

Pupil premium strategy statement Lionel Walden Primary School – 2025-2027

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery 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.

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	208
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	15.7%
2 year strategy	2025-2027
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2027
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£45,700 Free School Meal 26 x £1,515 = £39,390 Service Children 3 x £350 = £1,050 Looked After Children 2 x £2,630 = £5,260
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (<i>enter £0 if not applicable</i>)	£ 0
Total budget for this academic year <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£45,700

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Lionel Walden Primary School will work hard to ensure that all pupils are given the opportunities to achieve their full potential and to overcome any barriers that they may have to their learning. We will consider our schools context and challenges whilst seeking to use proven strategies and interventions to remove barriers to learning. Some common barriers to learning that our children may face include weaker language and communication skills, attendance and punctuality issues as well as less support provided from home. Some children may also show differing behavioural needs, sometimes as a result of low confidence or more complex family situations.

Quality first teaching is at the core of our approach, ensuring that lessons are well thought out to engage all children, are sequenced to build on prior knowledge and understanding, and involve children in their learning at every opportunity. High quality teaching has been proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and benefits all pupils. All children will experience challenge in their learning, and be supported with strategies to overcome barriers themselves, leading to more confident and empowered children.

The school's motto of Putting Children First – Progress with Partnership is never more important. We will engage parents at every opportunity, whether that be at workshops exploring learning, parent consultation events or more social events the school puts on. This way, the partnership between school and home is strengthened and each stakeholder makes a positive contribution to children's progress.

We know that children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium are not in a homogenous group. The challenges that each child faces are different. Staff must know the strengths and weaknesses of all their children, but especially for disadvantaged children as raising expectations and outcomes to be at least in line with their peers must be a priority. This allows them to access future education with the same opportunities and experiences at their peers.

Our strategy incorporates the tiered model as outlined by the EEF as best practice:

Tier 1: High Quality Teaching: Focus on further improving quality first teaching, building teacher knowledge and pedagogical expertise, curriculum development and the purposeful use of assessment. Technology is used to improve learning, both in the classroom and for assessment purposes.

Tier 2: Targeted Academic Support: Children in need of additional support, identified through assessment will receive support facilitated by teaching assistants or qualified teachers. The SENCO will work with a range of outside professionals to support the needs of our children when necessary.

Tier 3: Wider Strategies: Many of our pupil premium pupils fit into another vulnerable group such as having special education needs or having a social worker so have additional barriers to their learning. Including speech and language, social communication, poor working memory, SEMH and motor skills. It is also important that we continue to communicate effectively with parents as we know from evidence that levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with improved academic outcomes.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our data indicates that 12 out of 33 Pupil Premium children had an attendance of less than 95% in the academic year 2024. In some cases, these absences impact negatively on progress, outcomes and inevitably wellbeing.
2	Our data from Accelerated Reader shows that, on average, children in the disadvantaged group are reading at a lower book level for their age compared to their peers in the non-disadvantage group. This will inevitably impact on reading skills such as comprehension, inference and deduction, as well as under exposure to a variety of age-appropriate texts
3	Data indicates that 13 out of 33 Pupil Premium children across the school are not currently expected to achieve the expected level for their age. This is particularly a concern with writing skills and a possible link to attendance in some cases. To have success at the end of Year 6, extra support for reading, writing and maths is planned for across the school.
4	Children's Readiness for Learning- Increase in social, emotional and mental health needs. Pupils have difficulties with wellbeing and resilience and some find it difficult to regulate their emotions which can impact on their learning and behaviour.
5	Multiple barriers - Many of our pupil premium pupils fit into another vulnerable group such as having special education needs or having a social worker so have additional barriers to their learning. Including speech and language, social communication, poor working memory, SEMH and motor skills.

