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Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

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This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 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.

Academy overview

Detail	Data
Academy name	Co-op Academy Oakwood
Number of pupils in academy	442
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	50.4% (219 pupils)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 to 2027/2028
Date this statement was published	October 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	14.07.26
Statement authorised by	Mel Woodcock
Pupil premium lead	Louise Walsh
Governor / Trustee lead	Mel Woodcock

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£301,500
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	n/a
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£301,500
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

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Our vision 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 intention of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils (43.5% have free school meals, 43.5% pupil premium) to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

Our evidence informed approach is based upon a thorough understanding of our children and the local community from where they come: an area of Leeds that has been historically and continues to be in the top 1% of deprivation nationally (<https://observatory.leeds.gov.uk>) and has all the associated aspects that this entails such as low life expectancy, childhood obesity and mental health issues [Health profile overview for Gipton and Harehills ward](#)

We have developed our own 'barriers to learning' document and have an in-house dedicated team that works with our most disadvantaged families so that we can improve attainment for all our children. We regularly undertake work across the Co-op Academies Trust so that we can share good practice and constantly improve our offer.

Quality First Teaching (QFT) forms the heart of our approach. Our staff have designed a broad, exciting and ambitious curriculum to develop the children's knowledge and cultural capital to provide [insight](#), [creativity](#) and [experience](#) in all areas and subjects. Carefully chosen curriculum enrichment trips help support this vision. Robust assessment for learning takes place regularly and is overseen by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to inform small group and individual interventions to maximise and accelerate progress. As well as offering high quality teaching and learning, our pupil premium strategy plan includes details of targeted academic support for those pupils who are in the bottom 20% and are not yet achieving Age-Related Expectations (ARE). The regular review of effective pedagogical choices is also essential to providing the children with engaging lessons so staff regularly undertake CPD to ensure their skills remain current.

Wherever possible our curriculum is designed to raise aspirations as the percentage of young people claiming 'Out of Work' benefits in the local area is increasing and is more than three times the national average. ([Leeds Observatory – Economy & Employment – Profiles \(local areas\)](#)). Therefore we have developed a Career Related Learning (CRL) programme based on our own children's survey that provides the opportunity to meet and speak to people working in different fields on a regular basis so they get to learn about potential future careers and employability. Children take part in the 'Co-op World of Work' week and 'Options after Oakwood' event as well as a careers fair. We are also part of the Skills Builder Partnership <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/> where our children are explicitly taught eight different skills to boost academic outcomes, perseverance and self-belief, The Co-op Trust World of Work Week and the 'Options after Oakwood' open evening.

Wider strategies are employed to work towards our objectives such as working with families to increase both pupil and parental engagement; providing a breakfast club and other meal provisions on a case-by-case basis via our onsite community fridge (fruit is readily available in every classroom every day); providing transport to school to a carefully selected group of children. We believe it is important that all our learners play a role in the wider school life so we support this through after school clubs, inter-school sports competitions, our participation with Rackets Cubed [Rackets Cubed](#).

We also work hard to reduce persistent absenteeism amongst those pupils who access the pupil premium grant. Last but not least, we have a clear focus on the wellbeing of all pupils

and as a Co-op Academy we strive to ensure our children develop a strong sense of: self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p>Our assessments and observations indicate that EY, KS1 and KS2 pupils are achieving lower than national average age related expectations in reading, writing and maths.</p> <p>Disadvantaged pupils historically in the academy have had greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as readers.</p>
2	<p>From our observations and discussions with pupils and their families we have identified how generational high levels of unemployment affect attendance, punctuality and emotional readiness to work. We have seen a correlation between social deprivation and health related absences and how this negatively impacts disadvantaged pupils' attendance, resilience and attainment.</p>
3	<p>Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from when a child begins at our academy through to the end of KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.</p>
4	<p>Our observations, assessments and evaluations (internal & external) indicate that children accessing the Pupil Premium grant are more likely to have SEND and SEMH needs which impacts upon their progress.</p>
5	<p>Our assessments (including My Health, My School survey), observations and discussions with pupils and their families have identified social, economic and emotional issues for many pupils, as well as a lack of enrichment opportunities in the local area. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their progress and attainment.</p>

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
Increase the proportions of pupils achieving ARE in all areas.	GLD for EY - 83% Reading KS1 - 81.5% Reading KS2 - 71.7% Writing KS1 - 77.8% Writing KS2 - 71.7% Maths KS1 - 79.6% Maths KS2 - 75% Phonics KS1 - 91.8%
Ensuring that the difference between pupil premium and all remains low.	Data from FTT shows that pupils accessing the pupil premium grant are in line with all pupils.
Progress of pupils remains average or above at the end of KS2.	Progress scores remain or improve from being 'average' at 0.
Pupils have experienced an extended offer from the academy through extra-curricular, educational visits and careers related learning.	All pupils have had the opportunity to be part of extra-curricular clubs. All pupils have had the opportunity to attend educational visits. All pupils have had a visit, visitor or experience related to future careers.
Increase the proportion of parents/carers actively engaging with their child's education.	Number of parents attending parents' evenings increases. Number of parents attending parental workshops increases. Number of parents reading at home with their child increases. On the Edurio Survey the response score to the statement 'I often talk about my school work with people at home' increases.

