



Durham Dales Federation- Upper Dales Schools

Pupil premium strategy statement 2021-2024

This statement details our schools' 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 schools.

School overview

Autumn term = black, [Spring term updates = blue](#), [Summer term updates = green](#)

Detail	Data
School name	UDDF
Number of pupils in school	Rookhope 5 St John's Chapel 20 Wearhead 15 Total - 40
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	15% (6 pupils)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	2021 - 2024
Date this statement was published	November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	Termly
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Funding overview

Pupil Premium Grant Funding 2023-2024

Rookhope

Number of pupils in school R – Y6	5
Proportion of disadvantaged	40% (2)
Pupil Premium allocation	£2910

St John's Chapel Primary School

Number of pupils in school R – Y6	20
Proportion of disadvantaged	20% (4)
Pupil Premium allocation	£6895

Wearhead Primary School

Number of pupils in school R – Y6	15
Proportion of disadvantaged	6.7% (1)
Pupil Premium allocation	£1455

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At the Upper Durham Dales schools, we believe that every child has the ability to achieve their potential, regardless of background and we strive to ensure that all children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and a wide range of experiences.

Across our federation, we have identified that the main barriers to learning for Pupil Premium pupils in our schools tends to be lack of resilience, having limited access to a wide range of real-life experiences, lower starting points for verbal communication and language skills and often additional learning needs.

We focus our Pupil Premium spending on delivering high quality teaching, quality interventions, enhancing the cultural capital of our disadvantaged children and supporting children to develop their resilience and understand the importance of having a healthy body and mind.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	A proportion of children in receipt of PP funding also have an additional SEND need which requires high levels of differentiation and adult support.
2	All children need high quality teaching and feedback to ensure they make progress and develop appropriate skills and knowledge.
3	Less engagement in supporting children to read at home means staff have to ensure there are opportunities in school to support and value reading.
4	Due to low starting points in verbal communication and language, some Year 1 disadvantaged pupils struggle to meet the phonics standard at the end of the year. This slows their progress in all curriculum areas that demand effective reading strategies.
5	Limited TA time to deliver 1 to 1 interventions and wellbeing activities
6	Emotional resilience of some pupils eligible for pupil premium is low compared to their peers. This can affect their ability to concentrate on academic activities, especially when working with others or when tasks are challenging.
7	Higher than average levels of deprivation results in children having limited opportunities to access experiences that enhance their vocabulary for reading and writing.
8	Rural isolation and the impact of Covid and repeated lockdowns has had a detrimental impact on children's emotional wellbeing and their ability to socialise with their peers.

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 will receive appropriately differentiated provision and TA support.	SEND pupils will make quicker academic progress reducing the attainment gap between them and their more able peers.
Quality of teaching and feedback improved through targeted CPD.	Increased proportions of pupils will reach ARE in English and Maths across the school.
Increased opportunities in school to support and value reading.	By the end of the academic year, attainment in reading will have improved compared to baseline data collated September 2021.
Improved staff subject knowledge in the teaching of phonics and spelling, using RWI materials.	Improved phonic outcomes for KS1 pupils. Improved spelling outcomes for KS2 pupils
Interventions identified in support plans are effectively timetabled so that pupils receive appropriate provision.	Observations of targeted pupils show that pupils are receiving identified interventions and are making progress in these areas.
Pupil resilience will be developed through a number of activities and initiatives, including regular Forest Schools sessions and planned sessions to familiarise children with the Growth Mindset approach.	Lesson observations will demonstrate pupils' positive attitudes to learning and good behaviours.
Pupils wider experiences are enhanced.	Pupils will be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the wider world and in turn their language and vocabulary will be richer.
Pupils will gain the opportunity to work in larger groups and participate in team building activities on 'Federation days'.	Increased pupil confidence and resilience, more effective transition KS2/3.

