Pupil premium strategy statement - Robert Browning

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Robert Browning Primary School
Number of pupils in school	189
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	84 children 44%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£144,650
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£3553
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£ 148,203

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve well across all subject areas relative to their starting points. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

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

Quality first 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 robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils achieve well. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're 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

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Low oracy and listening skills. Assessments and observations show that children enter the school well below the age expected level in communication and language (Sept 2024 data: 33% in Reception and 44% in Nursery.) Across the school, of the children who are on the SEN register, 63% have speech, language and communication needs as part of their SEND.
2	Low attainment in reading, writing and maths. Assessments and observations show that across the school, fewer pupil premium children achieve the expected level for reading, writing and maths than their non disadvantaged peers. This gap begins to close as the children move through the school but they do not achieve as well as their non disadvantaged peers.

3	Emotional wellbeing and resilience. Due to the cost of living crisis, all children's emotional wellbeing and resilience has been affected. More children have been referred by parents, teachers or support staff for learning mentor group or individual social emotional support both during and following the academic year 20-21. Support needs to be in place for all children, including those disadvantaged to help with this.
4	Achieving Greater Depth. Fewer disadvantaged children achieve greater depth than their non disadvantaged peers. Data:
5.	School readiness: data PSHE/CL/Physical national data. Children unable to engage with
6	Poor attendance and parents' understanding of the importance of regular school attendance and punctuality. Attendance of pupil premium children with an EHCP is 88.8% which is significantly lower than their non disadvantaged peers.
7	Parents not reading regularly with their children at home. We recognise that children who are supported with reading (for both learning and pleasure) at home achieve better in school. We have noted that many of the children who do not read regularly at home are disadvantaged.

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.

Intend	ded outcome	Success criteria	
	For targeted children to develop oracy and listening skills to access a broad and balanced curriculum.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved language and listening skills among disadvantaged pupils (CLL in Nursery and Reception). This is also evident through book looks (though green pen children's feedback in lessons,) discussions at pupil progress meetings and observations of children's engagement in lessons.	
	Targeted children make at least expected progress in reading, writing and maths.	Pupil premium children make progress in line with their non disadvantaged peers. Pupil premium children make at least the expected progress in reading, writing and maths.	
	Targeted children develop their emotional resilience and wellbeing and can identify a trusted adult in school.	Feedback from children's questionnaires indicates that children feel safe and happy in school and know who they can talk to if this is not the case. Learning mentor observations during group and individual work shows improved emotional well being and social skills amongst children taking part.	
	Targeted children have access to teaching that challenges and deepens their understanding in all curriculum areas and more children achieve greater depth.	More pupil premium children reach greater depth in reading, writing and maths. Targeted pupil premium children (identified during termly progress meetings - see progress notes) achieve greater depth in reading, writing and maths due to targeted intervention, both as part of whole class and small group teaching.	
	Targeted children and their families are supported to develop the skills necessary to be school ready and access the curriculum.	Targeted children make accelerated progress in the prime areas of learning in EYFS.	
	All children attend school in line with national data at 98% or higherfamilies understand the importance of regular attendance and punctuality	Whole school attendance improves - target of 98% Whole school punctuality improves Attendance for pupil premium children improves and is in line with non pupil premium children.	

	Persistent absentees are supported to improve attendance through a range of strategies and their attendance improves to be above 90%
	Increased numbers of children receive a wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality each term. Half termly hamper raffle as an incentive for families with children whose attendance has been 98% or over during each half-termly period.
7. To develop parents confidence to support their children with reading at home	Parents are informed and able to ask for help with their children's reading at home
	Parents attend 'Reading cafes" and phonics workshops
	More children are entered into the reading Raffle each week for reading at home
	More children are able to talk to LT about the books they are reading at home

