



Houghton Primary School

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## Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

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# Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 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	Houghton Primary School
Number of pupils in school	178
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	3.7%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023 – 2024
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Andrew Spencer, Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Andrew Spencer, Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Sally Michaels, Chair of Governors

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£27,050
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£27,050

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

At Houghton Primary School all members of staff and governors accept responsibility for all pupils, recognising that a number of pupils within the school population, some of whom are not eligible for pupil premium funding, may at any point during their school career require additional support and intervention. We are committed to meeting our pupils' pastoral, social and academic needs in a nurturing environment. As with every child in our care, a child who is in receipt of the pupil premium is valued, respected and entitled to develop to their full potential.

We consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker, those who are young carers and those who have parents employed by the armed forces. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

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

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in the targeted support through individual and small group tutoring for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

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

To ensure they are effective we will:

- Ensure disadvantaged children are challenged in the work that they are set
- Act early to intervene at the point that need is identified
- Adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve.
- Annual review of this strategy plan.

Autumn 2023

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<b>Oracy:</b> Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils suggest that disadvantaged pupils have under-developed oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged children. These are evident from Reception through to KS2.
2	<b>Reading:</b> Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils suggest that disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics and early reading than their peers. This negatively impacts on their development as readers.
3	<b>Writing:</b> Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and well-being of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by the previous partial school closures to a greater extent than other pupils. This has had an impact on pupil's outcomes across the curriculum, but most significantly in their work ethic, resilience and persistence, particularly in terms of writing (both developmental and stamina in recording their learning). It is a whole school approach and priority that there is a continued focus on closing the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
4	<b>Mathematics:</b> Standardised assessments (NFER) indicate that maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils. Analysis of internal, standardised assessment outcomes shows gaps in core knowledge across the maths curriculum which impacts on children's ability and confidence to solve problems
5	<b>Mental health and well-being:</b> A significant number of our disadvantaged pupils need support in terms of their mental health and well-being. A higher proportion of them suffer anxiety and other conditions which impact on their ability to fully engage in learning and, for some, to engage in positive relationships with their peers.

## Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **during this year's strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, knowledge and use of vocabulary in reading/writing and ongoing formative assessment.
Improve reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils	Internal assessment data across all year groups in 2023/24 to show a significant rise in the number of disadvantaged pupils who meet the expected standard.
Improved writing stamina, skills and knowledge among disadvantaged pupils	Assessments indicate significantly improved writing skills and stamina among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence showing application of writing skills across the curriculum.
Improve maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of KS1 and KS2	Internal assessment data across all year groups in 2023/24 to show a significant rise in the number of disadvantaged pupils who meet the expected standard.
Improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2023/24 demonstrated by qualitative data from pupil voice, pupil and parent surveys and teacher observations.

## 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: £12,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><b>Develop a learning culture which promotes and secures learning through talk (physical, linguistic, cognitive, social and emotional)</b></p> <p><b>A framework for Oracy:</b> Embed the oracy framework to understand the physical, linguistic, cognitive and social &amp; emotional skills that enable successful discussion, inspiring speech and effective communication. Ensure CPD around this for all staff to develop a school approach.</p> <p><b>Assess Oracy:</b> Use the framework to assess ability and progress in oracy across the curriculum</p> <p><b>Plan for Oracy:</b> Develop and use a planning model to embed oracy across the curriculum</p> <p><b>An Oracy Curriculum:</b> Develop a curriculum which places oracy at the heart of what we do</p> <p>Monitor implementation and impact.</p> <p>Provide ongoing/additional CPD as required.</p>	<p>In school, oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching students to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. It is also a route to social mobility, empowering all students, not just some, to find their voice to succeed in school and life.</p> <p>Voice 21  <a href="https://voice21.org/understanding-oracy/">https://voice21.org/understanding-oracy/</a></p> <p>Purposeful speaking and listening activities support the development of pupils' language capability and provide a foundation for thinking and communication.  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1</a>  <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</a></p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>Improve quality and consistency of phonics teaching</b></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>2</p>