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 and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance from 2026/27 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall attendance rate for all pupils (including those in receipt of PP) being at least in line with or above national. The proportion of all pupils who are persistently absent is below those nationally.
Improved attainment and progress in reading and writing for disadvantaged children	Reading and writing outcomes for 2026/27 show that disadvantaged pupils are achieving in line or above the expected for their age. This will be measured by a variety of assessment methods: standardised testing (Testbase, Accelerated Reader; FFT Reading Assessment, SATs); teacher assessment and moderation; pupil voice; work scrutiny; subject monitoring
High quality first teaching using evidenced based strategies to promote engagement and involvement in	Monitoring and evaluation indicate that lessons are well planned and delivered, with thought about how to ensure engagement in learning by all children.

learning assist in increasing outcomes for all children, but in particular those in receipt of Pupil Premium.	Strategies such cognitive overload, differentiated scaffolding and support are used effectively in class to support learners. High expectations for all are clearly observed in planning and delivery of lessons and in general classroom practice.
Improved readiness to learn, self-regulation and resilience leading to improved academic, social and emotional progress.	Children use taught strategies from behaviour curriculum to improve their self-regulation and emotional well-being. Cambridge Therapeutic Approach is used well to support the Behaviour Curriculum. ELSA sessions target specific needs and children make good progress within and out of the sessions. 1:1 group and TA support is effective.
Accurate assessment ensures that interventions are targeted to close gaps.	Children in intervention groups make good progress, closing gaps in knowledge and understanding. Testbase assessments are used to help target support were needed. Insight programme facilitates analysis of data.
Increased parental engagement support pupils and families, identified by the school as vulnerable	Parents take an active role in their children's learning. Attendance at event, workshops and parent consultations are high, especially for children in receipt of PP. Parents indicate that there are strong links between home and school. Signposting to areas of support within the community are communicated well e.g. by email or Facebook postings.

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: £ 20,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Writing will be a key priority on the School Development Plan 2025-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All teaching staff to continue to develop 'The Write Stuff' teaching approaches. Consistent approach to teaching of writing across the school following the structures in the scheme. Use of models, images and scaffolds to support writing composition by all but especially struggling writers and SEND children. 	<p>See EEF Toolkit: High Quality Teaching</p> <p>Quality first teaching has the greatest impact on pupil outcomes and that teacher expectation of student learning may be more important in influencing student progress than pupils' abilities – The Education Hub</p>	2,3,4,5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPD for TAs – supporting the writing process using The Write Stuff framework. • Twilight sessions moderating writing with cluster schools. • Improving the teaching of writing – CPD from Primary Literacy Advisor. 	See EEF Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2 – Recommendation 4: Teach writing composition strategies through modelling and supported practice	
<p>Reading continues to be a focus throughout the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Reader to be continue to be used to motivate and monitor reading using data to inform next step. • Approaches to improving reading fluency developed to improve reading speeds, vocabulary and comprehension of texts. • Investment in FFT Routes to Reading Y2, FFT Shared Readers R&Y1. • Developing TA understanding of the teaching and delivery of Phonics in the Early Years and KS1. 	<p>See EEF Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2 - Recommendations:</p> <p>2. Support pupils to develop fluent reading capabilities.</p> <p>3. Teach reading comprehension strategies through modelling and supported practice.</p> <p>An EEF report also found that 'Accelerated Reader appears to be effective for weaker readers' with further research being looked into.</p>	2,3,4,5
<p>Curriculum development continues to be a focus throughout the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and implementation of a Behaviour Curriculum from Pre-School through to Year 6. • Further focus on subject other than English and Maths to ensure that children have access to a broad and rich curriculum 	The result of a good, well-taught curriculum is that pupils know more and can do more. The positive results of pupils' learning can then be seen in the standards they achieve – Ofsted - Inspecting the curriculum: Revising inspection methodology to support the education inspection framework	1,2,5
Purchase high quality resources to support targeted teaching, learning, assessment and feedback	<p>Tier 1 of EEF Tiered Approach- 'ensures that every teacher is supported in delivering high quality teaching to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils and particularly the disadvantaged pupils amongst them.'</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/feedback</p>	2,3,4,5
Using technology effectively to support teaching, learning and assessment of learning. Technology can also streamline systems leading to improved output and better wellbeing for staff.	Tier 1 of EEF Tiered Approach- To improve learning, schools should consider the specific barriers technology is addressing, particularly for disadvantaged pupils, and use technology in a way that is informed by effective pedagogy.	All

