

Clee Hill Community Academy Pupil premium strategy evaluative statement 2024-2025 and plan for 2025-2026



Underserved pupils are students who face challenges and obstacles that can impact their education, mental health, and future opportunities. These challenges can include: Financial stress, Language barriers, and Discrimination. This statement details our school's 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 school.

The school PPG has read and considered the research from the EEF guide to Pupil Premium when choosing strategies to effectively spend the PPG Grant.

"When considering the balance of spending within the 3-tiered model set out in [EEF's guide to the pupil premium](#), academies should bear in mind that the EEF recommends that approaches which support and promote high-quality teaching in academies should be a top priority for pupil premium spending"

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Clee Hill Community Academy
Number of pupils in school	121 pupils in Year R – Year 6 plus Nursery (138 in total)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	18% - 25 students
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025 - 2026
Date this statement was published	29.7.25
Date on which it will be reviewed	1.9.26 – annual review
Statement authorised by	Ceri Little - Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Ceri Little
Governor / Trustee lead	Andy Ellis

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year (2025-2026)	£27,270 (18 pupils)
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£27,270

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Clee Hill Community Academy we believe that all members of staff and the governing body should accept responsibility for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring and nurturing environment. We hope that each child will develop a love for learning and fulfil their potential. 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

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. Alongside high-quality teaching, **every Pupil Premium Child has a Pupil Premium Passport (PPP)** which identifies individual barriers to learning and provides to support to enable pupils to overcome these. Reading is a key priority for in our PPG spend and all Pupil Premium children are prioritised to be heard to read daily.

We also 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.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1. Attendance	In 2024-2025, attendance figure for pupils receiving Free School Meals (95.7%) compared to All pupils (96.4%).
2 Vocabulary/ Speech & Language	A number of younger pupils are struggling with speech & language skills in the EYFS. The 'Word Gap' shows a significant gap in vocabulary between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils from a very early age. External results were very positive for Pupil Premium Children in most areas. However, In writing, 0% of pupils achieved greater depth. Vocabulary and language was a key element to this.
3. Core subjects	Internal data shows a gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils in, core subjects, although an improving picture for reading. Interestingly, external data for PP pupils at the end of KS2 was above National in all areas except KS2 reading. In GPS, PP pupils achieved above non PP (83.3% achieving ARE and 30.8% achieving Greater Depth).
4. Reading & Phonics	Continue to remain a focus of the school to ensure that Pupil Premium children do not fall behind with their phonics and reading from an early age so that they are able to access the curriculum.

	In 2025, 66.7% of pupils receiving FSM achieved ARE in KS2 reading compared to 76.9% of all pupils and 75% of all pupils nationally.
5. Enrichment	Attachment difficulties or hampered emotional and social development. Poorer uptake of enrichment activities. Internal analysis of enrichment opportunities has showed a lower uptake for pupils receiving FSM and a significant impact in uptake where this has been targeted for action.
6. Emotional well-being, resilience and self esteem	Low self-esteem and resilience which can impact on attitude to learning and behaviour

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
1. Attendance To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced. the percentage of disadvantaged pupils who are persistently absent being below 5%
2 Vocabulary/ Speech & Language Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment. 'Stoke Speak Out' assessment used in Nursery to identify early identification. Talk boost/ Early Talk Boost interventions used for EYFS pupils identified as requiring additional support with language/ vocabulary.
3 Core subjects Pupil Premium Passports will accurately address barriers to learning and consider intervention/ approaches to reduce these barriers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils eligible for PP in each class to make rapid progress by the end of the year towards or meeting age-related expectations. Pupils achieve reading, writing, maths and GPS targets set or show significant progress towards these on provision maps (PP passports) KS2 outcomes to show that more than 70% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard in reading, writing, maths and GPS. All PPG pupils to have a personalised plan to address barriers to learning and a plan to overcome these barriers Assessments are effective in identifying pupils working below ARE and interventions have good impact in closing the gap
4 Reading & Phonics 80%+ pass for Year 1 pupils in the phonics assessment – 100% pass for Year 2 pupils in the reassessment (after removing any high dependent SEND pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All meet the EYFS Literacy ELG and Y1 phonic standard or show significant progress towards the achievement of this Pupils achieve reading targets set or show significant progress towards these on provision maps. KS2 reading outcomes to show that more than 70% of disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPG pupils below ARE (age related expectations) in phonics identified quickly and interventions put in place to support/ close the gap. Phonics screening check outcomes to show at least in line with the national average and showing that more than 80% of disadvantaged pupils to meet the expected standard Reading Intervention Grids and Phonics interventions making a positive difference to outcomes.
5. Enrichment Wide range of enrichment opportunities available to PP pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils access to wide range of learning opportunities – 100% of all PP pupils to access at least one additional club/ enrichment by the end of summer 2025 Pupils self-esteem, resilience and emotional well-being is improved. Sustained high levels of wellbeing demonstrated by pupil interviews, questionnaires and observations and a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils
6. Emotional well-being, resilience and self esteem Emotional support - including individual plans as part of PP passports, internal groups such as 'mindfulness club' and external agencies such as play therapists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustained high levels of wellbeing demonstrated by pupil interviews, questionnaires and observations and a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils

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 (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted costs - £3610

