Pupil premium strategy statement

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, our approach to raising attainment and supporting aspirational attitudes, 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	John Rankin Schools
Number of pupils in school	I – 271 J - 358
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	l- 15 (5.54%) J- 52 (14.53%)
	Across the Federation- 10.65%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/2022 to 2024/2025
Date this statement was published	November 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Flora Cooper, Executive Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Lauren Demeza
Governor / Trustee lead	Andy Green

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£87,300
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£8,845
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	-
Total budget for this academic year	£96,145
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Here at John Rankin Schools, we want all pupils to make at least expected progress. We aim for all of our pupils to achieve high attainment across all subject areas, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, through both academic and pastoral support. We aim to know both the children and their families well and build trusting relationships so that we can work in partnership to remove any barriers to learning. We also focus on the progress and attainment of all pupils, including any who are already working at or above age related expectations. We do this by providing bespoke support through our strategy to all learners in receipt of PPG, not just those who are under attaining, focusing on progress and outcomes from their last data points.

We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those that are looked after, those who have a social worker, are young carers or are in poverty. The strategies we have outlined in this statement are also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support such as learning to learn, self-regulation and metacognition, oral language skills and social and emotional literacy. 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. Our strategy is informed by the consistent group analysis and provision mapping, through a Class Needs Analysis tool and Insight.

We use EEF research to ensure we select interventions that are proven to have the greatest impact on progress. Focusing on areas such as metacognition 9purple learning) and giving the children choices about their sessions, establishes the pupil at the centre of learning decisions, empowers the learner to take control of their own learning targets and evidence the success of these. It is widely publicised and endorsed by 'EFF practices' that pupils involved in their own learning, who are encouraged to develop good learning behaviours and are taught by those who know them best as learners, will make rapid and consistent progress over time, thus improving overall outcomes.

We ensure that all interventions are evidence-based interventions and are delivered by highly trained and capable staff. We also ensure that group sizes follow those recommended by the programme or are of no more than six children. Staff that run interventions are given time to prepare and work alongside the class teachers to ensure that all children receive the best possible support that links back to the learning in the classroom.

As a school, we are acutely aware of the emotional needs of pupils who have ACES, hold particular hardship or whose basic needs' may be compromised. This is why a part of our strategy is dedicated to developing and embedding the Therapeutic Approach to behaviour and well-being across the schools and purposeful pastoral support for our pupils and families. We follow the teachings of Paul Dix, a behaviour specialist, author, education reformer and advisor.

We also have a number of staff trained in 'Attachment and Trauma Aware' theories and strategies to support our children in care or those that have experienced relational trauma.

To ensure that our curriculum is exciting and engaging for all children, no matter their background or experience, we follow an 'Imagine If...' curriculum. This is inspired by Sir Ken Robinson and allows the children to lead the learning. We use their ideas, interests and starting points to help up plan and design the learning for each half term, linking it to the knowledge and skills laid out in the National Curriculum.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment and consistent processes, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in their learning
- ensure disadvantaged children are the first to receive intervention
- act at the earliest point to identify the need and intervene with the right support
- monitor the impact of all support to ensure it is effective for the individual pupil
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' progress and outcomes, understand their potential barriers and raise expectations of what they can achieve

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge	9		
1	Attainment			
	Assessment data shows that pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium, are not reach- ing the same levels of attainment as their non-PP peers.			
	EYFS GLD- PPG: 67%, Non-PPG: 85%			
	Y2 Combined- PPG: 29% Non-PPG: 48%%			
	Y6 Combined- PPG: 25% Non-PPG: 59%			
	We believe this is due to a lack of understanding of how they learn, poor self- confidence and aspirations, poor oral language and ability to work collabora- tively, lack of ability to self-regulate and thus have successful learning behav- iours. We also recognise that not all PPG pupils have the same experiences and access to support that Non-PPG have.			
	EYFS PPG Data:			
		John Rankin	West Berkshire	National
	Good Level of Development	66.7%	38.9%	51.6%