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: £21,443.31

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Quality first teaching - Observation and drop in schedule, pupil progress meetings, book looks and tracking meetings to support teachers. PP children identified and highlighted in bold.	LT go to approach supports teachers to identify their areas of improvement and improves quality of teaching and learning - staff appraisal information, lesson observations and book looks over time provide evidence for this.	2,
SLT and Curriculum Team Leaders support teachers to plan and resource to deepen children's knowledge. Book looks, pupil progress meetings	Support from curriculum leaders and specific subject leaders enables teachers to identify ways to support children achieve greater depth across a range of subjects. Book looks, learning walks and lesson observations show children being challenged across the curriculum.	4
More able and talented children identified across the curriculum	Identifying children's strengths and talents enables them to be targeted for specific enrichment activities, extracurricular events and additional support both in and out of class to help them to achieve greater depth.	

Speech and language therapist in school weekly - trains staff in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 to run intervention groups, staff increase their knowledge and skills to identify, and develop children's speech and language skills.	Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment: Oral language interventions EEF (education endowment foundation.org.uk) A consistent whole school approach to developing vocabulary,	1,5
	supports children's use of vocabulary in context.	
SLT to develop and monitor progression of vocabulary alongside progression of skills across all curriculum areas on unit posters and knowledge organisers.	Progress data for children in early years whose communication and language skills are specifically assessed show that the majority of children make good progress in this area due to targeted intervention groups (88% in Nursery and 96% in Reception.)	
Class working walls include key vocabulary. TAs in every classroom running targeted groups and also questioning, clarifying, remodelling and explaining language to target children	TAs enable children to develop their vocabulary and access the learning through targeted support during whole class teaching. This enables children to develop their language skills preventing paucity of language becoming a barrier.	
during lessons.		
Communicate in print is used to support vocabulary development.		
Early Words Together Group		
Wellcomm Toolkit		

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

Budgeted cost: £ 81,479.22

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Quality first teaching every day. Small phonics groups daily in year ½ and resource base (1 x SLT), half termly assessments Reading groups daily in year 1 (SLT) SEN reading group 3 x weekly in Y5/6 (additional teacher-SLT)	The best available evidence indicates that quality first, everyday teaching has the greatest impact on pupil attainment. Ensuring every teacher is supported in delivering high-quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged among them. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-sc hools/school-improvement-planning/1-high-quality-teaching Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been	2, 5

Targeted support in year 5 (additional teacher) Targeted support in year 6 (additional teacher) LT reading with children in go to classes daily. Year 6 booster classes x 1 weekly (1 day LT)	shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, including in small groups Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	
Phonics baseline in EYFS, y1 and y2 Tests once children have settled in KS2 to establish baseline and Gaps Teachers plan and target support to close the gaps and make links to prior learning.	Accurate assessment of the children's current levels informs teaching and gaps to be filled. 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: Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	5
Booster/small group support from LT for greater depth children	School data shows that children targeted for greater depth are more likely to achieve it. Covid and school closures have impacted on this. Resources have been focused on closing the gap for children.	4
Class working walls include key vocabulary. A teaching assistant in every class to run targeted groups and also to question, clarify, remodel, explain language to target children during lesson time	Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment: Oral language interventions EEF (education endowment foundation.org.uk) TAs run interventions and provide in class support for targeted children which improves children's outcomes (evidence from class tracking and progress notes) https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evid ence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions	1

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

Budgeted cost: £54,568.43

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	8
advice (including strategies outlined below)	Attending school regularly supports better outcomes for children. Children are highly motivated by the wristband	

