Pupil Premium Strategy 2024 - 2025



School overview

Metric	Data
School name	Hemlington Hall Academy
Pupils in school	282 (including Nursery) Nov 2024
Proportion of disadvantaged pupils	45% (including Nursery)
Pupil premium allocation this academic year	£195,360 (132 children)
Academic year or years covered by statement	2024 - 25
Publish date	November 2024
Review date	July 2025
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Governor lead	Mrs Kay Braithwaite

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£195,360
Previously Looked After funding allocation this academic year	£12,850 (5 children)
Service Children funding allocation this academic year	£680 (2 children)
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0.00
Total budget for this academic year	£208,890
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Statement of intent

In November 2024, 45% of students at Hemlington Hall Academy are entitled to Pupil Premium support. This is a decrease of 1% on the year 2023 – 2024. Of our most complex SEND children, 62% are also disadvantaged. Whole school, 54% of children registered as SEND are also disadvantaged.

With such a significant number of pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium, we are committed to effectively applying funding across the school to impact on pupil learning and well-being. This includes whole-school initiatives, aimed at raising attainment and accelerating progress. Equally, we place high priority on providing support to promote positive mental health and well-being. We are an inclusive school, recognising that there are many children who are impacted by social deprivation but do not quite meet threshold for disadvantaged funding. We consider these children, as they remain significantly vulnerable due to changing circumstances, particularly in recent years.

Hemlington Hall serves a population in Middlesbrough which has one of the highest deprivation indicators in the country, with, among others, an IDACI of 1, a Crime decile of 1 and a Health and Disability decile of 1. These factors impact on the mental health, resilience and well-being of the majority of our pupils, who enter school at significantly below national averages, especially in self-care and communication.

Our ultimate aim is for all of our pupils, but particularly for those disadvantaged pupils, to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their peers from any background. We intend for our children to leave us ready for the next stage in their learning and life; resilient, confident and aspirational.

Our Pupil Premium strategy aims to provide well planned and sequenced teaching for pupils to 'keep up not catch up' and enable children to at least meet end of Key Stage expectations and be ready for the next stage in their learning journey. We commit to providing a wide range of high quality experiences to develop fully-rounded individuals with positive self-esteem, confidence to aim high and achieve their individual aspirations.

Through effectively applying Pupil Premium grant, Hemlington Hall aims to address the most significant barriers to learning for our pupils, ensuring quality first teaching, academic challenge and support but also a significant ethos of nurture and inclusion. This year, the Tutoring ('catch up') Grant has been withdrawn and we continue to provide Quality First Teaching to support children to catch up and narrow the attainment gap. With reference to the Education Endowment Foundation's guide to using the Pupil Premium, we select and apply proven methods which support our pupils and provide for them the curriculum, intervention and learning environment required for every pupil to succeed.

This year, children who were previously looked after (PLAC) and those from Service families had been included in this statement, however, we recognise that service families are not necessarily disadvantaged, but may have experienced high mobility and / or experience of trauma.

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	The learning gaps between disadvantaged pupils and their peers needs to be reduced.
2	Pupils have limited life skills and cultural experiences beyond their home life and immediate community.
3	The attendance of pupils in receipt of pupil premium is below that of their peers and a greater proportion are classed as persistent absentees.
4	Some disadvantaged pupils also have additional barriers, such as additional needs, which impact in terms of their attainment and progress.

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
Pupils receive quality-first teaching and support in order to narrow the attainment gap and subsequently keep up with curriculum expectations (age / stage appropriate)	Disadvantaged children in EYFS will achieve GLD in line with their peers Standards in PSC continue to improve outcomes and average score for disadvantaged children in
	Y1.
	Disadvantaged children who did not achieve GLD at the end of EYFS will achieve the pass mark for phonics by end of Y2
	Standards in MTC continue to improve outcomes and average score for disadvantaged children in Y4.
	Disadvantaged children at the end of KS2 will achieve results in line with their peers for reading, writing and maths, particularly girls in Reading and Maths
	The vast majority of disadvantaged children will make at least the expected progress across the curriculum
Disadvantaged pupils have opportunities and access learning and the wider school curriculum.	Disadvantaged pupils are prioritised in relation to learning support and extra-curricular activities, in
Pupils have an increased range of experiences, including 1-1 reading, visits and residentials, that enable them to contextualise their learning and make it more memorable – cultural capital is increased.	order to target specific need. The percentage of disadvantaged pupils who
	attend extra-curricular clubs will increase from previous year
	Percentage of disadvantaged children who attend more than one club will increase from previous year

Children who attend school using school transport will have access to extra-curricular clubs / specialists during the school day
Disadvantaged children will access enhanced curriculum opportunities at least in line with their peers
Data shows that PP pupils experience equity in relation to accessing all aspects of the school's wider curriculum.
To close the gap between whole school attendance and pupils in receipt of PP funding. (22-23 PP 92.6% v N-PP 94.2 (-1.6%)
To close the gap between disadvantage children persistent absence 30% and non-pupil premium persistent absence 14.5% by reducing pupil premium persistent absence (-15.5%)
To ensure that pupils make progress to achieve
individual targets that have been set
The percentage of disadvantaged children with
additional barriers who make accelerated
progress will increase

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium this academic year to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching

Budgeted cost: £35,000 approx.