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

Budgeted cost: £ 18,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Use of targeted groups to focus on improving reading skills – improvements in fluency of reading using strategies such as 'Readers Theatre' to support development.	Reader's Theatre is a widely used teaching strategy that exemplifies how guided oral reading instruction and repeated reading of texts can be used to support pupils to develop reading fluency - See EEF Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2	1,2,3
Additional reading sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require support to develop fluency and comprehension. FFT Lightning Squad interventions – targeted and frequent support to improve reading. Dedicated TA time to plan, deliver and assess. One-to-one support.	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one and in small groups. Evidence from EEF - Small group tuition EEF educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk One to one tuition EEF educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk	1,2,3
Purchase of annual subscription to Testbase to support assessment and gap analysis, and to provide intervention strategies and support.	2. Targeted academic support EEF educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk These interventions should be targeted at specific pupils using information gathered from assessments and their effectiveness and intensity should be continually monitored. Some pupils may have made quick gains once they returned to school full time, so assessment needs to ongoing, but manageable.	
Termly pupil progress meetings between SLT and Teachers with a clear focus on disadvantage, interventions and impact.	Our own evaluations show the value of pupil progress meetings in ensuring that all those working with identified children know the focus for those children and the strategies are agreed and reviewed regularly.	1,4,5
Purchase of subscription to FFT Success for All Phonics to support teaching of synthetic phonics Subscription allows access to other Reading Interventions	Evidence shows that the use of a well devised and implemented synthetic phonics system improves reading.	2,3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6,700

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To enhance the experiences of disadvantaged children by providing opportunities to build cultural capital such as access to trips, residential, in house speakers, after school clubs etc.	Meaningful experiences and contexts enhance the broad and balanced curriculum. These opportunities may also contribute towards 'non-academic outcomes, such as improving pupils' mental health' DFE, www.gov.uk , 2019)	1,4,5
Support at breaktimes and lunchtimes for pupils requiring social and emotional support. Extra TA time allocated.	EEF reports on a link between physical activity and academic performance. Evidence also suggests that involvement in extra-curricular activities may increase pupil attendance and retention.	1,4,5
Midday Supervisors training - social skill development through games. Use of Play Leaders to support structured games	EEF reports on a link between physical activity and academic performance. Evidence also suggests that involvement in extra-curricular activities may increase pupil attendance and retention.	4,5
Parental workshops focused on Reading, Writing and Maths. Assemblies and class activities designed to encourage parent/child participation.	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. (EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit – Parental Engagement) https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement	All
ELSA trained teacher/TA to run sessions with children with SEMH needs	Social and emotional learning approaches have a positive impact, on average, of 4 months' additional progress in academic outcomes over the course of an academic year. (EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit – Social and Emotional Learning) https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning	4,5,6

Total budgeted cost: £ £45,700

Part B: Review of the previous academic year 2024-25

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

To close the gap between whole school attendance and pupils in receipt of pupil premium and to reduce the proportion classed as persistent absentees.

To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils and good standards of behaviour for learning for all pupils.

Attendance has remained a priority of the school and is monitored closely by the office and headteacher.

Attendance Comparison Data from FFT for PP(FSM) children

Academic Year	School			National			East		
	All	PP	nonPP	All	PP	nonPP	All	PP	nonPP
2022-23	94.3%	91.4%	94.6%	93.8%	91.3%	94.7%	93.8%	91%	94.7%
2023-24	95.3%	89.1%	96.4%	94.3%	91.8%	95.2%	94.3%	91.3%	95.3%
2024-25	95.4%	91.1%	96.1%	94.5%	92.1%	96.1%	94.6%	91.5%	95.6%

Persistent Absences (<90% attendance)(data from SIMS):

2022-23
9 out of 36 PP children under 90% attendance (25%)

2023-24
5 out of 31 PP children under 90% attendance (16%)

2024-25
6 out of 34 PP children under 90% attendance (18%)

Morning interventions such as Sensory circuits encourage children to engage quickly in school and learning. A number of Pupil Premium children whose attendance is a concern are chosen to take part in this activity. Clear data from assessments and teacher assessments are shared at parent's evenings with a focus on the link between attendance and progress when necessary. Event continue to encourage our parents in to school and efforts made to reach out to our harder to reach parents.