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

£140,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Ensure all relevant staff (including new staff) have received training to deliver the phonics scheme effectively (working with the English Hub)	EEF research on phonics +5 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
Purchase resources to ensure phonics teaching is effective and pupils have well matched books to practise with.	EEF research on phonics +5 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
Joint monitoring with RWI consultant to ensure quality of phonics teaching Phonics monitoring and evaluation by subject leader	EEF research on phonics +5 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
Ensure all relevant staff (including new staff) have the knowledge they need to deliver the reading curriculum effectively	EEF research on reading comprehension +6 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
All staff have the knowledge they need to deliver a high quality curriculum ensuring teaching and learning is at least good	https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hmci-commentary-curriculum-and-the-new-education-inspection-framework	1 2 3 4 5

Purchase high-quality reading materials to ensure effective teaching of reading.	EEF research on reading comprehension +6 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
Monitoring of reading offer by subject leader	EEF research on reading comprehension +6 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
Development of the wider curriculum to support pupils' knowledge and vocabulary (including Trust Director support)	Ofsted EIF research 2019	1 2 3 4
Ensure teaching identifies and addresses pupils' gaps in learning	EEF diagnostic assessment and recovery	1 2 3 4 5
Subscriptions WhiteRose Maths Testbase NumberGym Lexia PiXL	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/five-evidence-based-strategies-pupils-with-special-educational-needs-send https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/periodicals/Rosenshine.pdf	1 2 3 5

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

Budgeted cost	£107,500
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Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group interventions for	EEF research on one to one tuition EEF research on small group tuition +4	1 2

reading, writing and maths for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age-related expectations		3 4
Smaller class sizes (Year 6)	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reducing-class-size +2	1 2 3 4
RWI intervention - FastTrack tutoring	EEF research on phonics +5 DfE guidance on reading July 2023	1 3 4
Small group interventions for reading, writing and maths for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age-related expectations including SHINE interventions	EEF research on TA interventions +4	1 2 3 4
Speech and language therapy and interventions- NELI	https://www.rand.org/randeurope/research/projects/neli-evaluation-nuffield-early-language-intervention.html https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/62000-reception-pupils-to-take-part-in-early-language-programme	1 3 4
Speech and language programme- Chatterbug	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/talk-of-the-town	1 3 4
Use of Pixl therapies to target areas for development	EEF research on TA interventions +4 https://www.pixl.org.uk/_site/data/files/membership/B7E1CF5FCCAB241720AF97296B804474.pdf	1 3 4
Use of Lexia programme	EEF research on TA interventions +4	1 3 4

	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/lexia	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost	£54,000
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Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Pastoral team is in place to ensure the wellbeing, safety and behaviour for learning of pupils allows them to be ready to learn	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/send-review https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/3-wider-strategies	1 2 3 4 5
Reduce persistent absenteeism	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance May 2022	1 2
Visits or visitors are part of the curriculum offer including: museums, galleries, libraries, parks, gardens, higher education institutes and workplaces	School trips help schools succeed Education Business 'The learning value of school trips for children with special educational needs from the perspective of primary school teachers' by Jessica Wythe - November 2023 in Journal of Research in Special Educational Needs	1 2 3 4 5
A well-developed CRL programme to raise expectations and enrich the curriculum	Career-related learning in primary schools - A snapshot of current practice by Carol Davenport, Annie Padwick, Northumbria University (Jan 23) - accessed Sep 24	1 2 3 4

	Careers boost for young people - GOV.UK	5
Increase the parental engagement with the academy through workshops, hybrid parents' evening and the availability of a safe space	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/review-of-evidence-on-parental-engagement	2 4 5

Total budgeted cost

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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.

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

1. Increase the proportions of pupils achieving ARE in all areas.

Year Group	All Children 24-25	PP children 24-25
Y1 Phonics	89.8%	87%
Y2 Phonics	86.2%	65%
Y3 Phonics	96.6%	97%
Early Learning Goal	79.2%	73.9%
Key stage 1 Reading	49.1%	44.8%
Key Stage 1 Writing	49.1%	41.4%
Key Stage 1 Maths	54.5%	51.7%
Key stage 2 Reading	72.9%	61.8%
Key Stage 2 Writing	84.7%	79.4%
Key stage 2 Maths	74.6%	67.6%

2. Ensuring that the difference between pupil premium and all remains low.

Results for all KS2 children have increased in reading, writing and maths by an average of 19% since last year. The average result for children in receipt of pupil premium has also increased but by 14%.

3. Progress of pupils remains average or above at the end of KS2.

Due to Covid 19 disruption there was no KS1 baseline to calculate progress for academic years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

4. Pupils have experienced an extended offer from the academy through extra-curricular, educational visits and careers related learning.

77% of KS2 pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium grant took part in after school clubs versus 61% of all KS2 children. In KS1 60% of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant took part in after school clubs versus 35% of all KS1 children. 28 visits took place over the year for pupils across all year groups. 57 visitors came into the academy. All pupils experienced at least one visit and visitor throughout the year. Visits included trips to the local library, a nearby church and gurdwara, the seaside, Temple Newsam, Kirkstall Abbey, Yorkshire Agricultural Show, the Young Voices event as well as to Herd Farm residential for KS2 children. 47 children took part in inter school competitions. Visitors to the academy included visits by a Gypsy Roma group, a mobile farm and The Dog's Trust.

5. Increase the proportion of parents/carers actively engaging with their child's education.

Feedback from our Edurio Survey indicated that 85% of families felt that teachers are helping their children to learn. 89% felt it was easy to contact the school and were kept fully informed about their child's attendance.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Rockets Cubed	https://www.connectsport.co.uk/organisation/rackets-cubed
PIECES Project	https://www.thepiecesproject.co.uk/
Northern Ballet	https://northernballet.com/academy/works-hops-and-events/spotted