



Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2025/26

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.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St Uny C of E Academy
Number of pupils in school	236
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	20%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	3 rd September 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	3 rd January 2026 3 rd April 2026
Statement authorised by	Richard Hoskins (Head of School)
Pupil premium lead	Richard Hoskins
Governor / Trustee lead	Aspire Trust Board

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£53,175
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
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	£53,175

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our vision is to be a positive, loving school where children are equipped to live well with Jesus Christ and with others. At St Uny CE Academy it is our intent that all pupils flourish and enjoy a rich and diverse curriculum. As a school we are committed to raising the achievement for pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium and understand that many of these pupils must make accelerated progress compared to non-eligible pupils to achieve this. At St Uny CE Academy we have created a package of support aimed to tackle a range of barriers to ensure all pupils flourish. We aim to:

- Provide learning experiences which meet the needs of all pupils.
- Establish further provision to support the cognitive and emotional needs of identified pupils.
- Provide support for disadvantaged families (including signposting to services and attendance).

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Misconceptions in learning have led to lower attainment in maths for disadvantaged pupils. Regular opportunities to develop automaticity in maths, as well as a secure foundation in understanding 'number' have been identified as priorities.
2	Disadvantaged pupils starting school in Nursery and Reception are starting with lower baseline assessments for communication and language and require additional SEMH support when they start school.
3	High attaining pupils need to continue to maintain and accelerate progress to ensure a higher % of pupil premium eligible pupils achieve GDS.
4	Identified pupils (including those in care) require further support with their SEMH needs in order to flourish in school and make progress both socially and academically. These needs must be met first.
5	Identified families and parents of disadvantaged pupils require additional support in order to feel supported and that their child is able to flourish in and out of 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
Disadvantaged pupils will access research-based teacher led intervention support, as well as focused teaching in lessons, to ensure progress is accelerated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School to develop methods for formative and summative assessment across the curriculum. Teachers to ensure the curriculum for all subjects is planned in a sequential approach, with a clear intent for acquired knowledge and skills, so that misconceptions are overcome. All pupils to access spiral review in maths in order to support the development of automaticity in number skills and facts. Identified pupils to attend daily maths intervention, led by the class teacher.
Disadvantaged pupils joining the Nursery and Reception will be supported to develop their communication and language skills, which will support their SEMH needs being met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified pupils will access 'We Thinkers' programme, led by the Class Teacher. Identified pupils will access 'Early Talk Boost' in the Nursery, so that the appropriate support is in place. Identified pupils will access 'Talk Boost' in Reception, so that the appropriate support is in place. Teachers will provide information and support for families of disadvantaged pupils starting in the Nursery and Reception.
Higher attaining pupils will maintain and accelerate their progress so that more pupils achieve GDS in reading, writing and maths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching and learning strategies in all classes meet the needs of the most able to ensure they are challenged. Targeted intervention to be used to challenge and extend the most able pupils. Assessment to be used effectively to ensure GDS pupils are challenged and to accelerate potential GDS pupils.
The SEMH needs of identified pupils will be met, enabling pupils to flourish in school and make progress both socially and academically.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued development of whole school SEMH provision (PSHE, nurture art, forest school, well-being curriculum), including a specific focus on mental health as part of the PSHE curriculum. Training and deployment of TIS practitioners, ensuring a rigorous timetable of support is in place for identified pupils. Development of the 'Senior Mental Health Lead' role. Nurture art, forest school and lunch provision to take place for identified pupils. Whole-school well-being provision (linked to art and expression) to be put into place. Regular 'Boxall' assessments will take place for identified pupils to support staff in identifying areas of need.
Families of disadvantaged pupils feel supported by the school and wider school community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular communication and updates from the school for identified families.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on provision for PP pupils made accessible to all. • School to organise support sessions for identified families (including training led by the SENCO / Aspire café sessions). • Links with the FOSUA to be strengthened to provide support and opportunities for families.
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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: £34,175 (£32,175 Teaching / £2000 CPD).