	Average no. of ELGs at ex- pected	15.5	12.0	12.4
	All Goals at Exp+	66.7%	37.1%	49.8%
	KS1 PPG Data:			
	Subject	John Rankin	West Berkshire	National
	Reading ARE	57.1%	42.8%	53.8%
	Reading AARE	28.6%	6.3%	9.1%
	Writing ARE	28.6%	29.3%	44.5%
	Writing AARE	0.0%	1.6%	3.4%
	Maths ARE	57.1%	44.7%	55.8%
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	KS2 PPG Data:			
	Subject	John Rankin	West Berkshire	National
	SATS Tests ARE	16.7%	30.2%	43.3%
	SATS Tests AARE	0.0%	1.9%	3.0%
	Reading ARE	33.3%	48.8%	59.4%
	Reading AARE	0.0%	12.3%	16.9%
	Writing ARE	16.7%	41.4%	57.6%
	Writing AARE	0.0%	4.0%	6.4%
	Maths ARE	66.7%	50.0%	58.3%
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2	Oral Language			
	Assessments, observations, and discussions with staff, parents and pupils in- dicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils, following the pandemic, especially in EYFS and KS1, but also across KS2. Over the past few years, this has resulted in a higher number of referrals being made to Speech and Language Therapists. How- ever, changes to this service now mean 75% of their time is dedicated to pu- pils with EHCPs. This means that more responsibility now falls on schools to support these pupils through high quality teaching and intervention, with a fo- cus on early identification.			

	These difficulties not only impact the children's communication but also their ability to access the curriculum, their social interactions with both peers and adults and can translate into specific learning deficits in writing. They are gen- erally more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.
3	 <u>Phonics</u> Assessments, observations, and discussions with staff and pupils show disadvantaged pupils in KS1 and KS2 have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. 50% of PPG children passed Y1 phonics check compared to 83% non-PPG. This is an improvement on the previous year (33% of PPG children, compared to 75% non-PPG) but needs to remain a focus as it negatively affects their development as readers and writers and their ability to independently access foundation subjects. Y2 phonics screening raises concerns, with 0% of PPG passing the retake, compared to 36% of non-PPG. This will have an impact on the support needed in KS2, over the next few years.
4	Attendance Our attendance data for last year (JRI PPG 87%, JRI Non-PPG 95%, JRJ PPG 93% and JRJ Non-PPG 97%) indicates that attendance among disadvan- taged pupils has been on average JRI (8%), JRJ (4%), lower than for non-dis- advantaged pupils. JRI (8%), JRJ (30%) of disadvantaged pupils have been 'persistently absent' compared to JRI (18%), JRJ (10%) of their peers during that period. Our assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively im- pacting disadvantaged pupils' progress and is causing the attainment gap to grow, as well as having a negative impact on their self-confidence, readiness to learn and social skills.
5	<u>Metacognition and Self-regulation</u> Through pupil observations and staff discussion (including completing class analysis information), assessments, observations, tracking of behaviour inci- dents and pupil voice surveys, disadvantaged pupils generally find it harder to concentrate, have less confidence in their own abilities and are more pas- sive/disruptive within the classroom. This results in missed learning opportuni- ties and indicates that pupils with a high pastoral need find it very difficult to self-regulate, concentrate and be ready for learning in class. Teacher referrals for pastoral support markedly increased during and following on from the pandemic. A large number of pupils currently require additional support with social and emotional needs. Some of these children receive one to one support through ELSA but many more are receiving small group inter- vention and nurture group support.

