



Early Years Pupil Premium Strategy 2023 - 2024

This statement details our school's use of Early Years 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 nursery school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Muriel Green
Number of pupils in school	Autumn (6 eligible for EYPP)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	Spring (10 eligible for EYPP)
	Summer (10 eligible for EYPP)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023/2024
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2024
Statement authorised by	Hayley Yendell, Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Hayley Yendell, Headteacher
Governor	Patrick Aikman

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year-Autumn Term	6 x £100 = £600
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year-Spring Term	10 x = £ £1000
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year-Summer Term	10 x = £ 1000

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Muriel Green Nursery School our aim is that all children, irrespective of their background or potential challenges, have a great start, make strong progress and achieve well across all areas of learning. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support all children at risk of disadvantage to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attaining.

When allocating the funding we will assess the context from which the child is working- we take a holistic approach to providing support and look at potential challenges in academic attainment, family support and enrichment. Research indicates that high attaining children are at risk of falling off of the trajectory, so we allocate funding and carefully provide support irrespective of children's starting points.

High quality provision is proven to be the key driver for raising attainment for all children including those at risk of disadvantage. At Muriel Green

Our commitment is to ensure that the nursery is a place where every child can thrive. The allocation of funding is carefully thought out to ensure that all children benefit from raised standards of provision.

Our strategy is to identify the key actions for individual children and families that will make the difference. School leaders are familiar with current research and use this research to inform decisions. Every child's achievement and potential barriers are assessed, discussed, and reviewed. Our fluid approach results from regular reviews and careful monitoring of impact to ensure that the allocation of funded is effective and that we are making a difference.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, observations, and transition information indicate that many children, including those at risk of disadvantage, have starting points in communication lower than those expected of their chronological age.

2	Our attendance data indicates that a small minority of pupils at risk of disadvantage have attendance below that expected to achieve strong progress.
3	A small minority of children at risk of disadvantage have significant additional needs and require the support of external professionals and close support of staff in the school to keep themselves safe and access the curriculum.
4	A small minority of families including those at risk of disadvantage require support to ensure that the home learning environment promotes strong progress.

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
Improved communication and language skills and widened vocabulary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will make strong progress from their starting point. Children will be well prepared for the next stage in their education.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all children, particularly those at risk of disadvantage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance data will evidence consistent attendance Clear systems for monitoring attendance and offering support will be in place
Children at risk of disadvantage who have significant additional needs thrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will receive timely support from external professionals Children will be provided with a differentiated approach to an ambitious curriculum
Family support will ensure that the home learning environment promotes strong progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families will work in strong collaboration with the school Families will feedback positively on strategies implemented Evidence will indicate that improvements in the home learning environment have positively impacted on outcomes

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our early years pupil premium **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching and Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: £1,600

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Qualified teachers will be the keyperson for the groups will higher numbers of vulnerable children.</p> <p>Training will be delivered to all staff on 'Prioritising communication and language in the curriculum'</p>	<p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as Wellcomm are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on :</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/early-years-toolkit/communication-and-language-approaches</p> <p>Ofsted research findings presented by Phil Minns during the 'OFSTED Early Years EIF Curriculum roadshow' January 2023 - Spring Term</p>	1,2
<p>Funded wraparound care is provided for children to support parents back to work.</p> <p>Extended sessions provide target children with further opportunities further in line with their 30 hour peers.</p>	<p>There is strong evidence that there is a link between low family income and poor academic achievement. By supporting parents back to work will improve outcomes for children.</p> <p>https://www.lse.ac.uk/business/consulting/assets/documents/closing-gaps-early.pdf</p>	1,2,3
<p>Parental collaboration is a key driver in the Nursery. Funding is used to ensure that parents/carers receive fortnightly updates from keypersons.</p> <p>Leadership time is used to create a responsive annual</p>	<p>Parental engagement in early years education is consistently associated with children's subsequent academic success.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/early-years-toolkit/parental-engagement</p>	1,4

<p>parental engagement strategy.</p> <p>Funding will be used to put on 'Stay and Play' sessions that are accessible at weekends</p> <p>Home learning packs and story sacks will be available to support learning at home.</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/supporting-parents?utm_source=/education-evidence/guidance-reports/supporting-parents&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_search&search_term=Parent</p>	
<p>Investment in providing higher staff ratios to ensure bespoke interactions are consistently and effectively used.</p> <p>Staff will be trained to support children with additional needs to access the ambitious curriculum.</p> <p>Staff training on supporting children with SEND will be invested in</p>	<p>Evidence strongly indicates that where Teaching Assistants are used effectively and follow a structured programme children can achieve greater independence.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/teaching-assistants#nav-download-the-guidance-report-and-poster</p>	3

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

Budgeted cost: £1,300

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>All staff will receive training and updates on how to make appropriate adaptations to provision to ensure all children at risk of disadvantage (including those who are high attaining) receive high quality first teaching.</p>	<p>Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects:</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/early-years-toolkit/self-regulation-strategies</p>	

Total budgeted cost: £ 2,600

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 this plan; the 2022 to 2023 cohort.

--