High quality first teaching using evidenced based strategies to promote engagement and involvement in learning assist in increasing outcomes for all children, but in particular those in receipt of Pupil Premium.

Evidence for 2024-25

Learning Walks: Observations show that Pupil Premium children are highly engaged in lessons, benefiting from adaptive teaching approaches that are responsive to their individual needs. These strategies ensure equitable access to learning and foster active participation.

Governor Monitoring Visits: Regular governor visits confirm that all pupils, including those in receipt of Pupil Premium, are provided with appropriate levels of challenge and support. This reinforces the school's commitment to inclusive, high-quality teaching for all.

Professional Development: Staff have implemented the "I do, we do, you do" framework, aligned with Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction. This structured approach supports scaffolded learning and concept mastery, enabling pupils to develop confidence and independence.

External Validation: OFSTED highlighted the school's effective teaching strategies, noting strong engagement from all pupil groups, including disadvantaged and SEND learners. This reflects the positive impact of inclusive and evidence-based practices across the school.

The curriculum as a model for progression is clear with opportunities to build new learning on prior knowledge and understanding.

Evidence for 2024-25

Subject Leadership: Release time provided to subject leaders has enabled them to focus on refining progression models and defining clear subject outcomes. The employment of a permanent cover teacher has significantly supported this work, allowing leaders dedicated time for development.

Curriculum Intent: Subject intents have been carefully crafted to reflect the unique nature of individual disciplines. The school website has been updated with a comprehensive and accessible curriculum section to better inform parents.

Resource Investment: Platforms such as Oddizzi and Complete PE have been purchased to enhance teacher subject knowledge, offering high-quality resources and guidance.

Professional Development: Subject leaders have participated in a range of CPD opportunities, equipping them with insights and strategies to support curriculum development. Key learnings are shared during Curriculum Meetings, fostering collaboration and consistency.

Strategic Planning: Detailed progress and updates on curriculum development are documented in the School Development Plan, which serves as a central reference for ongoing improvements and evaluations.

Following effective quality first teaching specifically focused on writing, the quality and skill of writing improves in line with their peers.

Updated Evidence for 2024-25

Strategic Priority: Writing has been a central focus of the School Development Plan, with dedicated efforts to improve teaching practices and pupil outcomes.

Development of The Write Stuff Model: The school has implemented The Write Stuff approach, providing a structured framework for writing instruction. This has resulted in greater consistency in teaching methods and progression across year groups.

Staff Engagement in CPD: Comprehensive professional development has supported staff in embedding effective writing practices, ensuring a unified and impactful approach across the school.

Positive Monitoring Outcomes: Learning walks and monitoring activities reveal high levels of pupil engagement in writing, with children producing substantial and high-quality written work.

Support for Reluctant Writers: By integrating ideas and experiences into the writing process, the approach has empowered reluctant writers, significantly improving their engagement and output.

Celebration of Success: The 'Wall of Brilliance' showcases exemplary pupil writing, fostering pride and motivation among students and creating a school-wide culture of writing excellence.

Sustained Focus: Writing continues to be a priority, with ongoing reviews and improvements

2022/23 Results

- KS1 outcomes: 4 out of 6 PP children achieved expected standard in writing.
- KS2 outcomes: 2 out of 3 PP children achieved expected standard in writing
- Year 3-5: 12 out of 20 (60%) PP children achieved expected standard in writing
- Year 3-5: 54 out of 65 (83%) non-PP children achieved expected standard in writing

2023/24 Results

- KS2 outcomes: 3 out of 7 PP children achieved expected standard in writing
- Year 3-5: 10 out of 17 (59%) PP children achieved expected standard in writing

2024/25 Results

- KS2 outcomes: 1 out of 7 PP children achieved expected standard in writing
- Year 3-5: 4 out of 17 (24%) PP children achieved expected standard in writing

Pupils reading habits and levels compare favourably between groups allowing all to access age-appropriate challenging texts to stretch and develop themselves as readers.