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

To improve the delivery and impact of both classroom teaching and personalised sup- port to improve the attainment of PPG chil- dren and close the gap between them and their peers.	Current attainment gap between PPG and Non- PPG (EYFS 18%, Y2 Combined 24%, Y6 Com- bined 30%) will reduce, with PPG attainment im- proving. PP children will be prioritised for interventions. PP children will be prioritised for getting feed- back/having in class support. PP children will be prioritised to receive teacher support within lessons. In EYFS, focus on Physical Development, PSHE and C&L as pupils achieving in these key areas are statistically more likely to attain GLD.
To improve the oral language skills of PPG pupils so that their attainments is in line with Non-PPG and to ensure they have the language to discuss learning and feel- ings.	Current attainment gap between PPG and Non- PPG (EYFS 6%, Y2 Combined 24%, Y6 Com- bined 30%) will reduce, with PPG attainment im- proving. Discussion with pupils will show increased use of expressive vocabulary and confidence when talk- ing to adults. Discussion with pupils and the learning they pro- duce will show increased use of topic specific vo- cabulary. Data comparisons for before and after interven- tions such as Talking Partners will show progress.
To improve progress and attainment in phonics so that the number of PPG chil- dren passing the Y1 and Y2 phonics screening is in line with Non-PPG. (Including any children in KS2, who did not pass the phonics screening.)	Current attainment gap of 33% in Y1 and 36% in Y2 phonics screening will reduce, with PPG at- tainment improving. Reading and writing scores will improve across KS2, and have a positive impact on combined scores in Y6, through phonics intervention.
To improve the attendance of PPG pupils to ensure it is nearer to the school aver- age, with a focus on persistent absence at JRJ.	PPG pupils' attendance will increase to be more in line with Non-PPG (JRI PPG 87% Non-PPG 95%, JRJ PPG 93% Non-PPG 97%, JRJ persis- tently absent PPG 30% Non-PPG 10%)
	Attendance will be discussed weekly, at pastoral meetings, with PPG being a priority. Any pupil with an attendance of less than 96% will receive a message from the school (using the EWO provided toolkit.) Any pupil with attendance of 93% or below will be called by the Family and Pastoral Lead. Family and Pastoral Lead will then use the EWO toolkit and EBSA toolkit (Emotion Based School Avoidance Team) to support families.
To ensure that all pupils in this group are able to self-regulate and have a good un- derstanding of how they learn so that they are able display good learning behaviours to make the most of their learning capacity	Pupils will be able to access the learning in the classroom and this, in turn, will improve their at- tainment. There will be a reduction in the number of behav- iour incidents recorded on CPOMS. There will be a reduction in the number of refer- rals made to the pastoral team. All staff will see an improvement in confidence and metacognition skills through conversations with the pupils.

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: TOTAL: £31,440

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
 Develop and embed 'purple learning' through targeted support– PSHE lessons, PPG sessions, interventions, nurture groups, ELSA time and assemblies. This will require further staff training and coaching, along with opportunities to work with colleagues from both our school and others. 	EEF Metacognition And Self-Regulated Learning research report	5
 Development of high-quality teaching and learning behaviours through consistently high expectations, clear guidelines and modelling from staff as well through PSHE lessons, assemblies, nurture groups, ELSA time and assemblies. This will require further staff training, individual staff coaching and monitoring, further development of the behaviour policy and staff code of conduct and further expansion of the pastoral team. It will also include support from outside agencies such as CALT, MHST and TTST. 	EEF High Quality Teaching Research report	1
 Develop approach to bespoke learning through the use of Insight, year group analysis, pupil progress meeting forms and collaborative learning across the year group. This will include both in class support and interventions. This is to happen collaboratively across the year group/phase to ensure that children have access the best support, in an appropriately sized group. Staff will require time for tracking and analysing data through Insight, looking at support for vulnerable groups and evaluating the success of this. 	Previous evidence of suc- cess with Class Needs Anal- ysis tool. EEF Making Best Use of Teaching Assistants re- search report	1

 TAs deployment will need to be carefully planned to ensure they are able to offer the best quality support. Training needs will need to be carefully considered and managed to ensure all TAs can deliver evidence based interventions well. TAs will require preparation time, out of class, to ensure they have the resources, etc. necessary. Termly staff meetings on PPG provision. 		
 Improve pupil engagement by developing an 'Imagine if' curriculum that follows the interests of the children and prioritising building a love of learning over curriculum coverage. Staff to attend training to improve their subject knowledge. Staff to have time out of class to monitor and plan for their subject. Subject leaders to be given the opportunity to attend network meetings or any other external training that might be appropriate. Subjects to be taught discreetly to help the children recognise the knowledge and skill they are building in each subject. Trips and 'hooks' to be carefully planned by staff to ensure learning is engaging for all pupils. TAs to deliver pre-teaching sessions to ensure all children can access the curriculum. 	The importance of a knowledge-rich curriculum- Department for Education and The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP	1
 Rigorous teaching of phonics across KS1 and KS2, focusing particularly on analysing this group and providing additional intervention to improve outcomes. (Recent research has suggested that programmes of study that have been validated by Ofsted have greatest impact on vulnerable pupils. We are following the ESL programme.) All staff will require continued professional development in Phonics and time to analyse data. UKS2 staff will also be given time to work with local secondary schools on how they teach phonics to ensure it is being delivered at an age appropriate level. 	Rose review EEF Improving Literacy In Key Stage 1 and KS2	3