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Training for TA to become an ELSA	<p>There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers):</p> <p>EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	6
Pupil Progress Meetings – a focus on Pupil Premium Passports and data for PP pupils Staff Meetings and CPD – allocated time	<p>Used by outstanding schools such as</p> <p>http://www.fieldingprimary.com/pupil-premium/</p>	2,3 & 4

to develop Pupil Premium Passports along pupils		
Purchase of additional standardised diagnostic assessments. (Rising Stars)	When used effectively, diagnostic assessments can indicate areas for development for individual pupils, or across classes and year groups: Diagnostic assessment EEF	3&4
Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE and EEF guidance. We will fund teacher release time to embed key elements of guidance in school and to access Maths Hub resources and CPD (including Teaching for Mastery training).	The DfE non-statutory guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches: Mathematics guidance: key stages 1_and 2 The EEF guidance is based on a range of the best available evidence: Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3	2,3 & 4

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

Budgeted costs - £27,750

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group & individual teaching for pupils who need to catch-up. A significant proportion of the pupils who receive small group teaching will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers.	Small group tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one to-one: One to one tuition Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF And in small groups: Small group tuition Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF	1,2,3
Talk Boost and Early Talk Boost – training for EYFS staff, cover when completing assessments <i>Stoke Speak Out – S&L assessment</i>	There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language early identification and interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading: Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2,3,4
Mastering Number programme	Evaluations consider up to 5 months gain in children's fluency in number	3
Phonic catch up through LW programme – additional resources, training, interventions	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2,3,4

Daily reading for pupils below ARE	EEF Toolkit suggest that reading comprehension is an effective way to improve attainment, and it is suitable as an approach that we can embed across the school. "On average, reading comprehension approaches improve learning by an additional five months' progress over the course of a school year. These approaches appear to be particularly effective for older readers (aged 8 or above) who are not making expected progress." Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2,3,4
Reading at breakfast club and enrichment at CHAMPs		
Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction:		
To continue to foster a love of reading through enrichment opportunities, including wider family intervention	The reading framework (publishing.service.gov.uk)	3

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

Budgeted costs - £4800

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
TA support - self esteem/resilience support for small groups	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	6
PSHE approaches will be embedded into routine educational practices and supported by professional development and training for staff (Mind Ed/ mental health ambassador training)	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	6
Play Therapy sessions	The British Association of Play Therapists states that Play Therapy in school: Helps children and young people to build healthier relationships with teaching staff and peers; Reduces emotional, behavioural and social obstacles to learning; Improves adaptation in the classroom; Enhances communi-	6

	<p>cation and play skills as well as emotional literacy; Addresses the needs of at-risk children; Supports and advises teaching staff.</p> <p>These benefits are particularly of benefit to some of our disadvantaged and vulnerable children as they may have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect or loss.</p> <p>https://www.bapt.info/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Play-Therapy-in-Schools.pdf</p>	
Clubs and enrichment – a focus for all club leaders to note numbers of PP pupils and plan an action plan to improve	<p>Large range of clubs and enrichment opportunities on offer</p> <p>Review of enrichment opportunities and subsequent actions to overcome barriers / Character Academy.</p> <p>Numbers and 5 recorded and actioned</p>	5,6
Subsidies for equipment and clothing – particularly for support with enrichment opportunities where finding may be a barrier – ie shinpads/ wellies/ football boots etc	Subsidies in making a difference to individual's self esteem and uptake of clubs and activities (previous case studies)	5,6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large time scales for payments of more expensive trips (up to 1 year for residential payments) • PTA subsidised/ free activities as part of the creative curriculum. • 50% off breakfast club and after school club (CHAMPS) for <u>all</u> PP pupils • Wide range of clubs offered to pupils at lunchtimes and after school 	<p>Increases inclusivity as economic factors do not dictate whether or not a broader curriculum can be accessed. Some subsidy of breakfast club also means that parents can access some help with childcare to allow them to work and we can be confident that the child has eaten and is well prepared for a day at school.</p> <p>Take up for enrichment and residential was monitored previously in case studies. Individual plans to support families and their barriers.</p>	5,6

Total budgeted cost: £36,160

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

We have analysed the performance of our school's disadvantaged pupils during the 2024/2025 academic year using EYFS, key stage performance data, phonics check results and our own internal assessments.

- At the end of EYFS, 100% of PPG reached their ELG compared to 71.4% for all pupils. This was 1 pupil in the cohort.
- At the end of Year 1, 100% of pupils achieved their phonics screening (2 pupils) compared to 91% for all pupils.
- At the end of KS2, 66.7% of pupils reaching their reading (76.9% for all pupils) and 16.7% achieved greater depth (26.9% for all pupils) - 6 pupils
- At the end of KS2, 83.3% of pupils reaching their GPS (76.9% for all pupils) and 33.3% achieved greater depth (30.8% for all pupils) - 6 pupils
- At the end of KS2, 83.3% of pupils reaching their writing (73.1% for all pupils) and 0% achieved greater depth (11.5% for all pupils) - 6 pupils
- At the end of KS2, 83.3% of pupils reaching their maths (84.6% for all pupils) and 16.7% achieved greater depth (26.9% for all pupils) - 6 pupils

Progress figures— awaiting breakdown from IDSR for PP progress.

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
None apart from those already listed under teaching.	

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	NA

premium allocation last academic year?	
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	NA