

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement Temple Normanton Primary Academy

2024 - 2027

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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.

Academy Overview

Detail	Data
Academy name	Temple Normanton Primary Academy
Number of pupils in school	98 + 9 FS1
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	37%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2025; 2025-2026; 2026-2027 Current Year 2025-2026
Date this statement was published	October 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2026
Statement authorised by	
Pupil premium lead	Leica Carter
Governor / Trustee lead	Stephen Wright

Funding Overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	56,055
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	56,055

Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan

Statement of Intent

Our intent is that all children, despite their social or economic background, or the challenges that they face, have access to an ambitious curriculum designed to equip them with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. We aim that they make the best possible progress and achieve well. We know some pupils' achievement is at risk as a result of circumstances including aspiration, parental engagement, the development of language skill and cultural knowledge, as well as health and welfare considerations such as emotional support and living conditions. We will consider the challenges faced by all vulnerable pupils, including those children with social workers, and those who are young carers. The activity outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not or whether they are high or low prior attainers.

There is a whole school priority and commitment to raising standards, closing gaps and addressing barriers to learning and it is key that all teaching and support staff understand the challenges of educational disadvantage and recognise their responsibility in addressing them. We are committed to 'closing the gap' between vulnerable pupils and the rest of the school population.

The focus of our Pupil Premium Strategy is that both barriers to learning and barriers to success are removed through carefully planned, precise interventions and support. As a result, our intent is that all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged, consistently achieve highly and have the knowledge and skills needed for future learning and employment.

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 pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement one another to enable pupils to excel.

To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they are set
- act early to intervene at the point 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

As a school, our intent is to consistently promote the extensive personal development of all pupils. Our disadvantaged pupils have access to a wide, rich set of experiences which support them to raise their aspirations and develop their interests and talents. Our high expectations of all children alongside rich ambitions for personal development ensures that barriers to success are removed for all children. Children are given the strategies to manage their behaviour, regulate their emotions and function as successful members of our school community.

Challenges

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Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observation and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from Nursery and Reception through to KS2 and, in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers. This impacts on attainment across the curriculum, particularly in children's reading comprehension and writing ability.
2	Data from statutory assessment and internal data indicates that overall attainment and progress is lower for disadvantaged pupils than their non-disadvantaged peers. This is evident in GLD, Phonics screening check and end of KS2 outcomes.
3	Assessments, observations and discussions with pupils indicate that disadvantaged pupils are less likely to engage with reading activities at home and are less likely to enjoy reading for pleasure or have support with reading outside of school. They are also less likely to have a varied range of suitable reading material within the home. This has a direct impact on early reading and potential outcomes at all key stages for many disadvantaged children.
4	Attendance data shows there continues to be a disparity between the attendance of disadvantaged pupils compared to their non-disadvantaged peers. The percentage of persistent absence continues to be greater for our disadvantaged pupils.
5	Some disadvantaged pupils do not participate fully in learning, making fewer contributions, lacking confidence and demonstrating limited resilience and independence in learning. Pupils often do not receive the support and encouragement at home.
6	Many disadvantaged pupils have low aspirations for personal development due to a lack of ambition, opportunities and experiences. Many pupils do not receive support or encouragement at home.

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
Improved communication and language skills, including listening and attention, communication and understanding among our disadvantaged pupils.	EYFS outcomes identify an increased number of disadvantaged children achieving the expected standard in Communication and Language. There is a significant improvement in language and communication in other year groups as evidenced by

