# **Pupil Premium Strategy Statement -**

# **Glen Hills Primary School**





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, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils last academic year.

### **School overview**

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	471
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	20% (correct as of 09.12.24)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended – you must still publish an updated statement each academic year)	24/25- 26/27
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Rebecca Wesley
Pupil premium lead	Rebecca Wesley
Governor / Trustee lead	Diana Tse

# **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£138,980
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£138, 980
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

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers.

We wish to narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils nationally and also within our school setting. For all disadvantaged pupils in school, we wish them to exceed nationally expected progress rates in order to reach Age Related Expectation at the end of Year 6.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. 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.

At Glen Hills we follow the 'tiered approach', recommended in the EEF's Guide to Pupil Premium. We believe the classroom is where we can make the most substantial impact on our pupils. Quality First Teaching has been shown to be the most effective method for closing the achievement gap for disadvantaged pupils and also to benefit those who are not classed as disadvantaged. We intend for non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment to also improve alongside their disadvantaged peers.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust ongoing diagnostic assessment and analysis and not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel.

The key principles of our strategy are as follows:

- We aim to achieve excellent educational and personal development outcomes through quality first teaching.
- We aim to address barriers to learning and intervene at the point need is identified
- We offer **small group support** where appropriate to support pupil's needs
- We deliver **intervention sessions** for pupils that need extra help with maths and/or english where appropriate in Year 6.

- We provide **well-being sessions**, with the support of our ELSA and SENDCO, to raise self-esteem, confidence and resilience where appropriate
- We provide Classroom Assistant support for self-esteem, confidence, resilience and attainment.
- We create opportunities for all pupils, ensuring we support those eligible for pupil premium to explore extra-curricular activities, having access to a range of wider curriculum experiences that enrich the curriculum and develop the pupil's character.
- We ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged and supported in the work that they're set.
- All staff take a responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve.

### Context

Glen Hills is ranked at number 8/274 on the deprivation index, putting it in the top 2% of deprived schools in the county (1 being the most deprived).

## **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 discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps, as many disadvantaged children lack rich and varied experiences.
2	Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils suggest disadvantaged pupils generally have greater difficulties with phonics than their peers. This negatively impacts their development as early readers.
3	Our assessments and observations indicate that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils and their families continue to show the impact of the partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are supported by national studies.  This has resulted in significant challenges, including those involving attendance and punctuality, leading to pupils falling further behind agerelated expectations, especially in English and Maths.

4	Lower aspirations of our pupil premium families can result in proportionately lower parental engagement and support with homework, and reading.
5	More frequent social, emotional and behavioural needs are recognised
6	A high percentage of our disadvantaged pupils also have SEND.

## **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
Narrow the attainment gap in EYFS Good Level of Development (GLD)	The gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils narrows in EYFS GLD.  EYFS GLD for disadvantaged pupils is in line with the national average or better.
Narrow the attainment gap in phonics screening test between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils	The gap between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils narrows in phonics.  Phonics screening check pass for disadvantaged pupils is in line with the national average or better.
Narrow the attainment gap in reading between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils	Narrow the gap in EXS + attainment in reading between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils  Reading EXS + for disadvantaged pupils is in line with the national average or better.
Narrow the attainment gap in writing between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils	Narrow the gap in EXS + attainment in writing between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils  Writing EXS + for disadvantaged pupils is in line with the national average or better.
Narrow the attainment gap in maths between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils	Narrow the gap in EXS + attainment in maths between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils

	Maths EXS + for disadvantaged pupils is in line with the national average or better.	
Narrow the attainment gap in pupil attendance between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils	Narrow the gap in pupil attendance between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils	
	Reduce the percentage of disadvantaged pupils who are persistently absent compared to non-disadvantaged pupils.	
Improve disadvantaged pupils' cultural capital through enrichment and wider curriculum opportunities	Increase in disadvantaged pupils participating in school clubs, visits and the wider curriculum	
	Increase disadvantaged pupils' knowledge of cultural capital.	
Improve well-being for our pupils, especially disadvantaged pupils.	Increase in disadvantaged pupils participating in school clubs, visits, enrichment opportunities and the wider curriculum	
	Reduce anxiety to support learning and well-being	
	Reduce negative behaviour to support learning and wellbeing	
	Reduce barriers to learning to support learning and well-being.	