Half termly rainbow wristbands for perfect attendance and punctuality	system, parents request resources to use at home to support attendance and punctuality at school.	
Attendance and punctuality cups and medals shared in assembly and also in the school newsletter		
Half-termly attendance hamper raffle, to encourage families to bring their children to school every day on time.		
Termly TAS meetings with Family Early Help service including a SEWO (Senior Education Welfare Office		
No term time leave authorised unless exceptional circumstances		
Weekly tracking of children who are persistent absentees (below 90%) and warning letters home		
Attendance phone calls/letters home to parents whose children are persistently absent to identify reasons and offer support		
Phonics books sent home with questions in for parents to ask their children	Feedback from parent workshops identifies that parents feel better able to support their children after parent workshops.	7
Children to have one reading for pleasure book and one book at the correct phonic level to take home	Children are motivated by the reading raffle - opportunities to win a storybook of their choice.	
LT reading with children in each class weekly to ensure correct books are going home	Children who are supported with reading at home, including those who are read to regularly by their families, achieve better than those who do not.	
Weekly reading raffle for children who read regularly at home	Guidance from Ofsted and the DfE states that children in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 should read books that are matched to their phonic ability which will enable them to	
Reading cafes for each year group to support parents	achieve and make progress.	
Children who are not reading regularly at home are identified and supported with reading intervention in school	Evidence shows that children who are read to or are able to read at home become committed and enthusiastic readers which in turn will enable them to make good progress in reading.	
	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uplo ads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1000908/Readi ng_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy Section_1.pdf	

Learning mentor/EYE support for targeted children with emotional well being and resilience	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	5, 3
P4C sessions	There is extensive evidence associating childhood	3
PSHE lessons Groundwork CAMHS support for children and families	social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF_Social_and_Emotional_Learning.pdf(educationendo wmentfoundation.org.uk)	3
	Mental Health Support Teams (Groundwork) are part of a	
Drawing and Talking	governmental initiative to transform children and young	
1:1 sessions	people's mental health, which is being rolled out to 400 localities nationwide by 2023, with the aim of promoting	
Daily mile	access to mental health services and improving children and young people's wellbeing.	
Emotions boards/zones of regulation in classes	Groundwork MHST will achieve this by developing and implementing trauma-informed whole-school approaches	
Life skills groups	alongside the selected schools. Schools will be selected based upon the most recent IDACI data available,	
Social skills groups	focusing particularly on rate of permanent exclusions. Schools will be distributed amongst the four localities in	
Three TAs trained and delivering ELSA with regular supervision from the EP service.	Southwark, and will be accepted as partners if willing to embed trauma-informed whole-school approaches to mental health and wellbeing. Groundwork offer 1:1 parenting support for families where children are displaying either challenging behaviour or anxiety. Groundwork provide the school with termly assemblies based on looking after our mental health. They also work with our Year 4 cohort every year on Brain Buddies.	
	P4C provides structure to children's speaking, listening and thinking skills.	
	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/metacognition-and-self- regulation	
	Highly quality virtual assemblies/ sessions support children's knowledge, skills and confidence.	
	Young carers/siblings of children with additional needs are a vulnerable group and children are able to share how valuable they find the young carers group.	
	The Daily Mile increases confidence and allows valuable movement and increases fitness and wellbeing, children and adults run together. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educationevidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/physical-activity	
	ELSAs are emotional literacy support assistants . They are teaching assistants who have had special training from educational psychologists to support the emotional development of children and young people in school. ELSAs have regular professional supervision from educational psychologists to help them in their work.	