	engagement in lessons, class work and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved outcomes at the end of FS2 for disadvantaged pupils.	Outcomes at the end of FS2 indicate an increase in the number of disadvantaged children achieving GLD. GLD for our disadvantaged children is in line with their non-disadvantaged peers and meet or exceed the national average for non-disadvantaged pupils.
Improved outcomes in phonics for disadvantaged pupils.	Phonics outcomes at the end of Y1 continue to exceed the national average. The attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers is diminished and outcomes are in line with the national average for non-disadvantaged pupils. 100% of pupils have passed the check by the end of KS1.
Improved attainment in reading at the end of KS2 for disadvantaged pupils.	End of KS2 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils is in line with their disadvantaged peers and meet or exceed the national average for non-disadvantaged.
Improved attainment in writing at the end of KS2 for disadvantaged pupils.	End of KS2 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils is in line with their disadvantaged peers and meet or exceed the national average for non-disadvantaged.
Improved attainment in maths at the end of KS2 for disadvantaged pupils.	End of KS2 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils is in line with their disadvantaged peers and meet or exceed the national average for non-disadvantaged.
Improved attainment in reading, writing and maths combined at the end of KS2 for disadvantaged pupils.	End of KS2 outcomes for disadvantaged pupils is in line with their disadvantaged peers and meet or exceed the national average for non-disadvantaged.
Improved reading opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to develop a greater enjoyment of reading for pleasure developing a lifelong love of books and reading.	Records of home reading in planners, observations and wider opportunities within school to read for pleasure indicate significantly improved attitudes and motivation to read among our disadvantaged pupils. Improved attitudes to reading are evident through pupil questionnaire responses.
Improved attendance for disadvantaged pupils and a reduction in persistent absence.	The attendance for disadvantaged pupils is in line with attendance for all other pupils, above the national average for disadvantaged pupils and closer to the overall attendance target of 96.6%. Persistent absence for disadvantaged pupils is in line with all other pupils, below the national average and closer to the school target of <9% by July 2027.
Positive attitudes to learning with improved levels of resilience and independence leads to 100% participation in learning across all lessons for our disadvantaged pupils.	Observations, pupil and staff surveys and samples of pupils' work evidences positive attitudes and learning behaviours with increased confidence, resilience and independence in learning.
Pupils will be able to demonstrate appropriate behaviours and use strategies to support this in a range of environments.	Restorative practice is well embedded throughout the school and all staff have high quality CPD to ensure consistency. Audit and development of sensory provision ensures that all children, particularly the most disadvantaged, have opportunity for sensory time.

	<p>All children have a clear understanding of behaviour expectations. Rewards demonstrate children's achievements and ability to demonstrate positive learning behaviours.</p> <p>Development of the behaviour curriculum ensures that all children are taught how to manage behaviour and demonstrate this positively in a range of environments including challenging situations.</p>
<p>For all children, particularly the most disadvantaged, have access to a wide range of rich experiences and a heightened ambition for personal development.</p>	<p>Aspirations week allows all children to experience a wide range of career opportunities they may wish to pursue in the future.</p> <p>Every child in school has the opportunity to access at least one educational experience away from school.</p> <p>Children in upper key stage two will have the opportunity for a residential experience.</p> <p>Data analysis of after school club and residential participation for different pupil groups.</p> <p>Pupil voice, pupil interviews, pupil surveys confirm high ambition for all children.</p>
<p>Offer a wide range of parent workshops to engage parents in their children's learning and the wider community.</p>	<p>Evidence of a range of parent events and opportunities to improve parental engagement and encourage and support parents in supporting and encouraging their children at home. Attendance at meetings evidences improved participation of parents of disadvantage children.</p>

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: £ 25,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Ensure all teachers and support staff understand the challenges of educational disadvantage and how to meet them in their role. Provide training so all staff understand the challenges and the school's strategy.</p>	<p>Evidence from the EEF <u>Implementation Guidance Report</u> suggests underlying values and beliefs need to be aligned in order to make sustained changes. Staff need to have shared understanding and values in order to make a difference for our pupils in the classroom.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4,5,6</p>
<p>Developing consistently high pedagogy through high quality CPD.</p>	<p>The EEF states that, 'Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes. Indeed, research tells us that high</p>	<p>1,2,3</p>

Use whole school coaching to develop teaching strategy.	quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap'	
Further develop the quality of speech, language and oracy interventions across the school	Evidence from EEF Toolkit confirms that on average, pupils who participate in oral language interventions make approximately five months additional progress over the course of a year. Some pupils require targeted support to catch up.	1
<p>Continue to ensure the teaching of phonics and reading is high quality.</p> <p>Continue to provide high quality refresher training and training for new members of staff.</p> <p>Embed the Super Sounds pre-phonics programme for nursery children.</p> <p>Provide CPD for teaching and support staff in delivering the pre-phonics programme.</p>	<p>EEF Improving Literacy in KS1 Recommendations 3 & 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust training programme/ monitoring /evaluation of phonics teaching. • Continue to deliver consistent approach to the teaching of phonics through the ACET Phonics Programme. • Staff training to secure consistency in approach to delivery highly structured interventions. 	2,3
Continue to ensure the teaching of reading in KS2 is high quality.	<p>EEF Improving Literacy in KS2 Recommendations 2 & 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training to secure consistency in approach to delivery highly structured interventions. • Robust training programme/ monitoring /evaluation of phonics teaching. • Continue to embed consistent approach to the teaching of reading through revised reading lessons following guidance from the New Reading Strategy. • Purchase class sets of high-quality reading books to allow all pupils to access their own copy of the reading text. • Improve the quality of the reading scheme through purchasing additional reading books for KS2. 	2,3
Embed a love of reading through the development of the continued reading culture in school	Evidence from OECD found that reading enjoyment is far more important for children's educational success than their family's socioeconomic status. (2002)	2,3