Development of language support for all pupils through additional oral activities related to the curriculum.	EEF Oral Language Development report	2
 HQT strategies, creating language rich environments, CYPT training, regular monitoring from the SEN Team, use of resources such as Widgit for visual support. Staff released from class to provide pre-teaching sessions daily. Staff released from class to do Talking Partners Intervention. Two specialist SALT TAs to work with small groups and 1:1s. 	EEF Improving Literacy In Key Stage 1 and 2	
 Improved access to technology, within the classroom. This includes Dictaphones and other alternative ways of recording, pupil laptops, improved internet access and online intervention programmes. 	Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders	1
 Subject specific resources to support high quality teaching. This includes concrete resources and manipulatives, high quality texts, artifacts, science resources, etc. 	Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders	1
 SEND and EAL specific resources to support children access the curriculum. This could include vocabulary support resources, wobble cushion, weighted resources, fidgety feet, standing desks, fine motor resources, reading windows, desk dividers, etc. 	Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders	1
 Improved access to the curriculum through equal opportunities. As a school, John Rankin will pay 50% of any and all school trips and residentials for PPG children. Any family in receipt of PPG funding will be offered a payment plan to help them pay the remaining 50% of the cost, with extended time frames. 	Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders	1
 Families in receipt of PPG funding will have an extended parents' evening, twice a year. Parents' evening will run over two weeks. The first week will be for SEND 	Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders	1

and PPG children and parents will be offered a 20 minute session.		
Barriers to learning these priorities address	Learning behaviours, independence, poor oral language, phonics, less access to resources and experiences outside of school, specific SEND/EAL and a poor understanding how to help themselves.	
Projected spending	TOTAL: £31,440	

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

Budgeted cost: TOTAL: £43,100

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
 Provide bespoke intervention and fluid groups for closing any gaps in learning through class and year group analysis and planning. TAs to work across year groups to ensure children have access to best support, while building independence. All TAs to be trained in evidence based interventions and only use these with children. All interventions to follow guidelines set out by the intervention or keep to groups of no more than 6 and run for long enough for impact to be measured. Insight to be used for provision mapping to ensure progress of attainment of children can be closely monitored. Termly staff meetings on PPG provision. 	EEF research into high quality teaching and best interven- tions	1
 Development of PPG planned tutoring sessions, for each pupil, bespoke to their learning needs through time with their class teacher. This will ensure that all pupils, regardless of ability will make progress from their starting points. Teachers to use Italian lessons to work with PPG children, no matter their level or need. 	Previous impact results with teacher lead session ap- proach. Using pupil premium: guid- ance for school leaders	1

 PPG sessions and planning to be regularly monitored by SLT. PPG planning to be linked to EEF guidance to ensure any time spent with a pupil focuses on areas that are known to improve progress and attainment. Termly staff meetings on PPG provision. 		
 Explicitly teach pupils metacognitive strategies, including how to plan, monitor, and evaluate their learning and set an appropriate level of challenge to develop pupils' self-regulation and metacognition. Through whole class purple learning sessions and displays. Through 1:1 teacher sessions. Through carefully planned interventions that focus on giving the children the tools to plan, monitor, and evaluate their own learning. Having year group TA support so that children don't become reliant on specific staff. 	EEF Metacognition and Self- regulated Learning report	5
 Development of language skills through intervention led by specifically trained TA's – Talking partners, pre-teaching, EAL groups. Every year group in the Infant School to have a dedicated member of staff taking Talking Partners groups- this time is to be protected. LKS2 and UKS2 to have a dedicated member of staff taking Talking Partners groups- this time is to be protected. Every year group to run pre-teaching sessions, daily, to ensure all children can access the curriculum. Every year group in the Infant School to have a dedicated member of staff taking EAL groups- this time is to be protected. LKS2 and UKS2 to have a dedicated member of staff taking EAL groups- this time is to be protected. 	EEF oral language develop- ment report and previous high impact with Talking partners intervention (supported by LA research into this interven- tion)	2
Provide support for PPG pupils to catch up through online learning facilities such as; IT programmes and interventions – IDL, Doodle Maths, etc	These programmes have been sourced as a result of parent feedback from remote learning as they allow pupils to work	1

