

Pupil premium strategy statement – Featherstone Primary School 2025-2026

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2025 to 2026 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
Number of pupils in school	418 (Autumn 2025)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	48.9%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	3-year plan (2023 to 2026)
Date this statement was published	Sept 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2026
Statement authorised by	Mr. E. Gaibee
Pupil premium lead	Mr. E. Gaibee
Governor / Trustee lead	Dr. C. Foster

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this financial year (April 2025 – March 2026)	£303,000
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£53,864.83
Total budget for this academic year (Financial year April 2025 – March 2026) If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£356,864.83

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The Pupil Premium Strategy Plan of Featherstone Primary School aims to ensure that children who are disadvantaged, due to household income, personal circumstances, or those whom we identify as so (i.e. children with a social worker; young carers), still fully participate in the world-class education that we offer. Our plan aims to break down any academic, social or wellbeing barriers facing children so that they can thrive whilst at Featherstone Primary School and be fully prepared for the next stage of their education.

Featherstone Primary School utilises the Pupil Premium Grant and Recovery Premium Grant to ensure that disadvantaged pupils:

- Attend school regularly and consistently, at least in-line with National Averages.
- Receive the highest quality levels of teaching and learning from skilled staff with up-to-date training.
- Have access to a wide range of appropriate resources, including ICT equipment, to help them in their schooling and remote learning, where needed.
- Are very-well supported, mentally, academically and socially. We aim to rapidly close any identified gaps in learning as well as ensure children are mentally happy and healthy.
- Receive specialised support where identified; for example, speech and language.

The Pupil Premium Strategy Plan at Featherstone Primary School works towards achieving these five objectives by:

- Carefully monitoring attendance and punctuality so that attendance is at least in-line with national data. We aim to reduce any pupil's persistent absences, and support and work with parents so that attendance in school rapidly improves. We celebrate and promote good attendance through our 'Attendance Shop', and a range of other rewards and incentives, and work with parents in a supportive manner where we have attendance and punctuality concerns.
- Train, coach and mentor our teachers and teaching assistants to ensure that their practice and pedagogy is best-suited to the needs of the children, so that they can make good or better progress.
- Purchasing high-quality resources in-line with subject action plans and the school development plan, and evaluating the impact of these resources.
- Implementing robust practices to ensure that children who may fall behind in their learning are very well-supported.
- Working with Place2Be, a national mental health and emotional wellbeing charity, giving children rapid access to mental health and emotional wellbeing support if/when they require it.

- Tracking the progress (social and academic) of each and every disadvantaged pupil, evaluating the impact of the support that they have been given to ensure it is suited to their needs and money well-spent.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge																				
1	Academic progress and attainment: Internal school monitoring/analysis of data and assessments/moderation shows that non-Pupil Premium children have outperformed Pupil Premium children in: - Y1 Phonics Screening Check (54.8% PP; 53.6% non-PP). - End of KS1 Phonics Screening Re-Take (69.6% PP; 83.8% non-PP). - Y4 Multiplication Check (19.5 average score PP; 19.2 average score non-PP). - Y6 End of Key Stage Two data: <table><tr><td></td><td>Overall</td><td>PP ARE</td><td>Non-PP ARE</td></tr><tr><td>Reading</td><td>72.1%</td><td>62.5%</td><td>82.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Writing</td><td>68.9</td><td>65.6%</td><td>72.4</td></tr><tr><td>Maths</td><td>72.1</td><td>62.5</td><td>82.8</td></tr><tr><td>Combined</td><td>62.3</td><td>53.1</td><td>72.4</td></tr></table>		Overall	PP ARE	Non-PP ARE	Reading	72.1%	62.5%	82.8%	Writing	68.9	65.6%	72.4	Maths	72.1	62.5	82.8	Combined	62.3	53.1	72.4
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2	Speech and language development: Internal school monitoring/analysis of data and assessments/conversations with teaching and support staff strongly indicate that children enter Featherstone School with very low literacy levels which has a negative effect on their speech and language development, especially in Early Years and Key Stage One.																				
3	Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Place2Be continues to be a staple service that we offer for mental health and emotional wellbeing. Weekly Place2Be meetings and internal school tracking demonstrate the continued need for this service.																				
4	Families accessing the right support: Knowledge of our families and discussions from weekly DSL supervision meetings highlight the importance of named and trusted DSLs being the first point of contact for families. Staff are well-placed to be the first point of Early Help for families.																				
5	Deprivation: Knowledge of our families and discussions from weekly DSL supervision meetings demonstrates that some of Featherstone’s families struggle financially.																				