	<p>Recent studies suggested that reading to children, at any age will encourage a love of reading and will develop their vocabulary.</p> <p>By the time a child is 5 if they're never read to, they'll have heard 4,662 words.</p> <p>If they're read to 1-2 times per week, they'll have heard 63,570 words.</p> <p>If they're read to 3-5 times per week, they'll have heard 169,520 words.</p> <p>If they're read to daily, they'll have heard 296,660 words.</p>	
<p>Provide release time for English lead to monitor the teaching of reading and writing and provide CPD/support to ensure pupils access teaching which is at least good across the academy</p>	<p>Improving Literacy in Key Stage 2 Recommendation 2 & 3</p> <p>Improving Literacy in Key Stage 1 Recommendation 2 & 4</p> <p>Monitoring/Evaluation of teaching of reading/Writing in KS1/KS2.</p> <p>CPD/training including in class support to secure consistency in delivering KS1/KS2 reading intervention.</p>	1,2,3
<p>Make good use of assessment to identify and address issues early.</p>	<p>Regular high-quality tests can give insights into specific strengths and weaknesses of pupils to ensure they receive the correct additional support through focused classroom teaching and additional intervention.</p>	1,2,3
<p>Support colleagues to develop high impact teaching strategies which support all pupils, particularly those with SEND.</p>	<p>EEF Improving Literacy in KS1 Recommendations 7 & 8</p> <p>Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools</p> <p>Recommendations 1,2,3,4</p> <p>In class support to model to staff strategies to use to meet the needs of pupils with SEND – securing Quality First teaching.</p> <p>Structured approach in the delivery of interventions to meet the needs of pupils with SEND, including assessment and evaluation of impact.</p>	1,2,3
<p>Continue to work with the Maths hub. Provide White Rose Maths training, resources and materials. Implement and embed the Mastering number Programme in Reception and KS1 to secure understanding of early number and fluency in calculations.</p>	<p>Improving Maths in Key Stage 1 Recommendation 3</p> <p>Improving Maths in Key Stage 2 Recommendation 2</p> <p>The EEF toolkit suggests that mastery learning accelerates progress. Work is challenging and is particularly effective when pupils work in groups and take responsibility for supporting each other's progress.</p>	2
<p>Provide release time for Maths lead to monitor the teaching of mental maths and provide CPD/support to ensure pupils access teaching which is at least</p>	<p>Improving Maths in Key Stage 1 Recommendation 1-4</p> <p>Improving Maths in Key Stage 2 Recommendation 2 & 3</p>	2

good across the academy and secure strong mental maths skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring/Evaluation of teaching of maths in KS2. CPD/training including in class support to secure consistency in delivering KS2 maths intervention. 	
Develop positive learning behaviours and independence in learning. Provide CDP for all staff.	EEF Achieving effective learning behaviours EEF Making best use of teaching assistants CPD and support to develop positive learning attitudes and behaviours that lead to full engagement in learning.	5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 20,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Ensure targeted support for developing language and communication skills	EEF Preparing for Literacy Recommendation 1 Prioritise the development of communication and language	1
Provide additional targeted support to develop literacy skills.	EEF Improving Literacy in KS1 Recommendation 8 EEF Improving Literacy in KS2 Recommendation 6&7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use diagnostic assessments to inform targeted teaching and support Use high quality structured interventions to support pupils who are struggling with their literacy. 	2
Additional targeted support to develop maths skills with a focus on efficient methods.	EEF Improving Mathematics in KS2 Recommendation 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use diagnostic assessments to inform targeted teaching and support Use high quality structured interventions to support pupils who are struggling with their maths. 	2
Structured interventions to support catch-up and targeted support for individual pupils.	EEF Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants Recommendations 5 & 6 EEF Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools Recommendations 2, 4 & 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supporting training and delivery of intervention support. Clear entry and exit points assessed to evaluate effectiveness and impact. 	1,2,3
TAs help pupils to develop independent learning skills.	EEF Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants Recommendation 3	2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In class support and training for TAs to ensure they are supporting teachers to secure quality first teaching and provision in the classroom. 	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 11,055