# Activity in this academic year

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

## **Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)**

Budgeted cost: £ 61, 804

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To continue to embed the use of Pupil Premium First to prioritise these children	Evidence to support the impact of quality first teaching. The EEF notes that effective feedback appears to have	1, 2, 3

during lessons and feedback.	a greater effect on primary pupils (+8 months):	
	Teacher Feedback to Improve Pupil Learning   EEF	
	The EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium	
	Evidence to support the impact of high quality feedback:  EEF Toolkit Average Effect Sizes Graph	
Improve character education by supporting pupils with the skills needed to learn effectively and developing citizens of the future, through our Character Muscles	Developing a child's growth mindset and intervening early to prevent disengagement with learning is essential. We use Character Muscles to enhance our whole school character education.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
approach across the school.	EEF Metacognition and Self-Regulation	
	Education Evidence   Teaching and Learning Toolkit   Social and Emotional Learning   EEF	
	DfE Character Education Framework Guidance	
CPD to support teachers with a wider range of strategies for	EEF Tiered Approach   Making Learning Stick - The Science of Learning	1, 2, 3
core and non-core subjects, including	Rosenshine   10 Principles of Instruction	
marking and feedback.	EEF   Effective Professional  Development Guidance Report	
	Teacher Feedback to Improve Pupil Learning   EEF	
A continued focus on Maths, Reading and Writing standards in Year 6, due to high numbers of Pupil	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind.	1, 2, 3
Premium children within the year group.	Small group tuition   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF	
	EEF The Attainment Gap	
Continued implementation of accredited SSP scheme (Little Wandle),	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading, particularly for disadvantaged pupils	1, 2, 3

including ongoing CPD for staff.	where exposure to books/vocabulary can be more limited:	
	Phonics Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF	

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

Budgeted cost: £40, 000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Small group tutoring sessions and intervention sessions with key pupil premium children at risk of not meeting age related expectations in all year groups in Reading, Writing and Maths.	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind.  Small group tuition   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF  EEF The Attainment Gap	1, 2, 3
Support three classes in Year 6 to support pupil premium children at risk of not making age related expectations for reading, writing and maths.	Research has shown smaller class sizes in primary schools can have a grater positive impact on disadvantaged pupils and non disadvantaged.  EEF reduced class sizes-Teaching and Learning Toolkit	1, 3
Homework Club weekly led by staff at lunchtimes for KS1 and KS2 to provide a dedicated time and space for pupils to receive support with their homework.	EEF: Impact of homework (+5 months) positive impact.  Evidence to support the impact of quality first teaching. The EEF notes that feedback appears to have a greater effect on primary pupils (+7 months).  EEF   Teacher Feedback to Improve Pupil Learning	1, 2, 3
Phonics tutoring to ensure that children are keeping up	Keep up sessions to ensure pupils make effective progress by providing regular keep up sessions across the week for targeted support where there is a risk of falling behind.	1, 3

	Small group tuition   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF  Phonics Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF	
Small group interventions during assembly time, focusing on pre teaching and/or specific maths/english skills	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind.  Small group tuition   Toolkit Strand   Education Endowment Foundation   EEF	1, 3
	EEF The Attainment Gap	

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

Budgeted cost: £ 37,176

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
To continue to increase the cultural capital and opportunities for children to enhance their education by supporting with costs towards termly trips and residential visits.	Non-cognitive skills are associated with positive outcomes for young people, according to a large body of research. Essential life skills (or 'character') are important in determining life chances and can be measured in a robust and comparable way. There is a positive link between providing children with enrichment opportunities and positive impact outcomes.	4, 5, 6
	Ofsted research (2019) places emphasis on improving cultural capital, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.  The impact of non-cognitive skills on outcomes for young people. Literature review - 21 November 2013	