 Additional laptops need to be provided along with headphones to ensure children can access the intervention regularly. Staff will need to be available to help the children set up the online learning and use the technology safely, in line with school Safeguarding Policy. 	independently where programme will manage their bespoke level. Pupil feedback shows that they are more engaged at home when learning is presented through IT and bespoke to their ability	
Barriers to learning these priorities address	Increase the confidence, learning behaviours and aspirations of this group of pupils. Ensure that any gaps in outside support are filled in school activities and with one to one tuition.	
Projected spending	TOTAL: £43,100	

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

Budgeted cost: TOTAL: £29,770

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Monitoring attendance discussions take place and adaptions and plans are put into place to support attending school every day. Rigorous identification and early support for pupils and families where attendance is an issue – this will follow pastoral triage and use of EWO and EBSA toolkits to support.	'Every day counts' evidence to support that good attendance can improve outcomes	4
 Admin staff to check attendance and report any children with attendance below 96% and 93% to Pastoral Team. Attendance to be discussed weekly in pastoral meetings to ensure families are offered early intervention and support. Messages to be sent to any child with attendance below 96% and calls made to any child with attendance below 93%. 		
Early identification and pastoral support for pupils and families, where needed, through rigorous pastoral support triage – this could include parenting or pupil intervention and resources, personal invites to coffee mornings and regular check-ins (also social support at high quality teaching level).	Previous evidence that shows that pupils have reached potential when basic needs are supported and pupils are in a good place to learn	5

 Pastoral Team (Headteacher, Deputy Headtechers, SENDCo, SMHSL and Pastoral and Family Lead) to meet weekly. Pastoral Team to be extended to include a range of nurture groups. SMHSL to work with teachers to improve early identification and support. SMHSL to support the whole school with improving children's emotional literacy through displays etc. John Rankin Schools to have three ELSAs and an EYFS ELSA. CPOMS to be used to track concerns and parent meetings to ensure early intervention and support can be offered. 		
 Continue to develop a therapeutic approach (in line with the teaching of Paul Dix) to support learners' emotional development and increase engagement within class and learning, including 1:1 and small group intervention, ELSA sessions, nurture groups, sensory circuits and lunchtime clubs and 'Team Pupils'. Continued professional development for all stakeholders, including running classes for parents. Pastoral Team to be extended to include a range of nurture groups. John Rankin to have three ELSAs and one EYFS ELSA. Sensory circuits to run daily at both the Infant and Junior school. Increase the number of staff that have completed the 7 Day Attachment and Trauma Aware Lead course. A range of clubs to run at lunchtime, including sport, Lego, gardening and art. 	Evidence supported through this approach developed by Therapeutic Thinking national approach	5
 Benevolent fund for PPG families to ensure that they are able to engage with the same activities as their peers – uniform, resources for school, furniture for studying or transport, support with transport, discount for trips, etc. As a school, John Rankin will pay 50% of any and all school trips and residentials for PPG children. Any family in receipt of PPG funding will be offered a payment plan to help 	Pupils are able to access learning when their basic needs are being met	1

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Total budgeted cost: £104,310

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.

Our formal assessments at the end of 2023 suggested that the attainment gap between PPG and non-PPG has decreased for EYFS GLD, KS1 Combined and KS2 Combined. (Current attainment gap between PPG and Non-PPG: EYFS 18%, Y2 Combined 19%, Y6 Combined 34%. Previous attainment gap between PPG and Non-PPG: EYFS 36%, Y2 Combined 31%, Y6 Combined 39%.)

Phonics Screening results have seen improved outcomes for Y1 but not for Y2. (50% of PPG children passed Y1 phonics check compared to 83% non-PPG in 2023. This is an improvement on the previous year where 33% of PPG children, compared to 75% non-PPG. In Y2 however, 0% of PPG passed the retake, compared to 36% of non-PPG. This is down on the previous year where 66% of PPG passed the retake, compared to 59% of non-PPG. This is reflective of the specific pupil profiles though and the correlation between PPG and SEND for that cohort.

Despite the improvements outlined above, our internal data shows that PPG children continue to be outperformed by their Non-PPG peers. This is particularly evident in those achieving AARE in Reading, ARE in Writing and AARE in Maths. Our strategy allows for these areas to be addressed both through HQT, evidence based interventions and teacher lead 1:1 sessions. Our assessment of the reasons for these outcomes points primarily to the lasting impact of Covid-19 and the school closures. As evidenced in schools across the country, school closure was most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, and they were not able to benefit from our pupil premium funded improvements to teaching and targeted interventions to the degree we had intended. However, improvements the attainment gap shows that our strategy is having an impact.