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Attendance - Weekly EWO Support	EWO home visits support parents/carers to get their child to school. Derbyshire procedures fully embedded in order to be compliant with LA protocols.	4
Attendance Lead to track and monitor attendance weekly	EEF Supporting School Attendance Issues with attendance are identified early and support and intervention can be provided to families in need.	4
Promote and celebrate good attendance CPD for all staff Attendance rewards/ recognition	EEF Supporting School Attendance Attendance is everybody's responsibility. Whole school promotion and celebration leads to a school culture where attendance and punctuality are valued.	4
Ensure continued consistency in the implementation of the behaviour curriculum	EEF Improving behaviour in schools Development of the behaviour curriculum ensures that behaviour expectations are made explicit, and children are taught how to manage their behaviour and manage this positively in a range of situations.	5
Wider opportunities music tuition	All KS2 pupils have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument developing interests within and beyond the curriculum	6
Offer a range of opportunities for parents to engage in school	Working With Parents to Support Children's Learning EEF Recommendation 2 & 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops to encourage and support parents in supporting learning at home. Communication with parents improves engagement in home learning. 	3,6
Subsidies for extra - curricular activities and trips	The EEF guide to Pupil Premium Many disadvantaged pupils benefit experiencing the wider range of opportunities, which supplement the academy curriculum. Ensure visits, trips and visitors to the academy incurring voluntary contributions are subsidised to ensure no pupil missed out due to financial hardship	6

Subsidy for after school club provision	Pupils are able to access a range of clubs that develop interests beyond the curriculum at no cost removing potential barriers to engagement.	6
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Total budgeted cost: £56,055

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 2024 to 2025 academic year.

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.

EYFS

Reception Outcomes 2025

We are committed to ensuring all our Reception children achieve a Good Level of Development (GLD) and are working strategically to close the gap between our outcomes and national averages. In 2025, 45% of our Reception cohort achieved GLD. Whilst this represents an area for focused improvement, we are encouraged that our non-disadvantaged pupils are performing well at 67%, which is close to the national non-disadvantaged average of 72%.

We recognise that our disadvantaged pupils require enhanced support to reach their full potential. In 2025, 20% of our pupil premium children achieved GLD, compared to the national average of 52% for disadvantaged pupils. This represents our key priority area, and we are taking decisive action to address this gap.

Our Strategic Priorities

We have identified clear areas for development that will drive improvement in outcomes for all our Reception pupils, particularly those who are disadvantaged:

Quality First Teaching: Ensuring consistently excellent teaching across our EYFS provision, with a particular focus on meeting the needs of disadvantaged learners

Targeted Professional Development: Investing in early years pedagogy training for all EYFS staff to deepen their expertise in child development and effective teaching strategies

Communication and Language Focus: Embedding daily, high-quality interactions and language development opportunities throughout our provision, recognising this as the foundation for all future learning

Through these targeted actions, we are confident that we will see accelerated progress for our disadvantaged pupils and continued strong outcomes for all children in Reception.

Phonics

Data demonstrates that Y1 Phonics outcomes have exceeded the national average for the last 3 consecutive years. In 2025, this was 82% overall. 75% of disadvantaged pupils passed the check in 2024 compared to the national average for disadvantaged at 68%.

Data demonstrates that Y2 Phonics outcomes have been in line with or exceeded national for the last 3 years. In 2025 94% of pupils met the standard. 100% of disadvantaged pupils met the standard, exceeding the national average for disadvantaged.

KS2

Our Year 6 cohort in 2025 consisted of 4 pupil premium pupils, compared to 8 in 2024. With such small cohorts, each pupil represents 25% of the data, making percentage comparisons volatile and potentially misleading. Therefore, we have analysed both percentage and absolute numbers to provide a more accurate picture of impact.