Activities	Evidence to support	Challenge Number(s) addressed
All teachers and support staff to receive high quality CPD in relation to developing evidence based adaptive teaching strategies and pedagogy focusing on active engagement of pupils ensuring retention of key information.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit Cognitive science research. EEF rating: High impact Evidence base: High Cost: Moderate	1
All teachers and support staff to have access to targeted training and support, focusing on developing specific skills / strategies	This will disproportionately benefit disadvantaged pupils. EEF rating: High impact Evidence base: High Cost: Moderate This will disproportionately benefit disadvantaged pupils.	1
All teachers to be trained on updated English Frameworks, in line with National and Trust expectations for Reading and Writing	Metacognition and self-regulation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) EEF rating: High impact Evidence base: High Cost: Low This will disproportionately benefit disadvantaged pupils.	1
All teachers and support staff will access Trust Maths training and resources, in order to raise outcomes at least in line with National expectations	Metacognition and self-regulation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) EEF rating: High impact Evidence base: High Cost: Low This will disproportionately benefit disadvantaged pupils.	1
All teaching and support staff access regular updated Little Wandle training, and will be better able to support the 17% of children who did not meet PSC	EEF rating: High impact Evidence base: High Cost: Moderate This will disproportionately benefit disadvantaged pupils.	1

Targeted Academic Support

Budgeted cost: £100,000 approx.

Activities	Evidence to support	Challenge Number(s) addressed
Appoint additional staff to support those who have fallen furthest behind, or who have other additional complexities which impact on their learning	EEF rating: Moderate impact Evidence base: Moderate Cost: Moderate This will disproportionately benefit disadvantaged pupils.	4
Identify the specific needs of disadvantaged children in core subjects and create an effective programme of learning within class / pre-teaching by Teacher and TA to enhance attainment and progress. This will include Sp&L and phonics for students with limited oral language and communication skills.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk /education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit EEF rating: High Impact Evidence base: High Cost: Low	1 & 4
SLT to support Teachers to establish teaching intervention and learning opportunities for those pupils identified through in-the-moment assessment, prior attainment / target setting and school selfevaluation as stuck / falling behind	https://www.suttontrust.com/our-research/school-funding-and-pupil-premium-2019/ EEF rating: Moderate Impact Evidence base: Moderate Cost: Moderate	1 & 4
Children, including PLAC and those from Service families, have access to professionals to enable them to access learning and wellbeing support.	EEF rating: High impact Evidence base: Moderate - High Cost: Moderate - High	1 & 4

Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £65,000 approx.

Activities	Evidence to support	Challenge Number(s) addressed
There are clear links between attendance, attainment and behaviour: improving attendance is a challenge and a priority particularly within the disadvantaged cohorts, whose attendance is lower.	Supporting attendance EEF EEF rating: High Impact Evidence base: High Cost: Moderate	3
We will implement a multifaceted attendance strategy, ensuring high quality communication, CPD and curriculum.		

All year groups offered a progressive planned programme of culturally enhancing experiences – both within and outside of the classroom (i.e. Authors, Visits / visitors, OOSHLA, Art / music, and residential opportunities). Support families with funding any of the above so that all children have equal access.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/ https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk /education-evidence/teaching-learning toolkithttps://educationendowmentfoundation. org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit EEF rating: Moderate Impact Evidence base: Moderate Cost: Moderate	2
Family Liaison Officer to work collaboratively on a day to day basis with our most vulnerable families.	EEF rating: Moderate Impact Evidence base: Moderate Cost: Low - Moderate	3 & 4
Wider support to most vulnerable families within the community through access to Eco-Shop and Uniform / Uniform exchange. This is heavily subsidised by school / staff volunteer time	EEF rating: Moderate Impact Evidence base: Moderate Cost: Low	4
Parents can access some of their child's pupil premium to spend, with agreement from PP lead, on activities, clubs or materials which will develop life skills, self-esteem and cultural capital (ie. cooking,	EEF rating: Moderate - High impact Evidence base: High Cost: Low - Moderate	2&4
playing an instrument, swimming etc.).		

Part B: Review & Evaluation & Outcomes 2024-25 - Nov 2025

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

