



St Ives School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium and recovery 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.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	St Ives School
Number of pupils in school	587
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	24.2%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2025
Statement authorised by	Simon Horner – Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Kate Jones – Deputy Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Rachel Thomas – Chair of Local Monitoring Committee

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£159,180
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	£159,180

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At the heart of our intent at St Ives School is the firm belief that every student within our community is entitled to an ambitious education that is deeply rooted in creativity, discovery and wonder with high expectations and aspirations for all.

We will ensure that all students experience a broad, balanced and progressive curriculum and wider school experience that provides breadth of learning opportunities for academic and personal development whilst building on students' prior knowledge, enabling them to make connections between their learning, their local, national and international contexts and viewpoints, instilling a love of learning, that empowers students to become lifelong learners, as a platform for their future success.

Although all students require support in order to flourish and reach their full potential, we recognise that disadvantaged pupils in particular may face more pronounced barriers to learning, and as a result may require enhanced support.

Common barriers to learning include:

- Home / family support network that is less engaged in and less supportive of education settings
- Weaker language and communication skills, including levels of literacy and numeracy.
- Lower levels of confidence; less willing to engage in activities
- Less developed learning habits; more frequent behaviour difficulties
- Lower levels of attendance and punctuality

We recognise that not all disadvantaged students will have the same barriers to learning, and the circumstances for each student will be varied. A 'one-size-fits-all' approach is not appropriate.

At St Ives School we aim to:

- Eliminate the gap between disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers.
- Support disadvantaged students in accessing the full and rich extra-curricular provision and wider opportunities available, to support them in becoming well-rounded individuals with a rich cultural capital.
- Provide all students with a safe and nurturing environment that encourages self-respect, positive interpersonal relationships and high levels of engagement and enjoyment of school.
- Ensure that disadvantaged students are not disproportionately affected by the impact of the global pandemic.
- Target resources towards activities that evidence shows have the greatest impact, towards the students that we identify as needing this the most.
- Support disadvantaged students to feel ready to learn and to access support in school to support their learning, wellbeing and self-esteem.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Engagement in school: many of our disadvantaged students have a home / family support network that is less engaged in and less supportive of school. As a result, they are less likely to complete home learning, to have good levels of attendance and punctuality, and arrive ready to learn.
2	Literacy and numeracy skill levels are generally lower, and students are less likely to read for pleasure. As a result many disadvantaged students may find access to the curriculum more of a challenge.
3	Attendance and punctuality rates are generally lower, and persistent absence is higher.
4	Access to background resources including: Uniform and equipment, technology, PE kit
5	Less developed emotional literacy may lead to formation of fewer strong and healthy relationships with other students and with staff, and less well developed conflict resolution – behaviour issues more likely to escalate, and students are more likely to accumulate behaviour points and sanctions, including exclusions.
6	Less exposure to cultural capital and support of wider clubs and activities, leading to lower attendance and engagement in extracurricular activities.
7	As a result of factors above, disadvantaged students are more likely to have been negatively affected by local and national lockdowns and home learning, and are more likely to have gaps in knowledge.

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
Attendance and persistent absence of disadvantaged students is in line with their non-disadvantaged peers, and is in line with or better than national averages.	PP Attendance meets whole school target of 96%. PP Leads and attendance team ensure a clear plan in place for PP low attenders. Staff aware of barriers and have plans in place to support.
Exclusions and sanctions for disadvantaged students reduce and are in line with their non-disadvantaged peers and below national averages.	Pastoral and PP leads aware of difficulties. Plans in place to support. Exclusion rates are in line or lower than those of non-disadvantaged students, and lower than national averages.
Engagement in wider activities such as the extra-curricular programme, is at a level which is at least in line with non-disadvantaged students.	Prioritised and subsidised places available, where appropriate. Monitoring of attendance shows % disadvantaged engagement is at least in line with % disadvantaged in the school population.

<p>Positive engagement in the planned curriculum is highly evident for disadvantaged students.</p>	<p>Departments have an embedded pupil premium strategy. Disadvantaged students evidence high levels of engagement through their behaviours and as shown in student voice.</p>
<p>Outcomes at Key Stage 4, particularly in the Basics, are at least in line with national averages and shows no gap compared to non-disadvantaged students.</p>	<p>Data monitoring shows outcomes at least in line with non-disadvantaged students and at least in line with national averages.</p>
<p>Progression to appropriate Further Education, is well supported, so that no disadvantaged student is at risk of being NEET.</p>	<p>Destinations data shows no student is at risk of being NEET.</p>