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Continuous Professional Development to improve high quality first wave teaching and support from all staff. Fund ongoing teacher training release time/overtime for support staff.	<p>The evidence indicates that great teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment.</p> <p>Ensuring every teacher is supported in delivering high quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged among them.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-improvement-planning/1-high-qualityteaching</p>	1 2 3 4
Retention of class teacher designated to provide high-quality class cover in order to enable pupils to develop their skills and access high-quality teaching across the curriculum.	<p>The quality of teaching and learning is more successful when a teacher leads the class.</p> <p>Teacher-led support has a high impact on outcomes for pupils. Teachers know their pupils well, have identified misconceptions and next steps and have a secure understanding of the National Curriculum for the year group they are teaching and also includes the Nursery.</p> <p><u><i>Access to high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for their pupils (EEF – Teaching Assistant Interventions).</i></u></p>	1 2 3 4
Identified pupils to access additional tutoring support in reading, writing & maths.		
Retention of an additional adult for KS2 classes for learning and interventions taking	<p>Research on TAs delivering targeted interventions in one-to-one or small group settings shows a consistent impact on attainment of approximately three to four additional months' progress (effect size 0.2–0.3) (EEF).</p>	1 2 3 4

place in the afternoons.	Support staff will be deployed in KS2 to enable teachers to be release to deliver interventions (Number Sense, daily maths, reading support). <u>Access to high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for their pupils (EEF – Teaching Assistant Interventions).</u>	
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £16,000 (£16,000 Support)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Pupils to have access to high-quality teacher-led intervention based on specific learning needs.</p> <p>Identified pupils to access additional tutoring support in reading, writing & maths.</p>	<p>Strategy was successful in 2021/22 across the school in terms of accelerating progress and addressing misconceptions for identified pupils. Live marking approaches and 'close the gap' sessions will enable teachers to address misconceptions during teacher time.</p> <p>Interventions will be led by qualified teachers who understand the needs of specific pupils (for example, the Maths Lead leading Number Sense interventions).</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>PP pupils in KS2 will be targeted with extra support in the classroom, as well as participate in SMEH and team building activities.</p> <p>Additional support staff in KS2 with a specific focus on supporting identified PP pupils both academically and socially / emotionally.</p> <p>Additional staff will support with targeted in-class provision, directed and planned by class teachers.</p> <p>Pupils in Year 6 will have access to</p>	<p>Research on TAs delivering targeted interventions in one-to-one or small group settings shows a consistent impact on attainment of approximately three to four additional months' progress (effect size 0.2–0.3) (EEF).</p>	<p>1 2 4</p>

additional 'booster' sessions after school.		
Pupil Experiences – specific provision for identified pupils.	<p>Outsourcing specific services (such as equine therapy) provides identified pupils with provision they need which is not able to take place on the school grounds.</p> <p><i>The best SEMH schools will be working with a range of external providers to cater for the needs of a very diverse set of students. Access to a range of therapies is vital including, but not limited to, on site counsellors. Connections to charities and voluntary groups can also provide opportunities for the children to access support and experiences that may meet their needs to an even greater extent. SEMH Schools Link</i></p>	<p>1 2 4 5</p>

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

Budgeted cost: £3000 (Including resources - £1500)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Pupils in KS2 to access provision and support to develop SEMH barriers to school.</p> <p>Use of 'Motional' assessments on all pupils to identify areas of support needed and progress.</p>	<p>Identified pupils will access high quality 'free art' intervention one afternoon each week, planned and led by an experienced art teacher with 'Draw & Talk' training. All pupils to access art-led well-being activities and 'doodling' sessions to support expression and SEMH development.</p> <p><i>A creative and flexible curriculum is key in an SEMH school. A range of different extracurricular activities will work hand in hand to create the balance needed to challenge and provide continuous opportunity for success, vital for providing the confidence to try new things. SEMH Schools Link</i></p>	4
<p>Parents & wider family members will be supported for identified PP pupils.</p> <p><i>To provide parent workshops and support based on need. To provide support with breakfast club provision in order to ensure identified pupils have a positive start to the school day and identified families are supported. Provide free / subsidised access to clubs, trips & residential for identified pupils.</i></p>	<p>Parent workshops for identified families provided great support for parents in 2019/20/21 – parent feedback was very positive.</p> <p><i>Plan carefully for group-based parenting initiatives (such as regular workshops). A convenient time and location, face to-face recruitment, trusting relationships, and an informal, welcoming environment are the most important factors for parents to attend group sessions. (EEF – Working with parents to support children's learning).</i></p> <p>Wrap around care provided by support staff, known to the children, in a nurturing environment at the start and end of the day.</p>	2 5