As our PPG children are struggling with language skills, learning behaviours, wellbeing, selfregulation and social interactions, they are not progressing at the same speed as our non-PPG. To mitigate this, we have two ELSAs a minimum of four days out of class, to support children's emotional wellbeing, have an EYFS ELSA to support with early intervention and are training a third ELSA. We have also protected release time for additional TAs to run nurture groups in areas that they have expertise and are passionate about. We have also employed a Sports Coach, who runs nurture groups, sensory circuits and takes groups of children for proprioceptive exercise breaks. In addition, we have a number of staff trained in Building Blocks and have Forest School sessions running for vulnerable children across KS2. We also offer support at lunchtimes by offering a selection of clubs for children that are finding the less structured times too overwhelming.

Attendance in 2022/23 was 87% for PPG and 95% for non-PPG in JRI and 93% and 97% at JRJ. Persistent absence was 8% for PPG and 18% for non-PPG at JRI and 30% and 10% at JRJ. The previous year, 2021/22 was 88% for PPG and 95% for non-PPG in JRI and 93% and

96% at JRJ. Persistent absence was 15% for PPG and 19% for non-PPG at JRI and 30% and 10% at JRJ. This shows that last year's strategy began to have an impact at the Infant School but that more needs to be done at the Juniors. As such, it not only remained a key target for this year but more has been put in place to ensure its success.

Our assessments and observations indicated that pupil behaviour, wellbeing and mental health have been significantly impacted over the last couple of years, primarily due to COVID-19-related issues. We have seen an increase in the number of children with both CP and CIN plans as well as those with a My Family Plan. The impact has been particularly acute for disadvan-taged pupils. We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required. We are building on that approach with the activities detailed in this plan and discussed above.

ProgrammeProviderDoodle MathsComputer app to support remote and
home learning for Maths.IDLComputer app to support remote and
home learning for Dyslexia profile –
used for PPG strategy interventionsESLOfsted validated phonics programme of
study

Externally provided programmes

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium	Service pupils will get the same opportunities as pupils in receipt of PPG funding
allocation last academic year?	They will access all bespoke tutoring from teachers as pu- pils in receipt of PPG funding and intervention where nec- essary
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Please see evaluation above for same strategy

Further information (optional)

Additional activity

Our pupil premium strategy will be supplemented by additional activity that is not being funded by pupil premium or recovery premium. That will include:

- Embedding more effective practice around feedback. <u>EEF evidence</u> demonstrates this has significant benefits for pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- Utilising a <u>DfE grant to train a senior mental health lead</u>. The training we have selected will focus on the training needs identified through the online tool: to develop our understanding of our pupils' needs, give pupils a voice in how we address wellbeing, and support more effective collaboration with parents.
- Very specific and robust whole school approach to therapeutic thinking particularly focusing on a firm understanding of pupils ACES and how they can be coached into regulating emotions and improving behaviour outcomes.
- Offering a wide range of high-quality extracurricular activities to boost wellbeing, behaviour, attendance, and aspiration. Activities will focus on building life skills such as confidence, resilience, and socialising. Disadvantaged pupils will be encouraged and supported to participate.

Planning, implementation, and evaluation

In planning our new pupil premium strategy, we evaluated previous successful activity with our PPG strategy of tutoring. We have worked with partner schools to support a review of our strategy and it's successes.

We triangulated evidence from multiple sources of data including assessments, engagement in class book scrutiny, conversations/questionnaires from parents, students and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged groups. We also used the EEF's families of schools' database to view the performance of disadvantaged pupils in schools similar to ours and contacted schools with high-performing disadvantaged pupils to learn from their approach. From this we also studied, high impact, low cost interventions and studied the effects of High Quality Teaching that led us to developing our Class Needs Analysis document with which we plan support for our classes taking into account our vulnerable groups.

We used the <u>EEF's implementation guidance</u> to help us develop our strategy, particularly the 'explore' phase to help us diagnose specific pupil needs and work out which activities and approaches are likely to work in our school. We will continue to use it through the implementation of activities.

We have put a robust evaluation framework in place for the duration of our three-year approach and will adjust our plan over time to secure better outcomes for pupils.