Updated Evidence for 2024-25

Tailored Reading Support: All Pupil Premium pupils not participating in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program take home reading books that are carefully matched to their phonics levels. These children are consistently reading three to four times a week, as documented in their home-school reading logs.

Broadened Reading Opportunities: The introduction of Storytime reading books allows children to enjoy high-quality texts beyond the classroom, further fostering a love for reading.

Confident Readers: Pupil Voice discussions with teachers, governors, and visitors highlight that pupils can articulate their reading experiences confidently, showcasing their engagement and comprehension.

Recognised Reading Culture: OFSTED praised the school's strong reading culture, noting effective systems for monitoring progress and motivating readers across all levels.

Targeted Interventions: The use of The Lightning Squad intervention has had measurable success, particularly in improving reading fluency and accuracy for children requiring additional support.

Ongoing Commitment: Reading remains a priority, with continued monitoring and development of strategies to ensure all pupils achieve their full potential as confident, capable readers.

An improvement in pupils' rapid recall of number facts together with a more confident approach to solving maths problems is seen.

2022-23 Average score on Y4 multiplication check for PP children (7) – 14

2022-23 Average score on Y4 multiplication check for non-PP children (24) – 18

2023-24 Average score on Y4 multiplication check for PP children (5) – 13

2023-24 Average score on Y4 multiplication check for non-PP children (24) – 20

2024-25 Average score on Y4 multiplication check for PP children (5) – 21 (2 Abs)

2024-25 Average score on Y4 multiplication check for non-PP children (22) – 22

Further work on the teaching and practice of multiplication tables continues, with a new approach to assessment and subsequent targeting will be employed through the use of Times Tables Rock Stars. More focus on PP children accessing the practice resources is needed.

Accurate assessment ensures that interventions are targeted to close gaps.

Use of Lightening Squad, a structured reading intervention has enabled good progress by PP children enrolled in it. The program is still in its infancy but will continue throughout 2023/24 to evaluate effectiveness.

Results suggest that pupils engage extremely well with the intervention, enjoy the structure and challenge it produces and can visibly see the progress they are making. Regular sessions, together with enthusiastic well-trained staff, ensure that this is delivered effectively.

9 PP children took part in the intervention in 2022/23. This was only run for a term and a half.

2023-24 data (PP children)

Increased parental engagement support pupils and families, identified by the school as vulnerable.

Class Assemblies with Parent Participation:

- Regular class assemblies will continue, providing parents the opportunity to celebrate their children's achievements.
- Following assemblies, parents will be invited to join their children in the classroom to engage in learning activities, fostering collaboration and insight into their child's education.
- These events have previously been well-attended, including strong participation from Pupil Premium families.

Phonics and Reading Workshops:

- Workshops designed to support parents in helping their children with phonics and reading at home will be conducted.
- Sessions will include practical strategies, demonstrations, and resources to empower parents to enhance their children's literacy skills.

Curriculum Information Sessions:

- Dedicated sessions to familiarize parents with the curriculum, including tips for supporting learning at home in core subjects such as math, reading, and writing.

Parent-Child Learning Events:

- Open classroom events after assemblies where parents can work on themed projects with their children, providing insight into day-to-day classroom activities.

Celebration Events and Showcases:

- Displays of student work and performances where parents are invited to celebrate their child's progress and achievements.

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
Phonics	FFT Success for All
Assessment Testing and Diagnostic	Testbase; FFT Reading Assessments; STAR Reader Assessments; Lightning Squad
Lightning Squad Reading Intervention	FFT
Intervention Diagnostic	IDL
Insight Assessment	Insight
White Rose Maths	White Rose
Complete PE	Complete PE
Language Angels	Nubridge Publishing Ltd
Oddizie – Geography	
Time Tables Rock Stars and Numbots	Maths Circle