# Pupil Premium Mission & Strategy Statement



# I AM HEARD & INCLUDED...

Wellbeing

Nurtured

Confidence

Self-esteem

Voice of the child

Sense of belonging

**Emotional Support** 

# I ASPIRE...

Motivated

Futures & Careers

Life Goals

Citizenship

Social contribution

Life-long learner



# I AM SUPPORTED & GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES...

Engaging & relevant curriculum Quality First Teaching Interventions Classroom adult support Additional learning support Extra-curricular activities – clubs/groups Cultural capital Experiences - Trips / Visitors

# I ACHIEVE & PROGRESS...

Aspirational, yet achievable targets are set in reading, writing, SPaG and maths.

High expectations are in line with peers – meet or exceed national standard in English and maths.

Consistently high expectations across all curriculum areas -

Progress in monitored termly, teachers meet with SLT [Pupil Progress Meetings] – successes celebrated and support provided where needed.

Learning and Achieving Together

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (& recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 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	Victoria Park Junior School
Pupils in school	239
Proportion of disadvantaged pupils	28%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023 - 2026
Academic year or years covered by statement	2023 - 2024
Publish date	December 2023
Review date	December 2024
Statement authorised by	James Wilkinson
Pupil premium lead	Mel Tidman
Governor lead	Kate Harding

### **Funding Overview**

Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£90,210
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£90,210



Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan <u>Statement of intent</u>

Here at VPJS, all of our school values are important. EQUALITY and ASPIRATION are particularly prevalent when considering our disadvantaged learners. We strive to provide an inclusive education in order for ALL pupils to learn and achieve...

See VPJS Pupil Premium Mission Statement (cover page)

### I ACHIEVE & PROGRESS...

I ASPIRE...

I AM HEARD & INCLUDED...

### I AM SUPPORTED & GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES...

We strive to provide our learners with a rich, relevant and engaging curriculum in order for them to grow and achieve to the very best of their potential.

> What do we want VPJS children to be... As future citizens we want our pupils to be... HAPPY PROBLEM SOLVERS TEAM WORKERS ASPIRATIONAL PRODUCTIVE PROUD INDEPENDENT SELF-CONFIDENT HELPFUL SUPPORTIVE KIND FAIR RESPECTFUL CURIOUS INCLUSIVE UNDERSTANDING EMPATHETIC ADAPTABLE GOOD LISTENERS CALM OPEN-MINDED ENTHUSIASTIC POLITE ACCEPTING DECISIVE MOTIVATED RESILIENT EMPOWERED BE CELEBRATED FOR WHO THEY ARE BELONG TO THEIR COMMUNITY HAVE A VOICE

Our goal is to identify gaps in learning and provide support and strategies to close those gaps and allow for disadvantaged pupils to achieve their expected standard or more across all subjects.

Our aim is to improve outcomes for all socio-economically disadvantaged pupils by providing quality first teaching for all pupils, therefore...'Ensuring an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving, is the key ingredient of a successful school and should rightly be a top priority for pupil premium

spending.' Education Endowment Foundation Pupil Premium <u>guidance report</u>. <u>Using pupil premium | EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>

<u>Challenges</u> This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

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Challenge	Detail of challenge
number 1	Maths
	Close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and all other pupils (67% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the National Standard in maths, in comparison to 85% of all other pupils who achieved the National Standard. 14% of disadvantaged pupils achieved greater depth in maths, in comparison to 40% of all other pupils who achieved greater depth). Improve the teaching and assessment of maths across all year groups. Develop positive mathematical mindset with pupils. All staff develop understanding of core concepts in their and other year groups, this will support the pre-learning activities. Deepening understanding for pupils of 'efficient' methods so they are confident in explaining different ways. Securing understanding of procedure and concept to create a balance.
2	Reading
	Develop staff's knowledge of developing readers and equip staff with resources and strategies to support them. Explore barriers to learning. Identify bottom 20% of readers and implement efficacious support and intervention.
	Do children have access to reading materials at home?
	Develop positive reading habits/routines for pupils
3	Vocabulary, Language and Communication Provide opportunity for exposure to language on a variety of levels. Links to improve and deepen cultural capital of pupils. The use of purposeful, curriculum-focused, dialogue and interaction. Identification of pupils through assessment. Staff receive training to ensure they model and develop pupils' oral language skills and vocabulary development
4	Additional needs & other barriers to learning SEND / EAL / Ever vulnerable groups to be monitored – learning needs identified and met through interventions and classroom support.
5	Family Support – including attendance Provide support through building relationships and communicating with parents to maintain high expectations around attendance. Individual family support to meet needs – additional services involved where needed. Attendance officer to develop knowledge and practice through EBSNA training. Aim to close the gap on attendance for disadvantaged pupils – to be in line with non-pupil premium group. (2022-23 pupil premium attendance 95.2%, non-pupil premium 96.58%