6	Attendance: Internal school monitoring/analysis of data shows that, despite being above national averages, non-Pupil premium children have better attendance than Pupil Premium children: 93.3% (PP) compared to 94.81% (all).
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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
Identify disadvantaged pupils falling behind and plan for support so that the gap between PP and non-PP is minimised.	The use of coaching, monitoring of learning, pupil progress meetings, and weekly year group meetings to identify key priorities in pupils learning, curriculum and next steps. This will be for all year groups.
Monitoring the quality of teaching and learning in all year groups so that PP children are not falling behind. Where pupils are falling behind, plan for intervention and good quality first teaching.	Monitor teaching and learning so that pupils are not falling behind. Pupils who need the support are quickly identified and support/intervention is put in place. Regular checks are carried out (Books, Lesson walks and Progress meeting).
Develop quality first teaching through team teaching and peer coaching.	Further develop the use of the assessment tracker for each year group to identify pupils who are falling behind and plan next steps so that outcomes are inline with ARE. NFER test materials increase children's exposure to test-style formats and means that they are better prepared for the end of KS2. Children's confidence to access tests increases. Term-on-term, children increase their scores, linked to age-appropriate outcomes. Teachers use analysis tools to plan future lessons. Utilise internal assessment tracker for EYFS pupils following Baseline Assessment and plan for support in identified areas of learning. Use the rapid intervention, 5-day, 10-day and 20-day challenges are systematic and have a clear impact on children's learning.
Attainment in key areas/subjects will increase year-on-year	By Summer term (the end of this PP Strategy), PP children's gaps will have closed so that:

	• 80% of PP children will have passed the Y2 Phonics Screening Re-Take • PP children will have an average score of at least 19.5 in the Y4 Multiplication Check
Support and develop children's language and communication in Reception/KS1 through structured speech and language support.	Number of EYFS children who are on 'Green Stage' by the end of EYFS increases. Number of Year 1 children who are on 'Blue Stage' by the end of Y1 increases. Number of Y2 children passing their phonics screening increases. Children make good progress from their starting points. Children in EYFS are well supported through Welcomm Speech and Language Programme and also Soundswell.
Provide mental and emotional wellbeing and support / family support for PP pupils to support them in their learning and coping strategies through Place2Be's services.	Children have access to speak openly about any concerns or worries that affect their mental health and emotional wellbeing in school and at home. Children are emotionally resilient to the challenges of post-pandemic; rapid support put in place from Place2Be where identified (child-specific/class workshops). School to analyse Place2Be data to review and plan further support children.
Provide individualised early help/family support for those identified families.	DSLs to be the first point of contact for early help/family support. Each DSL to manage their own families so that the family has one point of contact who oversees their support.
Contribute in helping to relieve local deprivation issues.	Children are provided with a free breakfast snack each morning break time. This will help children able to concentrate and focus in class.
Attendance of Pupil Premium children will increase.	Attendance of Pupil Premium children will increase term-on-term to be more in-line with non-PP peers.

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: £30,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
T&L Curriculum resources	Children must have access to a wide range of quality curriculum resources, that they can use at home and at school, in order to facilitate learning across the curriculum.	1
Assessment (NFER test material)	The EEF, across several of their studies, demonstrate the importance of a range of feedback for pupils.	1
CPD	The Education Policy Institute found that High-quality CPD for teachers has a significant effect on pupils' learning outcomes. CPD has a greater effect on pupil attainment than other interventions schools may consider, such as implementing performance-related pay for teachers or lengthening the school day. Teacher CPD may be a cost-effective intervention for improving pupil outcomes. CPD programmes generally produce positive responses from teachers, in contrast to other interventions. Increasing the availability of high-quality CPD has been shown to improve retention problems, particularly for early-career teachers.	1

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

Budgeted cost: £215,750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional teacher for KS2 multiplication check / reading booster	The Education Endowment Foundation found that, feedback has very high impact for very low cost based on extensive evidence. An additional teacher in KS2 boosting the children and taking focus groups in small groups, will increase the amount and quality of immediate verbal and written feedback that the children receive; gaps will close and misconceptions will be pre-empted. The Education Endowment Foundation also found that a focus on oral language has a very high impact for very low cost based on extensive evidence. An additional teacher in KS2 pre-tutoring the children and taking focus groups in small groups, will increase the amount of speaking and listening the children do therefore having an impact on language development. Spoken language activities will be matched to learners' current stage of development, so that it extends their learning and connects with the objectives being focused on. In addition, the Education Endowment Foundation also say that small group tuition has a moderate impact for low cost based on moderate evidence. It was found that small group tuition has an average impact of four months' additional progress over the course of a year when it is targeted at pupils' specific needs. An additional teacher in KS2 will facilitate this.	1 and 2
PP Staffing (Teaching Assistants)	The Education Endowment Foundation found that, on average, teaching assistant interventions can provide a large, positive impact on learners' progress. However, it is how they are deployed that is key to the success. Teaching assistant impact is at its highest when there is targeted deployment to key groups or individuals	1 and 2

	and, in addition, where the TAs are well-trained with up-to-date CPD. Other findings from the Education Endowment Foundation demonstrate that small group tuition can also have a positive impact (+4 months) on learners' progression. Additional staffing also means that additional, quality feedback can occur, which has a very high impact for a very small cost.	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £67,686

