# Pupil premium strategy statement - Godalming Junior School

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	240
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	13.75%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 - 25 to 2027 - 28
Date this statement was published	June 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	June 2026
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Pupil premium lead	Kate Wilkinson (SENDCo)
Governor / Trustee lead	Abi Gorringe

### Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£38,540
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£38,540
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

#### 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 high attainment across all subject areas. 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.

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 strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic, notably in its targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

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 excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- o ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- o 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
- o ensure inclusion in wider opportunities offered by school
- ensure inclusion in daily school life offering provision of uniform and school supplies

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments and observations indicate higher levels of reduced progress in our disadvantaged child population.
2	Records show that our disadvantaged children are given reduced opportunities to practice decoding and comprehension skills
3	Observations show that our pupil premium populations show higher than average levels of mental health issues relating to self-esteem, emotional management and friendship issues
4	Children of our disadvantaged families are more likely to have inadequate breakfast provision for maximised leaning.
5	Children of our disadvantaged families are less likely to access extracurricular activities including school clubs and trips
6	Children of our disadvantaged families are less likely to have appropriate school uniform that is clean and well fitting. Children of our disadvantaged families are less likely to have appropriate school supplies to facilitate learning.
7	Records show that children of our disadvantaged families are more likely to be persistently absent from school.

#### 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
<ol> <li>Reduction of attainment gap between disadvantaged children and peers.</li> </ol>	All children making at least .5 steps of progress form their individual starting points.
Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 reading outcomes in 2024/25 show that more than 50% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.
3. Improved levels of social skills and interaction between all pupils.	Observable increasing levels of self-esteem, emotional regulation and peer relationships. Reduced entries on CPOMs for friendships concerns. Increased ability to manage and communicate emotions appropriately.
4. For all disadvantaged children to be well fed and ready to learn.	All children attending school will be well-fed and ready to learn.

<ol><li>For all children to have access to wider enrichment opportunities.</li></ol>	All children of disadvantaged families attending all school trips and accessing school visitors.
6. For all disadvantaged children to have suitable equipment to be included in all class learning	All children are properly equipped for the school day by accessing school support as needed.
7. For all disadvantaged children to have suitable uniform so they are part of the school community.	All disadvantaged children have new, well-fitting and branded school clothes.
For all disadvantaged families to be accessing school to maximise learning and inclusion.	All disadvantaged children are attending school 95%+ in a school environment where they feel comfortable and included.

#### 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: £1,100

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
ELSA Training	There is extensive evidence associating childhood	3
ELSA Supervision	social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic	3
Positive Touch Training	performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):	3
Attachment / ACES training	Social and emotional learning   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3
Designated Teacher Training for Looked After Children		3

## 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
All disadvantaged pupils are prioritised to be	Access to high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for their pupils.	1, 2

included in in-class focus	1. High-quality teaching   EEF	
groups by Class Teacher.	(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Qualified Inclusion teacher provided 3 days per week prioritising disadvantaged families.	Intensive support—either one to one or as part of a small group—can support pupil learning if provided in addition to, and explicitly linked with, normal lessons.  Intensive tuition in small groups is often provided to support lower attaining learners or those who are falling behind, but it can also be used as a more general strategy to ensure effective progress, or to teach challenging topics or skills.	1, 2,
	Small group tuition   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Provision of targeted interventions by HLTA / LSAs	Targeted academic support can support pupil progress and can be employed to help boost language development, literacy, or numeracy as well as other subject areas.  Research which focuses on teaching assistants who provide one to one or small group targeted interventions shows a stronger positive benefit of between four and six additional months on average. Often interventions are based on a clearly specified approach which teaching assistants have been trained to deliver.	1, 2
	<u>Teaching Assistant Interventions   EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	

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

Budgeted cost: £ 17,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
HSLW providing support to individual children and families to improve attendance rates, as well as referral to external support agencies	Poor attendance at school is linked to poor academic attainment across all stages. Some parental communication approaches and targeted parental engagement interventions show promise in supporting pupil attendance.	7
	More sustained and intensive approaches to support parental engagement may be needed for some children—for example, those struggling with early reading, those from disadvantaged backgrounds, or those with behavioural difficulties.	
	Working with Parents to Support Children's  Learning   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	

School provides all school branded items of school uniform and PE kit each year School provides all required stationary items as required throughout the year	Pupils from lower socioeconomic households are less likely to be able to afford the cost of school uniforms. Schools intending to change their school uniform policy should therefore consider what provision can be made to cover the costs of uniform changes for disadvantaged pupils.  School uniform   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	6
School provides financial support to all PP children to access wider leaning opportunities	Extracurricular activities are an important part of education in their own right. These approaches may increase engagement in learning but it is important to consider how increased engagement will be translated into improved outcomes.  Physical activity   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)  Arts participation   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	5
School maintains a supply of suitable, healthy breakfast items to ensure children are not hungry.	There is some evidence that providing free, universal, before-school breakfast clubs can benefit pupils by preparing them for learning or supporting behaviour and school attendance.  Magic Breakfast   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	4

Total budgeted cost: £38,600

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

#### Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

1. Reduction of attainment gap between disadvantaged children and peers.

The attainment gap between PP children and their non-PP peers is significant in the lower school however it reduces through Y5 and significantly in Y6. The long term progress between the current Y6 cohort and their attainment in Y3 shows significant improvement with increased children meeting ARE or above. (See accompanying information).

2. Improved reading attainment among disadvantaged pupils.

Reading attainment for PP children reaching ARE or above is comparable to their non-PP peers in all year groups except Y4. All children in Y6 and Y4 are showing expected or accelerated progress in reading. This is also true for 60% in Y3 and 67% in Y5.

3. Improved levels of social skills and interaction between all pupils.

Three PP children currently have active cases on CPOMs relating to friendship issues. These children are all receiving ELSA support.

4. For all disadvantaged children to be well fed and ready to learn.

Breakfast club is provided free of charge to any PP children who requires it. We have not had any incidents of PP children requiring additional food in the last year.

5. For all children to have access to wider enrichment opportunities.

All PP children are provide with 2/3 of all trips and residential. This is from a combination of PP funding and additional WBC Fund. Some children also access additional support for the final 1/3 from the Dan Eley foundation.

56% of PP children access a free paid club. 100% of children have been offered and families contacted to raise awareness of this facility.

6. For all disadvantaged children to have suitable equipment to be included in all class learning

All PP children access the school shop free of charge. All families are individually contacted to ensure they are aware of these provisions.

7. For all disadvantaged children to have suitable uniform so they are part of the school community.

100% of PP children have been provided with branded GJS clothing items.

8. For all disadvantaged families to be accessing school to maximise learning and inclusion.

Current attendance for PP children is 95%. Attendance levels at GJS for all pupils is above the national average.

#### **Notes:**

40% of all PP children have received interventions delivered by our Intervention Teacher.

Of the children accessing instruction by our intervention teacher 62% made expected progress in relevant areas with 30% making accelerated progress.

80% of all PP children have received focused support in class from class teachers and LSAs.

16% of our PP children receive personalised specific support through provision described in their EHCP.

Four PP children have received ELSA support during the year.

Our ELSA works with both children and families to ensure that strategies learnt are continued at home to support emotional regulation and development.

Our HSLW is working directly with 9 of our PP families.

#### 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

## **Further information**