6	Phonics To ensure effective and consistent delivery of phonics. Do children have access to appropriate resources? Develop pupils' word recognition and spelling through developing pupils' ability to hear, identify and manipulate phonemes, and to teach them the relationship between phonemes and graphemes. Develop staff's knowledge of Project X and Phonics To implement a monitoring system to assess the effectiveness of Project X and Floppy Phonics
7	Parental Engagement Approaches and programmes which aim to develop parental skills such as: literacy, IT skills, emotion regulation etc. General approaches which encourage parents to support their children, e.g. reading or homework Redirection of identified pupils to access opportunities to complete homework with a member of staff.
8	Small Group Tuition HLTA to work with a small group for maths and English. What are the identified Y6 children's needs? Provide an opportunity for greater levels of interaction and feedback compared to whole class teaching which can support pupils to overcome barriers to learning and increase their access to the curriculum. Ensure that small group tuition is well-linked to classroom content. Strategy to ensure effective progress, or to teach challenging topics or skills. Provide intensive, targeted academic support to those identified.

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### 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
Close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and all other pupils in maths.	By the end of KS2, 85% of pupil premium children achieve the expected standard (or greater depth standard) in maths – by 2026.
Improved attainment in reading among disadvantaged pupils	By the end of KS2, 85% of pupil premium children achieve the expected standard (or greater depth standard) in reading – by 2026.
Improved understanding and use of vocabulary and subject specific language across subjects	Through assessments and observations, pupils demonstrate an increased understanding and application of subject specific language across a range of subjects. Further evidence of pupil voice, lesson observations and assessments gathered.
Personal, specific and child focused support to address learning needs	Increase in progress made by disadvantaged children with SEND. More disadvantaged children with SEND meeting the expected standard throughout the curriculum.
To continue to achieve good attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Continued high standards and expectations for attendance. School attendance average is 95% Aim to close the gap on attendance for disadvantaged pupils – to be in line with non-pupil premium group.
To ensure effective and consistent delivery of phonics	Increase in progress made by disadvantaged pupils in word recognition and spelling. Increase in progress in pupils being able to identify and manipulate phonemes. Improved confidence in the teaching of phonics – staff voice, learning walks.
To increase parental engagement and develop parental skills	Qualitative assessment of parent/carer feedback – parent/carer questionnaire. Parent/carer attendance to opportunities.
To support Y6 pupils to overcome barriers to learning and increase their access to the curriculum.	Small group tuition to effectively address the identified issues in maths, reading and SPaG. Disadvantaged pupils to perform in line with non- disadvantaged pupils – evidenced through formative assessment.

### Activity in this academic year

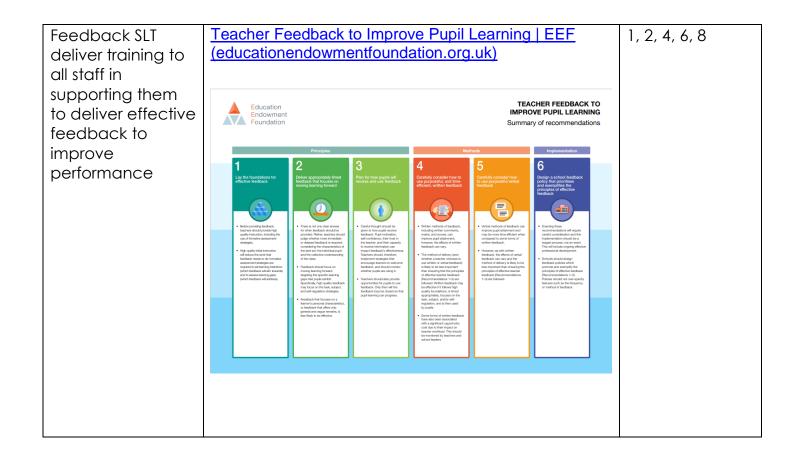
This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) this academic year to address the challenges listed above.

### Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention) Budgeted cost: £\_11,050\_\_\_

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number addressed
Curriculum development – language, sticky knowledge, knowledge & skills, assessment	<complex-block></complex-block>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8
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Metacognition Develop staff in understanding and applying metacognition to curriculum and	EEF – Teaching & Learning Toolkit <u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.</u> <u>uk/education-evidence/guidance-</u> <u>reports/metacognition</u>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8

quality first teaching.	https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/documents/guidance/Metacognition_and_self- regulation_review.pdf?v=1642679296https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education -evidence/evidence-reviews/metacognition-and-self- regulationThe Teacher Toolkit Guide To Memory, Turning theory 	
Maths & English training courses – subject leaders and fed back to staff	Maths Hub to support maths subject lead – focus on improving teaching and learning in maths reasoning for disadvantaged pupils. Trafford English SLE to support English lead.1, 2, 3, 4, 8	
TA and teacher training and support from SLT in supporting disadvantaged pupils	Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants   EEF   (education endowmentfoundation.org.uk)   Education   Coded for season 1   Station station 2   Open education of the use of TAs underwords the advector of the use	4
Development of language across all subjects as part of learning objectives (see VPJS Curriculum map)	Oral language interventions   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Alex Quigley – Closing the Vocabulary Gap <u>New EEF podcast: Developing Oral Language   EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3

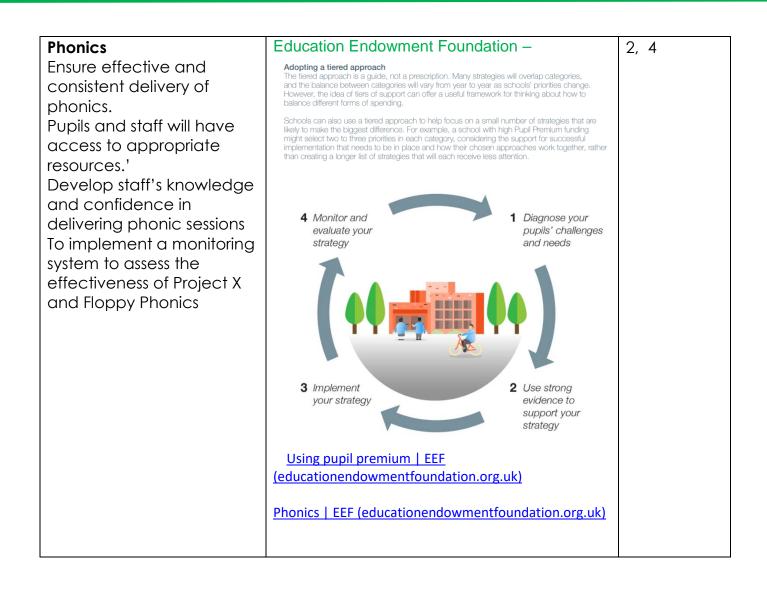
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# Targeted academic support

(for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions) Budgeted cost: £\_48,084.65\_ G

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number addressed
Pupil Progress Meetings SLT meet termly with year groups to discuss pupils / concerns in attainment & progress	SPP <u>Rethinking together how we support learners identified</u> <u>as vulnerable to disadvantage - Schools Partnership</u> <u>Program (schoolspartnershipprogramme.com)</u> <u>Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders</u> (publishing.service.gov.uk)	1, 2, 4
Small Group Tuition Year 6 pupils to receive sessions that effectively address areas of concern / gaps (identified through initial assessment). Year 6 pupils receive explicit teaching support. Increased pupil confidence and self- esteem of ability in subject.	<section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header>	1, 2, 4
	Using pupil premium   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Small group tuition   EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	



### <u>Wider strategies</u>

(for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing) Budgeted cost: £\_\_\_30,985.35\_\_\_

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Attendance Lead & Learning Mentor Communication with parents – effective, relational approach Pupil engagement with school - empowered by teachers. ECM meetings – attendance lead to summarise support and individuals in need.	School attendance: guidance for schools - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) 'Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.' DfE	5
Learning Mentor 1:1 sessions Morning meet & greet Group work ELSA trained sessions Adult led play therapy Lunchtime – focus pupils	Our understanding and experience of disadvantaged pupils is that social and emotional support is fundamental to children's wellbeing and academic achievement. Relational approach to behaviour and wellbeing.	6
Experiences – trips/visitors Robinwood Residential Theatre trip – pantomime Educational trips – e.g. Chester, MOSI, Jodrell Bank, Liverpool World Museum Visitors – Anglo Saxon workshop, Volcanoes and Earthquake workshop, author visit – Thomas Taylor	Our understanding and experience of disadvantaged pupils is that engagement, enjoyment and happiness are linked to emotive and experiential opportunities such as extra-curricular activities. An effective curriculum enhances a learner's experiences and builds on their cultural capital.	6
<b>Extra curricular –</b> Before/ after school clubs The Hub	Our understanding and experience of disadvantaged pupils is that engagement,	5, 6