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Soundswell	The Education Endowment Foundation found that, on average, speech and language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes with 6 months of additional progress (7 months for Early Years children), esp. when staff receive quality training. Oral/speech and language interventions are most effective when they occur regularly.	1 and 2
Place2Be	Over the past four years, we as a school have collected much in-house Place2Be data to demonstrate the profound positive impact that it has in school: - Academic year 2020 – 2021, Place2Be facilitated: 268 individual pupil sessions 254 group pupil sessions 395 clinical counselling sessions for pupils 216 parent sessions 322 staff sessions This calculates to approximately £34.36 per session. - Academic year 2021 – 2022*, Place2Be facilitated: 254 individual pupil sessions 206 group pupil sessions	3 and 4, which then impacts on 1

	○ 214 clinical counselling sessions for pupils ○ 121 parent sessions ○ 133 staff sessions This calculates to approximately £55.08 per session. *NB: There was a 2-month in-year stall to the Place2Be service when the Place2Be employee left school and a replacement needed to be found. • Academic year 2022 – 2023, Place2Be facilitated: ○ 251 individual pupil sessions ○ 338 group pupil sessions ○ 312 clinical counselling sessions for pupils ○ 69 parent sessions ○ 197 staff sessions ○ This calculates to approximately £46.01 per session. • Academic year 2023 – 2024, Place2Be facilitated Place2talk – Building resilience 111 Young people seen 156 Sessions held Place 2talk: 167 Young people seen 267 Sessions held Place2think (Staff) 133 Sessions held Counselling (1 to1) 24 Young people seen 285 Sessions held Parent Sessions: 84 Parent sessions Total number of sessions: 925 Total cost for financial Year: 52,813.42 This calculates to approximately £57.09 per session.	
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	A Pro Bono Economics Report (June 2022) from Place2Be demonstrated the excellent value for money from the service: ○ For every £1 spent, Place2Be's one-to-one counselling service generates economic benefits of around £8. ○ Place2Be's counselling service generates economic benefits of around £8,700 per child. ○ Each year, the service generates economic benefits of around £36 million. ○ This Pro Bono report demonstrated even bigger impact than the previous one from a few years ago. More impact evidence here.	
Deprivation Funding / Support		
Breakfast	By providing milk and toast for our children, we know that we are providing a small contribution to help tackle local deprivation, by providing children with an snack and calcium for bone development.	5
Extra-curricular activities	Families on low income/unable to pay for children's extra-curricular learning. By providing allocated free places to disadvantaged children, allows for them to receive experiences outside of school that they may not have. This will support our curriculum intent. Outcomes of this will be to enhance children's opportunities and for the children to learn from these. Examples: Residential trips, day visits.	5
Uniform funding	To support low income families, families are supported with the purchasing of school uniform. Examples: newly-arrived families from abroad (settlement programme), Year 6 blazers.	5
Attendance	To support good attendance of Pupil Premium families, buy into 'CSAWS' (Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd) to support Pupil Premium attendance being at least in-line with non-Pupil Premium figures, and above national averages.	6

	Examples: Family liaison, attendance/punctuality action plans, home visits, Early Help assistance, legal advice.	
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Total budgeted cost: £283,436.93

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.

Increase the number of Pupil Premium children who achieve ARE at the end of the year and close gaps in learning:.

Whole School data (Year 1 to Year 6)

Reading Years 1 - 5

- 59% of PP children achieved inline and above expectations for their year group (average or above)
- 79% of PP children achieved inline and above expectations for their year group (low average or above)

Maths Years 1 -5

- 59% of PP children achieved inline and above expectations for their year group (average or above)
- 81% of PP children achieved inline and above expectations for their year group (low average or above)

Writing Years 1-5

- 55% of PP children achieved the expected standard in writing in their year group

• Y6 End of Key Stage Two data:

	Overall	PP ARE
Reading	72.1%	62.5%
Writing	68.9	65.6%
Maths	72.1	62.5
Combined	62.3	53.1

Support and develop children's language and communication in Reception/KS1 through structured speech and language support: Increased the amount of sessions working with Soundswell to 19 per year (once per fortnight) and training of Featherstone staff to support children's speech and language. Children's speech and language needs on entry to Reception is high and so this target was carried over.

Develop quality first teaching through team teaching and peer coaching: All teaching over time is at least good meaning that children are very well supported and challenged in school.

Due to new staff/ECTs, and the impact the coaching programme has on teaching and learning, target to be carried forward.

Provide mental and emotional wellbeing and support / family support for PP pupils to support them in their learning and coping strategies through Place2Be's services: See above data analysis to demonstrate the profound impact on children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. 81% have been 'RAG rated' as 'Green' for their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Attendance of Pupil Premium children will increase: The attendance of PP children has remained broadly consistent for the previous two academic years (slight increase last year).

Make a contribution in helping to relieve local deprivation issues: Target carried over due to pupils enjoying, and benefiting from, their morning snack.

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
Speech and Language	Soundswell
Speech and Language	Wellcomm
Reading	Lexia
Mental Health/Emotional Wellbeing	Place2Be
Attendance	CSAWS

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	Not Applicable.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Not Applicable.