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Monitor consistency and delivery of new Early Years and Phonics policy.</p> <p>Additional training for all teaching and support staff on delivery of the revised phonics delivery policy.</p> <p>Embed use of phonics tracking document (Insight) to monitor progress, highlight gaps and identify those who need additional support.</p> <p>Use parental sessions followed up by the sharing of phonics videos for parents to access at home for additional practice where pupils require it.</p> <p>Monitor implementation and impact.</p> <p>Provide ongoing/additional CPD as required.</p> <p>Invest in additional reading resources to coincide with our phonics programme with the support/funding of school PTA.</p>	<p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1</a></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters_and_Sounds_-_DFES-00281-2007.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters and Sounds - DFES-00281-2007.pdf</a></p>	
<p><b>Review and develop a clear and progression approach to the teaching of reading:</b></p> <p>Provide additional training for whole-class guided reading and embed strategy across the school.</p> <p>CPD for all teaching and support staff.</p> <p>Monitor and evaluate impact of revised approach.</p>	<p>Alongside the teaching of phonics we aim to develop and embed our approach to the teaching of reading, focusing on fluency and comprehension.</p> <p>Use a balanced approach to developing reading in KS1 which integrates both decoding and comprehension skills.</p> <p>Support pupils in KS1 and KS2 to develop fluent reading capabilities. Fluent readers can read quickly, accurately and with appropriate intonation and expression.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-</a></p>	2

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	<a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1">evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1</a> <a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</a>	
<p><b>Review the teaching of writing across the school to ensure a consistent approach which is linked to rich texts and purposeful contexts.</b></p> <p>Embed structure of writing topics linked to curriculum and provide wider opportunities for writing.</p> <p>Use of Assessment for Learning and diagnostic teaching to ensure all pupils make a good level of development.</p> <p>Provide ongoing/additional CPD to all staff as required.</p>	<p>Using a model of teaching writing composition which is strategic and uses modelling and supported practice will develop writing skills together with a 'toolbox' for children to draw upon when applying writing skills and develop writing stamina.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1</a></p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/OUPW01/OUPW01.pdf">https://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/OUPW01/OUPW01.pdf</a></p>	3
<p><b>Improve attainment in Maths</b></p> <p>To embed the teaching and provision of White Rose Maths programme with training in place for all staff.</p> <p>Apply to engage in NCTEM's 'Mastering Number' programme for YR and KS1 teachers.</p> <p>Provide ongoing/additional CPD as required.</p>	<p>A mastery approach to teaching mathematics has a significant impact on the quality of learning. Developing number fluency skills early supports this approach.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ncetm.org.uk/teaching-for-mastery/mastery-explained/">https://www.ncetm.org.uk/teaching-for-mastery/mastery-explained/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ncetm.org.uk/maths-hubs-projects/mastering-number/">https://www.ncetm.org.uk/maths-hubs-projects/mastering-number/</a></p>	4
<p><b>Embed the diagnostic use of standardised assessments to support planning and provision (teaching and intervention)</b></p> <p>Purchase of NFER standardised diagnostic assessments for reading and mathematics.</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>	2, 4



Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Training for staff to ensure assessments are interpreted and administered correctly.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.theheadteacher.com/alignment-and-assessment/tests/what-schools-need-to-know-about-standardised-tests-and-assessment">https://www.theheadteacher.com/alignment-and-assessment/tests/what-schools-need-to-know-about-standardised-tests-and-assessment</a></p>	
<p><b>Improve the quality of social and emotional (SEL) learning</b></p> <p>Embed staff training re: SEL</p> <p>Introduce the explicit teaching of SEL skills</p> <p>Integrate and model SEL skills through everyday teaching</p> <p>Reinforce SEL skills through whole school approach</p> <p>Plan, support and monitor SEL implementation</p> <p>SEL approaches to be embedded into routine practices and supported by professional development and training for all teachers and support staff.</p> <p>Peer observations and mentoring to support development and embedded practice of SEL throughout the school.</p> <p>Use of metacognition teaching and learning to deepen children's understanding.</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, behaviour and relationships with peers).</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/primary-sel">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/primary-sel</a></p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/peer-tutoring">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/peer-tutoring</a></p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/metacognition-and-self-regulation">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/metacognition-and-self-regulation</a></p>	<p>5</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £7,550