Outcomes in Reading for all pupils have significantly improved over the last year with outcomes of 75% EXS and 25% GDS achieved compared to 58% EXS and 8% GDS in 2024.

75% of PP pupils achieved EXS compared to the national average of 63%, significantly outperforming the national average by 12 percentage points and showing a 25 percentage point improvement from 2024 (50%)

In actual figures:

- **2024:** 4 out of 8 PP pupils achieved EXS (50%)
- **2025:** 3 out of 4 PP pupils achieved EXS (75%)
- **Actual change:** Only **1 pupil** did not achieve the expected standard in 2025

Outcomes in Writing for all pupils have significantly improved over the last year with 80% of pupils meeting the EXS and 30% meeting the GDS, exceeding the national average of 72% and 13%.

50% of PP pupils achieved EXS in writing, compared with national at 59%. Whilst this indicates a decline from our 2024 outcomes for disadvantaged, (63%), in actual figures, the number of pupils not achieving the EXS decreased from 3 to 2.

- **2024:** 5 out of 8 PP pupils achieved (63%)
- **2025:** 2 out of 4 PP pupils achieved (50%)
- **Actual change:** The number not achieving has **decreased from 3 to 2**

Maths outcomes for all pupils have significantly improved over the last year with 70% achieving the EXS and 20% achieving GDS.

50% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard in maths, below the disadvantaged national average of 61% and our outcomes for non-disadvantaged at 83%. Whilst this percentage has not changed from 2024, in actual figures, the number of PP pupils not achieving the standard has decreased from 4 to 2.

- **2024:** 4 out of 8 PP pupils achieved (50%)
- **2025:** 2 out of 4 PP pupils achieved (50%)
- **Actual change:** The number not achieving has **decreased from 4 to 2**

50% of PP pupils achieved EXS in the combined measure compared with national of 47%, showing 3 percentage points above national average and a 12 percentage point improvement from 2024 (38%). In actual figures, the number of PP pupils not achieving EXS in the combined measure has decreased from 5 to 2.

- **2024:** 3 out of 8 PP pupils achieved combined (38%)
- **2025:** 2 out of 4 PP pupils achieved combined (50%)
- **Actual change:** The number of pupils **not** achieving has **decreased from 5 to 2** - a significant improvement in absolute terms.

Wider Strategies

Attendance and Wellbeing

We are pleased to report significant progress in the attendance of our disadvantaged pupils over the past three years. Our school data and observations have been used to assess wider issues impacting disadvantaged pupils' performance, including attendance, behaviour and wellbeing. Attendance for disadvantaged pupils has shown a positive upward trajectory, rising from 93.5% in 2022/23 to 93.6% in 2023/24, and reaching 94.9% in 2024/25. This represents excellent progress and exceeds both the national average for state-funded primary schools (94.8%) and the national average for disadvantaged pupils (89.4%) in 2024/25.

Our overall persistent absence (PA) rate for all pupils in 2024/25 stands at 13.5%, which is in line with the national average for state-funded primary schools. While we celebrate the improved attendance rates for our disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that persistent absence for this group has increased from 20% in 2023/24 to 23.7% in 2024/25.

We are now accessing Early Help support through external agencies, with a particular focus on addressing underlying mental health difficulties that have impacted the attendance of some of our disadvantaged pupils. This approach reflects our commitment to working in partnership with parents and carers, as improving attendance is everyone's business and schools, local partners and families should work together to remove barriers to attendance.

Tracking of after-school club participation throughout 2024/25 shows a positive increase in engagement among disadvantaged pupils. 53% of our disadvantaged pupils participated in at least one after-school club during the academic year, representing a significant improvement from the 36% recorded in the previous year.

Our evaluation of the approaches delivered last academic year indicates that there are a number of aspects of the strategy found to be particularly useful, those being:

- Phonics – regular monitoring, support and training leads to high quality and consistent practice.
- Phonics – regular release time for monitoring the delivery of Phonics ensures continued consistent practice across the year.
- Purchase of additional reading resources and targeted support around developing reading for pleasure has positively impacted pupils' enjoyment of reading evidenced through pupil voice.
- Purchasing additional reading resources to support the reading scheme for lower school has ensured a range of texts matched to pupil ability which support pupils to develop reading fluency and automaticity.
- NGRT reading tests have provided assessment data to inform planning and support.
- Access of Early Help Support through external agency.