Total budgeted cost: £ 157,490.96

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Intended outcome	Success criteria	Review
For targeted children to develop oracy and listening skills to access a broad and balanced curriculum.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved language and listening skills among disadvantaged pupils (CLL in Nursery and Reception). This is also evident through book looks (though green pen children's feedback in lessons,) discussions at pupil progress meetings and observations of children's engagement in lessons.	The team focused on early identification of SEND particularly around social communication. In 2023-24 nursery children entered with 12% at ARE for C&L by July this had increased to 33% however there was a very high level of need within the nursery with 2 children receiving EHCPs and three further children awaiting assessments from the Autism and Related Disorders clinic. 2023-2024 The reception children entered with 14% on track for C&L and ended the year with 70% on track. 100% of children within this cohort made expected progress or better. This cohort had a very high level of children with EAL 19/24 Our speech and language therapist supported 27 pupil premium children across the year.
Targeted children make at least expected progress in reading, writing and maths.	Pupil premium children make progress in line with their non disadvantaged peers. Pupil premium children make at least the expected progress in reading, writing and maths.	See Disadvantaged Grid Below: The number of children entitled to Pupil Premium decreased by 1% across the school year. High numbers of our pupil premium children also have an EHCP or SEND which impacts whether they are working at age related expectations. 17/24 (71%) of our EHCP children in 23-24 were also in receipt of pupil premium funding. In Year 1, pupil premium pupils achieved better results than their non-pupil premium peers in all areas of learning. In 2023-24 we took in a large number of children from a local school that closed down into KS2. Many of these children were entitled to pupil premium and working below age related expectations, even with targeted support it was not possible to close the gap for these children within one year. Behaviour within the Year 5 cohort was particularly challenging

		and this class also has the highest proportion of children identified as having SEND. The class
Targeted children develop their emotional resilience and wellbeing and can identify a trusted adult in school.	Feedback from children's questionnaires indicates that children feel safe and happy in school and know who they can talk to if this is not the case. Learning mentor observations during group and individual work shows improved emotional well being and social skills amongst children taking part.	had 5 children with an EHCP and 1 in process. The children's surveys dated Feb 22 show that 89% of children felt safe at school. 97.9% of children said that staff were friendly and that they could talk to them.91.9%% of children know what to do if someone is being unkind. Over 30 children regularly attended the lunch clubs run by the learning mentors on a daily basis.
Targeted children have access to teaching that challenges and deepens their understanding in all curriculum areas and more children achieve greater depth.	More pupil premium children reach greater depth in reading, writing and maths. Targeted pupil premium children (identified during termly progress meetings - see progress notes) achieve greater depth in reading, writing and maths due to targeted intervention, both as part of whole class and small group teaching. Pupil premium children have access to clubs that enables them to build confidence in all areas of the curriculum.	Book looks and electronic learning journeys in EYFS showed a strong pupil voice through green pen writing and videos, capturing the children's progress with their oracy skills. Monitoring of Y1-6 digital learning journeys also showed that children's voices were nicely captured through evaluations and videos where the children talked about their learning. Whole school book looks showed good use of drama to support oracy and writing in English and consistent use of communicate in print word banks to support children's vocabulary development. There was evidence (QR codes and written evaluations) of children beginning to use the correct technical vocabulary in wider curriculum subjects such as PE, Art and Science. We will have a continued focus on developing children's speech, language and communication skills in 2024-25 as well as focusing on ensuring that children are able to use subject specific vocabulary and correct language structures across all areas of the curriculum. In phonics 100% of our disadvantaged children passed the phonics screening check. In Yr 4 MTC results the difference between PP and non PP was only 5%.

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Targeted children are supported to catch up and close the gap (following school closures Covid 19)	Target of 85% of children are at age related for reading, writing and maths Children who receive pupil premium are able to make expected progress and reach age related expectations July 2022.	Please see the data from the Head's report below (Disadvantaged groups)
All children attend school at the nationally expected level of 97%families understand the importance of regular attendance and punctuality	Whole school attendance improves - target of 97% Attendance for pupil premium children improves and is in line with non pupil premium children. Persistent absentees are supported to improve attendance through a range of strategies and their attendance improves to be above 90% Increased numbers of children receive a wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality each term.	Attendance has improved for all children and groups from 22-23 to 23-24. Please see the table below for data. We worked closely with FEH for 2 families. We have regularly met with the families of children with attendance below 903 and have also sent warning letters to families of children with attendance that is below 95%. We have discussed families for whom attendance is a concern in the termly TAF meetings. This year we introduced the attendance raffle hamper as an incentive for parents to bring their children to school regularly, on time.
To develop parents confidence to support their children with reading at home	Parents are informed and able to ask for help with their children's reading at home Parents attend 'Reading cafes" More children are entered into the reading Raffle each week for reading at home More children are able to talk to LT about the books they are reading at home	Parent surveys Feb 2024-100% of the 115 parents who returned their surveys agreed with the following statements: • Teachers and Teaching Assistants are approachable and make me feel welcome • The office staff are approachable and make me feel welcome • The Leadership Team are approachable and make me feel welcome. They are available if I need to speak to them • The school helps me to support my child's learning • I would recommend this school to another parent This indicates that parents/carers feel able to speak to staff regarding how best to support their children with home learning. Please see table below for responses from the parent/carer questionnaires February 2024 Two members of staff ran the Early Words Together Group in 2022-2023 with 3 cycles taking place over the year. 15 families were supported and the programme included book based play and a trip to a local library where families were supported to join the library. Reading cafes were well attended and were the first opportunity that families had to come into school in person. Every reading cafe was well attended.