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)

Pupil premium: £5,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>SEND interventions training (1 staff meeting) to be delivered by SENDCo</p> <p>SENDCo to support class teachers and HLTAs to identify most effective interventions for each SEND pupil</p>	<p>Additional ideas for interventions using research from EEF for interventions that have the most impact. Reinforced the need for creating a structure for an intervention session e.g. warm up, auditory memory work, session focus, concluding activity.</p> <p><i>Link to EEF research Special Needs in Mainstream Schools: Compliment high quality teaching with carefully selected 1 to 1 interventions and small group teaching</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>RWI phonics and spelling online subscriptions</p> <p>£624</p> <p>Purchase of additional RWI spelling & phonics resources</p> <p>RWI reading books</p> <p>High interest, low reading level books</p> <p>Phonics support for new staff delivered by English subject leader</p> <p>Subscription to Nessy Reading & Spelling online programme</p> <p>£385</p>	<p>Staff confidence to increase an effective spelling programme increased. Renewed emphasis on developing phonic skills.</p> <p><i>Link to EEF research-improving literacy in ks1- effectively implement a synthetic phonics programme</i></p> <p><i>EEF toolkit- Phonics approaches have been consistently found to be effective in supporting younger pupils to master the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional five months' progress. Research suggests that phonics is particularly beneficial for younger learners (4–7-year olds) as they begin to read.</i></p>	<p>1,2,4</p>

<p>Online subscription to Accelerated Reader for all Key Stage 2 children £650 per school</p> <p>Purchase of additional AR books including High-low readers. Pupil and parent voice to be collated to inform planned expenditure on new books (Approx £1400)</p> <p>Introduction of the VIPERS reading comprehension strategy</p> <p>Parent information session on how to support their child with reading at home</p> <p>Online subscription to MyOn digital ebook library £2,668 / £876 per school</p>	<p><i>Link to EEF research-Improving Literacy in KS2-Fluent reading supports comprehension because pupils' cognitive resources can be redirected from focusing on word recognition to comprehending the text.</i></p>	<p>3,</p>
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Pupil premium: £3,000 (additional costs met from school budget)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Intervention sessions to be delivered 1to1 or in a small group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extra RWI phonic sessions - Online Mable therapy sessions & follow up intervention activities 	<p><i>EEF toolkit evidence: Short, regular sessions (about 30 minutes, three to five times a week) over a set period of time (up to ten weeks) appear to result in optimum impact. Evidence also suggests tuition should be additional to, but explicitly linked with, normal teaching, and that teachers should monitor progress to ensure the tutoring is beneficial. Studies</i></p>	<p>1,3,5</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SNIP spelling programme - Individual reading - Handwriting – Nelson handwriting online subscription £237 <p>5 hours HLTA per week</p>	<p><i>comparing one to one with small group tuition show mixed results. In some cases, one to one tuition has led to greater improvement, while in others tuition in groups of two or three has been equally or even more effective. The variability in findings may suggest it is the particular type or quality of teaching enabled by very small groups that is important, rather than the precise size of the group.</i></p>	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Pupil premium allocation: £3,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Continued use of Weduc app £1000pa</p> <p>Home School diaries</p> <p>Community events e.g. Christmas production, MacMillan coffee morning</p> <p>Termly SEND support plan review meetings with parents of SEND children</p>	<p>Evidence from EEF toolkit: <i>The average impact of the Parental engagement approaches is about an additional four months' progress over the course of a year. There are also higher impacts for pupils with low prior attainment.</i></p> <p>Working with parents to support children's learning recommendations: <i>Messages are likely to be more effective if they are personalised, linked to learning, and promote positive interactions by, for example, celebrating success.</i></p>	<p>1,3,6,8</p>