	Sutton Trust – Financial and Cultural Resources to Boost Children's Chances	
Prioritising disadvantaged pupils to ensure that all participate in an extra- curricular enrichment club to experience new activities, experiences and success in a non- academic area.	of Success.  Non-cognitive skills are associated with positive outcomes for young people, according to a large body of research.  40 x clubs ran throughout the year with Pupil Premium children prioritised and encouraged to participate.  EEF   Metacognition and Self-Regulation  DfE Character Education Framework Guidance Sutton Trust – Financial and Cultural Resources to Boost Children's Chances of Success.	4, 5, 6
To continue to enhance the school's mental health and wellbeing provision through the use of a tiered approach, including referred ELSA sessions, self-referred drop in sessions and development of character through the school's character muscles approach.	The school recognises that pupils can be more effective learners if they have a good understanding of their own mental health and wellbeing and how to access strategies and support within school.  EEF  Tiered Approach (Institute of Education Science, 2008; Lazowski & Hullerman, 2016; OECD, 2015; Yeager & Walton, 2011)  EEF – Social and emotional learning - Teaching and Learning Toolkit	2, 4, 5
Embed principles of good practice set out in the DfE's Improving School Attendance Guidance and support and advice from Attendance Officer to improve attendance and reduce persistent absenteeism	There is a clear link between poor attendance and lower academic achievement as per DfE research (2015). The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.  DfE Improving School Attendance Attendance Officers to Improve Attendance - EEF	4, 5, 6
To maintain and enhance parental engagement, particularly of disadvantaged families, through regular contact, parental survey and structured conversations where	The EEF recommends that schools tailor communications to encourage positive dialogue about learning. The EEF recommends schools work with families in an ongoing process of reviewing and monitoring their activities to check that they are having their intended impacts.	4, 5

these are deemed necessary.	EEF   Working with parents to support children's learning	
Contingency fund for acute issues (such as school uniform)	Based on our experiences and other similar schools, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to the needs which have not yet been identified.  School Uniform -Teaching and Learning Toolkit -EEF	All
Run adult led provision with 'Happy Lunchtime Club' where children participate in structured activities, leading to improved behaviour at lunchtimes, with SMT support and Football and Fitness led sporting activity.	Social and emotional learning interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.  Social and Emotional Learning — Teaching and Learning Toolkit - EEF	2

Total budgeted cost: £138, 980

## Part B: Review of the previous academic year

### **Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils**

### Intended outcome 1 of 2023/24 strategy:

GLD Achievement - Achieve above national average

Glen Hills: 73% National Average: 68%

Disadvantaged GLD - Achieve above national average

Glen Hills: 67% National Average: 52%

Disadvantaged pupils performed well above national average

### Intended outcome 2 of 2023/2024 strategy:

Phonics Screening - Achieve above national average.

Glen Hills: 87% National Average: 80%

Disadvantaged phonics - Achieve above national average

Glen Hills: 60% National Average: 68%

Disadvantaged pupils where -8% under National Average

### • Intended outcome 3 of 2023/24 strategy:

Achievement in Maths - Achieve above national average progress scores in KS2 Maths.

Maths attainment in KS2 (no progress scores as no KS1 data)

Glen Hills: 84% National Average: 73%

Disadvantage Maths attainment in Key Stage 2 (no progress scores as no KS1 data)

Glen Hills: 77% National Average: 59%

Disadvantaged pupils made well above national average progress in Maths.

### Intended outcome 4 of 2023/24 strategy:

Achievement in Reading - Achieve above national average progress scores in KS2 Reading.

Reading attainment in KS2 (no progress scores as no KS1 data)

Glen Hills: 75% National Average: 74%

Disadvantage Reading attainment in Key Stage 2 (no progress scores as no KS1 data)

Glen Hills: 65% National Average: 62%

Disadvantaged pupils above national average progress in Reading

### • Intended outcome 5 of 2023/24 strategy:

Achievement in Writing - Achieve above national average progress scores in KS2 Reading.

Writing attainment in KS2 (no progress scores as no KS1 data)

Glen Hills: 81% National Average: 72%

Disadvantage Writing attainment in Key Stage 2 (no progress scores as no KS1 data)

Glen Hills: 83% National Average: 59%

Disadvantaged pupils above national average progress in Writing

### Intended outcome 6 of 2023/24 strategy

Attendance - in line with National Average.

#### **Attendance**

22/23 All Terms

Non PP 95.9%

PP 94.2%

23/24 Autumn/Spring

Non PP 95.2

PP 93.5%

Persistent Absence (PA)

22/23 All terms

Non PP 6.3%

PP 17.1%

23/24 Autumn/Spring

Non PP 11.9%

PP 21.8%

# **Externally provided programmes**

Programme	Provider	
Times Tables Rockstars	Math Circle Ltd	
Rainbow Grammar	Jason Wade	
NTS	Rising Stars Hodder Education	
Teach Computing	Teach Computing	
White Rose	White Rose Education	
Cambridge Scheme	Cambridge Education	
Little Wandle Letters and Sounds	Little Wandle Letters and Sounds	
Language Angels	Language Angels	
Twinkl	Twinkl	
Boom Reader	Boom Reader	