		Children who were not reading regularly at home were recorded on the provision map each term. This showed an improvement. 5 children who were not reading regularly at the beginning of the year were doing this by the summer term. A small number of families had circumstances that made reading at home challenging, these children were picked up for 1:1 reading in school. The children continue to be enthusiastic about the weekly reading raffle which meant more children were reading regularly at home in order to be entered into the raffle. More new books were kindly donated to the school. Teachers communicated directly with parents regarding how best to support reading at home.
To develop parents knowledge and access to school communication systems	Increased numbers of parents have access to the Scholarpack App September 2021 - 64 parents have downloaded the app so far.	94 families are now accessing the scholarpack app and absences are regularly being reported through the app.
	More parents use the App to report their child's absence.	
	Fewer parents ask questions about things on the gate/call the school office and access the information from the school newsletter.	

Parents	Feb 24
The office staff are approachable and make me feel welcome	100%
Teachers and Teaching Assistants are approachable and make me feel welcome	100%
The Leadership Team are approachable and make me feel welcome. They are available if I need to speak to them	100%
My child enjoys school	98.3%
My child is safe at school	100%
I think that behaviour in the school is good	98.3%
My child is learning and making progress	99.1%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	100%
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%

Pupils	Feb 24 146
Staff are friendly and I can talk to them	97.9%
l enjoy coming to school	84.2%
Lessons are challenging, interesting and fun	89.7%
I am learning and making progress	95.2%

Adults in school help me do as well as they can	96.6%
Adults in school explain to me how to improve my work	96.6%
I feel safe at school	89.2%
I behave well in school	95.3%
I think that behaviour in the school is good	85.8%
I know what to do if someone is unkind to them	91.9%
Adults in school deal with children who are being unkind	87.2%
I know how to stay safe when using the internet	87.8%

RB July 24	PP Reading	Non PP Reading	PP Writing	Non PP Writing	PP Maths	Non PP Maths
Year 1	91% 10/11	60% 9/15	82% 9/11	53% 8/15	91% 10/11	67% 10/15
Year 2	53% 9/17	85% 11/13	47% 8/17	62% 8/13	53% 9/17	85% 11/13
Year 3	50% 6/12	54% 7/13	5/12	62% 8/13	50% 6/12	69% 9/13
Year 4	44% 8/18	58% 7/12	44% 8/18	58% 7/12	56% 10/18	58% 7/12
Year 5	25% 3/12	67% 12/18	8% 1/12	67% 12/18	25% 3/12	67% 12/18
Year 6	53% 9/17	91% 10/11	41% 7/17	91% 10/11	47% 8/17	91% 10/11

RB Attendance	22-23	23-24
Whole school	94.4%	95.3%
Girls	93.7%	95.7%
Boys	95%	94.7%
Pupil premium	94.2%	94.8%
Non pupil premium	94.5%	94.6%
SEN Support	94.2%	94.5%
EHCP	93.6%	94.8%