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group, individualised support for pupils for reading, writing and/or maths in accordance with need in KS2 (Firstclass@writing)	<p>Targeted and individualised very small group tuition is effective at improving pupil outcomes.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition</a></p>	2, 3, 4
Daily phonics catch up sessions/ interventions led by class teacher and targeted support by trained teaching assistant	<p>Where phonics is delivered as an intervention targeted at specific pupils, regular sessions (up to four times a week), of 30 minutes or so over a period of up to 12 weeks appear to be the most successful structure when working with children who need additional support.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics</a></p>	2
Continued promotion for a love of reading with all pupils, but particularly disadvantaged pupils.	<p>There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational growth as well as personal development. Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.</p> <p><a href="#">DfE-Research evidence on reading for pleasure</a></p>	2
Continued immediate and timely interventions carried out every day in response to ongoing formative assessment.	<p>Using ongoing, formative assessment in all lessons, minute by minute supports timely action to address misconceptions and gaps in learning/knowledge. Ensuring that teachers lead this practice and work with support staff to enable prompt action can be effective in supporting learning and progress. Evidence of interventions to be reviewed termly.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-assessing-learning-in-the-new-academic-year-part-1">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-assessing-learning-in-the-new-academic-year-part-1</a></p>	2, 3, 4

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

Budgeted cost: £7,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Extra-curricular activities provided and accessible free of charge to disadvantaged pupils	<p>Extra-curricular activities provide children with opportunities to develop their interests and skills in a wider sense. By cultivating their confidence and happiness through attendance of clubs, these children have an increased likelihood of embracing a wider variety of learning experiences which will have a positive influence on their academic learning.</p> <p><a href="#">DfE – Research to understand successful approaches to supporting the most academically able disadvantaged pupils (2018)</a></p>	5
Provision of targeted social/emotional support at daily lunch club which focuses on social interaction and support	<p>Evidence shows that interventions which focus on improving social interaction tend to be more successful (+6 months) than those focusing on personal and academic outcomes (+4 months) or those aimed at preventing problematic behaviour (+5 months)</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</a></p>	5
Engagement in wider sports and competition	<p>Physical activity has important benefits in terms of health, wellbeing and physical development. There is much evidence that this impacts positively on children's learning and engagement inside the classroom.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/physical-activity">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/physical-activity</a></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Outdoor learning for all pupils	<p>There is a wider evidence base that indicates that outdoor learning may have positive impacts on outcomes such as self-efficacy, motivation and teamwork. Outdoor adventure learning may play an important part of the wider school experience, regardless of any impact on academic outcomes.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/outdoor-adventure-learning">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/outdoor-adventure-learning</a></p>	5
Subsidised school trips and visitors	<p>Some school trips, visitors and our residential visit (Y5/6) is subsidised for disadvantaged pupils. School trips can make a major contribution to the acquisition of knowledge and development of skills. Studies of the natural and manmade world, the present and past, science, arts, language and music can all be enhanced through carefully planned trips and visitors.</p>	1, 5

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
	<a href="#">DfE – Research to understand successful approaches to supporting the most academically able disadvantaged pupils (2018)</a>	
Music lessons	<p>Some children receive subsidised music lessons through the peripatetic provision at school. We believe that these activities can enrich the lives of those children and develop their self-esteem.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation</a></p>	5
Improved parent communication	<p>We understand the importance of our parents feeling empowered and engaged in their child's education. We aim to build strong relationships with all our parents, but particularly those of our PP children and aim to develop this further by offering additional meetings with teachers during the year.</p> <p><a href="https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement">https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement</a></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Mental Health Lead training and Therapeutic Thinking Lead	<p>MH Lead training will be completed by HT (funded by DfE) and training will be cascaded to all staff to develop knowledge-base of staff in order to effectively support mental health of pupils at Houghton Primary.</p> <p>Therapeutic Thinking training will inform the restructured behaviour policy and guide interactions with all pupils attending Houghton Primary.</p>	1 - 5

**Total budgeted cost: £27,050**

## 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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

#### **Intended outcome - improve oral language skills and vocabulary**

##### We addressed this by:

Whole-school training on oracy delivered and teachers reviewed current practice alongside guidance from Voice 21.