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: £ 100,786

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Literacy intervention role Numeracy intervention role	EEF Impact research: impact of reading comprehension, oral language, phonics and small group interventions.	1,2,7
CPD programme for staff – provision of National College platform; whole school focus on Walkthrus	EEF research – Impact of metacognition and feedback. Staff voice – engagement and motivation.	1,2,5,6,7
Heads of Faculty – a focus and expectation of close monitoring and intervention where disadvantaged students are at risk of falling behind. Implementation of faculty PP strategies to support whole school, especially delivery of high quality first teaching.	EEF Guide to the pupil premium: “Good teaching is the most important lever”; “Evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have.”	1,2,3,5,7
Provision of 1-2-1 devices for school and home learning for all students and particularly for disadvantaged students.	EEF research – Using Digital Technology to Improve Learning.	1,3,5,6,7
Behaviour and rewards system which motivates, supports and encourages disadvantaged students	EEF research – Behaviour interventions	1,3,5,6
Pupil Premium Leadership and Management roles to ensure effective tracking, monitoring, support	This role will ensure access to the various activities is effectively prioritised.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Maintaining small teaching and tutor group sizes to target support – staffing costs	EEF Guide to the pupil premium: “Good teaching is the most important lever”;	1,3,5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 24,401

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Literacy and numeracy interventions for disadvantaged students who are below their age-related expectations.	EEF Impact research: impact of reading comprehension, oral language, phonics and small group interventions.	1,2,3,7
Online learning package to support students' in home learning and revision of key knowledge.	EEF Impact research: Homework	1,2,3,7
Provision of ASDAN My Independence award to highly vulnerable cohort.	EEF Life skills and enrichment – Social and emotional learning, essential life skills.	1,5,6,7
Provision of harbour intervention group to support disadvantaged and vulnerable students in Years 7 and 8.	EEF Life skills and enrichment – Social and emotional learning, essential life skills.	1,2,5,6,7

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

Budgeted cost: £ 33,993

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Consistently and effectively implement the school's attendance strategy , deploying and targeting the skills of Pastoral Leaders, tutors and the school's EWO and attendance officer to support all disadvantaged students to have high attendance and to reduce persistent absence.	Strong causal link between attendance and attainment, as per 2015 DfE Review – “The Link Between Absence and Attainment”; EEF Research – “Good teaching is the most important lever” – students attendance a prerequisite for this.	1,3
Alternative Provision Lead: Lead member of staff to coordinate and manage Alternative Provision to support small cohort of highly vulnerable students to a) increase attendance and b) reduce exclusions	EEF Research: Small group tuition; Behaviour interventions;	1,2,3,5,7
Support with costs for disadvantaged students to access the full curriculum and wider opportunities, including: accessing DofE programme; supporting ingredients and resources in DT; provision of revision guides; transport and access to activities	Removing potential barriers to participation will support engagement and attendance.	1,3,4

Focused careers and transition support ensures that all disadvantaged students, by the end of Year 11, are enrolled on an appropriate programme of Post-16 provision.	EEF Research: Employer engagement, careers education.	1,3,5,6
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Total budgeted cost: £ 159,180

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 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Aim	Outcome			
<p>Attendance and persistent absence of disadvantaged students is in line with their non-disadvantaged peers, and is in line with or better than national averages.</p>		All	PP	Non-PP
	Attendance	88.3	84.5	89.7
	PA	39.8	50.0	35.9
<p>Exclusions and sanctions for disadvantaged students reduce and are in line with their non-disadvantaged peers and below national averages.</p>	<p>Disadvantaged students received 64 suspensions (57%) Non-disadvantaged students received 49 suspensions (43%) Disadvantaged students made up 24% of the cohort.</p>			
<p>Engagement in wider activities such as the extra-curricular programme, is at a level which is at least in line with non-disadvantaged students.</p>	<p>Prioritised and subsidised places made available for trips, after school clubs, be inspired and be inspired week. Due to a change in data system, some data is not available to confirm engagement levels, however available date shows % disadvantaged engagement is at least in line with % disadvantaged in the school population.</p>			
<p>Mastery of the curriculum at Key Stage 3 is in line with expectation and shows no gap compared to non-disadvantaged students</p>	<p>The current data monitoring system for KS3 does not allow this to be easily evidenced. Students, including disadvantaged students, generally exhibit positive levels of engagement with the planned curriculum, as evidenced by student voice, curriculum review and work scrutiny.</p>			
<p>Outcomes at Key Stage 4, particularly in the Basics, are at least in line with national averages and shows no gap compared to non-disadvantaged students.</p>	<p>A gap persists between PP and non PP students, however this was reduced significantly (24% reduction 4+; 9% 5+).</p>			
		Basics 4+	Basics 5+	
	PP	56.3%	31.3%	
	Not PP	69.6%	50.6%	
<p>Progression to appropriate Further Education, is well supported, so that no disadvantaged student is at risk of being NEET.</p>	<p>For the students leaving SIS in 2023, Activity Survey results showed 99.2% participating in employment, education and training (up from 94.2%). The most recent national data for 2024 is 95.2%. 1 former SIS students were counted as NEET (unemployed).</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
Ten Tors	Army
Career Pilot	Next Steps South West
Duke of Edinburgh Award	Duke of Edinburgh