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Lunchtime clubs	enjoyment and happiness are linked to emotive and experiential opportunities such as extra-curricular activities.	
Wellbeing Emotional Regulation Mental Health Week Learning Mentor group and 1:1 sessions Place 2Be	Improving Behaviour in Schools <u>  EEF</u> (educationendowmentfounda tion.org.uk)	6
Lego therapy Mental Health Lead Class Worry Monsters	Relational approach to behaviour and wellbeing	
1:1 adult led play sessions All staff CPD Sessions within Values & Attitudes (PSHE)	Zones of regulation approach – pupil understanding of emotional behaviours.	
	Wellbeing In The Primary Classroom, the updated guide to teaching happiness and positive mental health- Adrian Bethune	

Total budgeted cost: £\_\_\_90,210\_\_\_

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 to 2023 academic year.

Evidence of effective pupil premium strategies

Pupil Premium **attendance** – pupil premium attendance 95.2%, non-pupil premium 96.58%

Pupil Premium attainment (end of KS2 2022-2023)

**Maths** 67% of disadvantaged pupils achieved expectation in maths, in comparison to 85% of all other pupils who achieved expectation. 14% of disadvantaged pupils achieved greater depth in maths, in comparison to 40% of all other pupils who achieved greater depth

**Reading** 90% of disadvantaged pupils achieved expectation in reading, in comparison to 88% of all other pupils who achieved expectation. 29% of disadvantaged pupils achieved greater depth in reading, in comparison to 45% of all other pupils who achieved greater depth

**Writing** 81% of disadvantaged pupils achieved expectation in writing, in comparison to 70% of all other pupils who achieved expectation. 10% of disadvantaged pupils achieved greater depth in writing, in comparison to 13% of all other pupils who achieved greater depth

**SPaG** 90% of disadvantaged pupils achieved expectation in SPaG, in comparison to 90% of all other pupils who achieved expectation. 48% of disadvantaged pupils achieved greater depth in SPaG, in comparison to 45% of all other pupils who achieved greater depth

Pupil Premium **families** – 3 families were supported by our Designated LAC/PLAC lead, including PEP meetings, review meetings and regular monitoring of pupil wellbeing and progress.

Pupil Premium pupils **supported** through Learning Mentor/Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) sessions (1:1 and group), TA support, Learner Attitude sessions to grow understanding of metacognition and mental health. Mental Health specialists (external providers such as Place to be) and other intervention support strategies.

Pupil Premium **experiences** have been enhanced by providing school trips and visitors, a residential trip to Robinwood, personalised clubs, cooking sessions. Pupil Premium **families** have been **supported** with regular communication, food vouchers, home visits and redirected/recommended to other support services.

THE QUALITY OF TEACHING MATTERS MORE TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EQUITY THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN OUR CONTROL. Raising the quality of teaching within schools is likely the single most effective method we have for improving student attainment and equity. While many personal, family, and cultural factors contribute to students' outcomes, a large body of research indicates that what teachers do, know and believe matters more to the achievement of students than anything else we can influence. Teachers matter more to student achievement than any other aspect of schooling, so high-quality teaching should be at the heart of a pupil premium strategy (or any other strategy for that matter) for the benefit of all

pupils. Pupil Premium Strategy - Evidence Based Education

### 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
N/A	

### Further information

Additional activity Victoria Park Junior School hold our school values at the core of all we do – Equality: ALL pupils provided with the same opportunity to thrive Aspiration: ALL pupils having high expectations for themselves Responsibility: ALL pupils being resilient and independent Respect: ALL pupils value themselves and others Courage: ALL pupils try their best and take risks Love: ALL pupils supported to instil a love of learning from an early age

At Victoria Park Junior School we wish to promote independence, resilience, creativity and motivation in our pupils which we believe will support them into becoming well rounded, confident young people.

The structure of learning consists of a focused **Attitude** from the 6 areas of learning attitudes, key **Skills** related to the specific subject area and **Knowledge** in compliance with the National Curriculum content. All 3 areas of learning are considered to have equal importance and are shared with pupils. This whole school teaching and learning approach, we call **ASK**, **Attitude**, **Skills** & **K**nowledge.

As well as building on pupils' knowledge and skills through exploration and enquiry, we believe that developing a range of appropriate learning attitudes is necessary for our pupils to be prepared for their future lives.

Attitudes that capture the nature of the following roles and all the 'learn to learn' skills include; team worker, problem solver, self manager, clear communicator, curious questioner and reflective learner.

Therefore, in order for disadvantaged pupils to thrive, our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by our whole school approach and improvement plan in order to provide a curriculum and environment that is bespoke for our school and ALL its pupils.