Teaching staff created wider opportunities for pupils to develop oracy skills in day-to-day teaching.

##### The impact was:

Key vocabulary visible for each topic in every classroom. Pupils used a greater range of vocabulary particularly subject specific terms.

Pupils demonstrating greater confidence when engaged in discussion and listening actively to peers.

#### **Intended outcome - improve reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils**

##### We addressed this by:

Rewriting Early Reading and Phonics policy to develop greater consistency across school. Training in place for all staff in the teaching of phonics.

Introduced whole-class reading across the school to ensure that all pupils are given access to high-quality texts and the teaching of reading.

Small group and 1:1 intervention groups with support staff, directed by class teachers

##### The impact was:

Teacher assessments evidence that pupils involved in these programmes made good progress. 100% of pupils achieved ARE in KS2 SATs

**Intended outcome - improve writing stamina, skills and knowledge among disadvantaged pupils**

We addressed this by:

Restructured whole-school assessment for writing, removing half-termly Big Write and allowing more frequent opportunities for the children to write at length.

English curriculum aligned with topic work so that writing had a clear purpose and sequential structure.

Streamlined marking and feedback policy provides clearer next steps for pupils and self-assessment involves children in on-going assessment.

Tailored 1:1 or small group tuition.

The impact was:

The target group of children were more engaged in their writing tasks and pupils across the school are now writing with more motivation and clearer focus since the activities have purpose. The embedded impact of this will require longer than this cycle to show measurable evidence.

Teacher assessments evidence that pupils involved in these programmes made good progress. 100% of pupils achieved ARE in KS2 SATs.

**Intended outcome - improve maths attainment for disadvantaged pupils at the end of ks1 and ks2.**

We addressed this by:

Initiated training for White Rose maths to develop quality of teaching and number fluency.

AFL and diagnostic teaching allowed teachers to identify gaps in learning to bolster progress

Streamlined marking and feedback policy provides clearer next steps for pupils and self-assessment involves children in on-going assessment.

Specific 1:1 or small group tuition

The impact was:

Pupils showing greater fluency in number but the embedded impact of this will take longer than one cycle to show measurable evidence.

Teacher assessments evidence that pupils involved in these programmes made good progress. 100% of pupils achieved ARE in KS2 SATs.

**Intended outcome - improve wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.**

We addressed this by:

- Provision of a '20:20' lunch club (20 minutes eating together, 20 minutes supervised social time, 20 minutes outdoor play) for children alongside other extra-curricular clubs. This facility, led by the SENDco and other teaching staff, supported a number of children who suffer social anxiety, as well as providing a quiet and focused space to talk and play with others.
- Engagement in wider sporting competition.
- Sensory circuit sessions each morning led by trained teaching assistants as a 'soft landing' into school for children anxious about coming in.

The impact was:

- Increased number of families engaging in signposted services to support mental health and wellbeing.
- Positive feedback from the MHST team about school's engagement in the services offered and provided, leading to improved engagement by families and early help.
- More settled lunchtimes, supporting better engagement in afternoons thanks to calmer play and emotional support provided during 20:20.
- Attendance was in line with national in 2022-2023 (93%). Attendance for PP children was 90%.

## Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Mathletics	Mathletics
Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed
Accelerated Reader	RenLearning
Purple Mash	2 Simple
Tapestry	Tapestry Journal
White Rose Maths	White Rose Maths
Toe by Toe	Toe by Toe
Plus 1	123 Learning

Power of 2	123 Learning
Times Tables	123 Learning
SNIP	SNIP Literacy
Nessy	Nessy Learning
Time to Talk	LDA