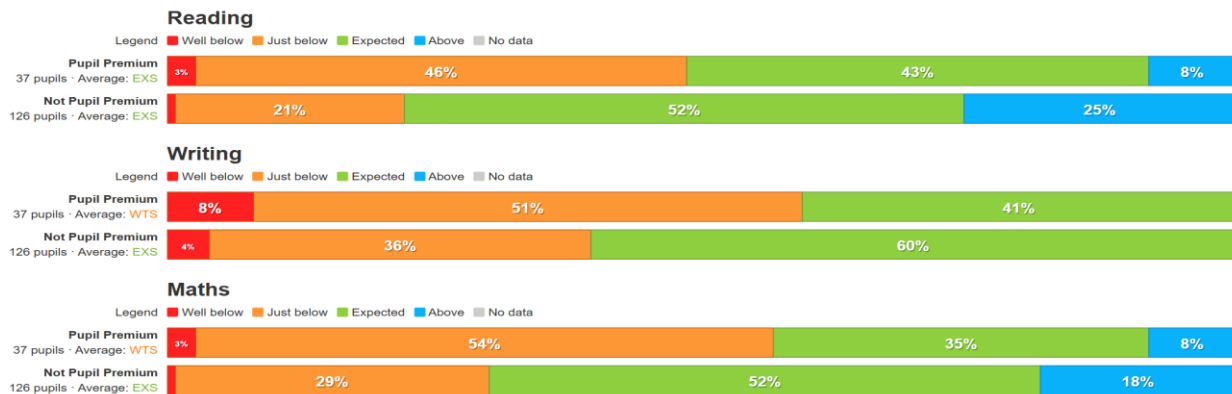
	<p>Provision for trips proved effective in 2021-24 in ensuring all pupils have access to a range of activities and experiences. Support for wider professionals to support pupils and families in school.</p> <p><u>The best SEMH schools will be working with a range of external providers to cater for the needs of a very diverse set of students. Access to a range of therapies is vital including, but not limited to, on site counsellors. Connections to charities and voluntary groups can also provide opportunities for the children to access support and experiences that may meet their needs to an even greater extent. SEMH Schools Link</u></p>	
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Total budgeted cost: £54,100

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.



Aim	Chosen Action / Approach	Outcome / Impact
Misconceptions in learning for identified pupils will be addressed in reading, writing and maths. Regular opportunities to develop automaticity in maths and opportunities for reading have been identified.	Teachers to be provided with release time to lead their own interventions for identified groups and individuals in their classes.	<p>Teacher-led interventions have led to accelerated progress for identified pupils and for misconceptions to be reduced. Teachers have been able to plan next steps effectively as a result of leading their own interventions.</p> <p>The 'Record of Need' has successfully enabled leaders to identify PP pupils who require additional support and monitor (in some cases) the small steps of progress made. Aspire progress trackers for pupils with SEND have been successful in monitoring small steps of progress.</p> <p>The development of assessment strategies has started to impact progress from specific starting points for identified groups and individuals.</p> <p>Pupils are secure in demonstrating learning which has taken place within the current school year and beyond – identified through internal and external monitoring.</p>
Higher attaining pupils will maintain and accelerate their progress so that more pupils achieve GDS in reading, writing and maths.	Targeted intervention / support – development of assessment strategies.	<p>Above expected</p>
The % of persistent absence amongst pupil premium	Aspire attendance policy / procedures / support from the Education Welfare Officer.	PP / Non-PP attendance within 0.2% in the 2024/25 school year.

pupils will reduce and the gap will narrow in comparison to non-pupil premium pupils.		Current 12% gap in PP / Non-PP persistent absence for the 2024/25 school year. This continues to be a priority.
The SEMH needs of identified pupils will be met, enabling pupils to flourish in school and make progress both socially and academically.	<p>Additional support staff in KS2 with a specific focus on supporting identified PP pupils both academically and socially / emotionally.</p> <p>'Nurture Art' sessions to be provided for identified PP pupils weekly by a skilled art teacher.</p>	<p>The SEMH needs of pupils, especially KS2, have been positively impacted this year – with key pupils accessing more learning and making better progress. Motional assessments have confirmed this.</p> <p>Pupils accessing nurture art and forest school have been provided with tools to use to express their emotions in a creative way. Pupil well-being and relationships with each other and key adults have developed as a result of this – seeing a reduction in SEMH needs within identified groups. Motional assessments have confirmed this.</p>
Families of disadvantaged pupils feel supported by the school and wider school community.	<p>To provide parent workshops and support based on need.</p> <p>Provide free wrap around care for identified pupils who need it.</p> <p>Provide free / subsidised access to clubs, trips & residential visits for identified pupils.</p>	<p>Pupil uptake for wrap around care has enabled parents to be supported for a longer duration across the school day. Identified pupils accessed trips and residential visits as a result of support from the school.</p> <p>Pupils have engaged with and experienced a range of trips and experiences, especially during 'Activities Week'.</p> <p>Parent feedback has praised the support families feel they receive from the school.</p>

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
Fresh Start	RWI
Grammarsaurus	Grammarsaurus
Trauma Informed Schools	Trauma Informed Schools
We Thinkers	Social Thinking
Talk (& Early) Boost	Speech & Language UK

Service pupil premium funding

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	As above
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	As above.