<p>Discounted places for eligible pupils at breakfast & after school club</p> <p>Costs: £2-50 per session per pupil for breakfast, £3 for after school</p> <p>8 hours after school supervisor per week approx.</p> <p>6.25 hours breakfast club supervisor per week approx.</p> <p>Educational visits to experiences such as Beamish Museum, the mobile planetarium, Weardale Museum, Gala Theatre pantomime</p> <p>Opportunities to participate in instrumental music sessions delivered by Durham Music Service</p>	<p>EEF toolkit:</p> <p><i>There are wider benefits from regular physical activity in terms of physical development, health and wellbeing as well as other potential benefits have been reported such as improved attendance.</i></p> <p><i>Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds may be less likely to be able to benefit from sport clubs and other physical activities outside of school due to the associated financial costs (e.g. equipment). By providing physical activities free of charge, schools give pupils access to benefits and opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.</i></p> <p><i>Some arts activities have been linked with improvements in specific outcomes. For example, there is some evidence of the impact of drama on writing and potential link between music and spatial awareness.</i></p> <p><i>Wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported.</i></p>	<p>6,7, 8</p>
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Total allocation received: £11,260

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Read Write Inc. Spelling, Phonics & Handwriting subscriptions	Oxford Owl, Oxford University Press
WEDUC School App	WEDUC
White Rose Maths	White Rose Maths
Accelerated reader	Renaissance learning
TT Rockstars	Maths Circle
Doodle Maths, English	Doodle Learning
Nessy Reading & Spelling	Nessy Learning

MyOn	Renaissance learning
after school sports club	Sportscool
Whole class opportunities for KS2 to learn an instrument	Durham Music Service

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 **2022-2023** academic year.

In the academic year **2022-2023**, St John's Chapel Primary School received £4,155, Rookhope received £1385 and Wearhead received £1385 pupil premium.

Teaching (CPD): All staff have now completed phonics and/or spelling training and are confident to deliver phonics and spelling sessions. Input from the English subject leader during staff meetings or INSET days has increased staff awareness of the importance of embedding phonic and spelling knowledge across all areas of the curriculum. All staff have now received in house training into the effective use of accelerated reader and have raised the profile of reading in their classrooms. This was reflected in the outcomes of phonics screens and KS1 and KS2 reading assessments, with reading showing the strongest outcomes in statutory assessments.

Targeted academic support:

During the course of the year, the SENDCo has continued to work closely with teachers and HLTAs to write SMART targets for support plans and to suggest activities and resources to address areas of concern. Online Mable therapy sessions are being used increasingly effectively, with a named member of staff overseeing the sessions for all pupils and preparing the follow up resource packs for each child. Parents of SEND pupils now have a better understanding of the benefits of Mable therapy and the speech and language skills of those pupils participating are improving.

Wider strategies:

Uptake of breakfast and after school club sessions has improved over the course of the year. The offer of discounted places to children in receipt of PP has ensured that all children have the opportunity to participate in the full range of school activities. Pupil Premium children received discounted places to the KS2 residential and benefited from this experience. Whole class music lessons delivered by Durham Music Service were arranged for all KS2 pupils and children were given the opportunity to play violins, ukuleles and recorders. As a result of this, pupils wider experiences have been enhanced.

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Teaching (CPD):

All staff received intensive interaction training and Team Teach training, which increased staff awareness of de-escalation strategies and effective strategies for communicating with non-verbal ASC pupils. Staff meetings to develop staff understanding of how to deliver an effective intervention session have enabled staff to target interventions for SEND pupils more effectively and this progress is evident, particularly in terms of their communication skills.

Additional training for RWI spelling and phonics has proved beneficial and is evidenced by teacher assessments of phonics and spelling outcomes and by Accelerated Reader results. All teaching staff now refer to the complex speed sounds charts and identify spelling patterns during their teaching across all areas of the curriculum.

Targeted academic support:

During the year, the SENDCo has worked closely with teachers and education support staff to develop their expertise to write SMART targets for support plans and to identify the most effective interventions and resources to enable pupils to make quicker progress. There is now a greater consistency across the federation in terms of teachers' expectations and resources used, which has increased SEND pupils confidence and familiarity with support materials.

Wider strategies:

Parental engagement has increased during the last year. This is evidence by the high attendance at community events, parents' consultation meetings and SEND review meetings and the increased interaction between parents and staff in pupils' home school diaries. Parental feedback is generally very positive and parents are keen to support their children's learning at home.

Discounted places have been offered to children in receipt of pupil premium and their uptake of places at breakfast and after school clubs has increased during the course of the year.

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