.51	+0.51	0.03
KS2 DATA 2018-19						
Ks2 Attainment RWM combined	92%	77%	81%	51%	71%	65%
Progress score in reading	4.94	2.71	3.29	-0.62	0.32	0.03
Progress score in writing	3.99	2.91	3.19	-0.50	0.27	0.03
	5.55	2.51	0.20		-	

## 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