

Castleway Primary School

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Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

2024-2025

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Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil 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	Castleway Primary School
Number of pupils in school	164 (F2-Y6)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	53% (87 pupils)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024-2025
Date this statement was published	September 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
Statement authorised by	Stuart Mycroft, Headteacher
Pupil Premium Lead	Stuart Mycroft, Headteacher
Governor / Trustee Lead	Mark Melvin, Chair of Governors

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£95,650
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£7684
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	£103,334

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our aim is that all pupils, whatever their individual circumstances or additional challenges they face, meet their potential by making good progress and achieving well across all subject areas.

We want all our children to be caring, confident and successful individuals with high aspirations; our school motto is, 'Be kind. Be confident. Be your best'.

Supporting all children to achieve, personally and academically, is what we aim to do across areas of school life. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support all disadvantaged pupils to be kind, be confident and to achieve their best.

At Castleway, it is essential that we support all children to overcome barriers and achieve their potential, whether they are disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable. This strategy statement is also designed to meet the need of those children as well.

Our strategy focuses on providing high-quality teaching and learning and improving areas where disadvantaged pupils are noted to need the most support, as identified by our assessments and observations. Research suggests that a quality first teaching approach has the greatest impact, as it will benefit all pupils in our school. However, the focus here will be to ensure that disadvantaged pupils make the intended progress, including accelerated progress, towards closing any gaps in comparison to their non-disadvantaged peers.

This strategy links closely with our current school development priorities and our work on the recovery curriculum, including the effective use of our school led-tutoring funding and recovery premium funding.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Weak Language and Communication skills.
2	Low attainment on entry to the Early Years Foundation Stage in all areas.
3	Attendance and Punctuality issues. Persistent absenteeism historically has been high, with FSM/PPG children having lower attendance than other groups. FSM/PPG punctuality is also higher than other groups. This leads to disjointed/disrupted learning.
4	Social and Emotional needs requiring additional pastoral care and guidance.
5	Historic low performance.

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
At least in line with NPP children, with more PPG making accelerated progress in reading & mathematics.	Progress and attainment of PPG children by the end of Key Stage 2 is at least in line with national. More PPG children attain greater depth.
Attendance of the group of PPG children continues to improve. Punctuality also improves so that the children are not missing any learning.	Reduce the number of pupils whose absence falls below 10%. Improve overall PPG attendance and ensure children are on time for school.
Provide emotional and social support for PPG children and their family to enable families and children have access to support outside the school setting e.g. Early help.	Parents feel supported and gain access to support if needed. Children are more prepared for school and the school have effective engagement with parents.

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: £50,104

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Recruit specialist (JR) for targeted teaching (£28,465)	<p>Small group provision, targeted intervention, individualised in lesson feedback (EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit) .</p> <p>Due to historic low performance in this year group, maintaining reduced class sizes by using an additional adult as well as pre and post teach interventions to ensure that children’s individual needs are addressed and any attainment gaps are addressed.</p>	1, 5
Academic mentor deliver targeted reading interventions and catch up groups (£8,639)	<p>Small group provision, TA intervention, individualised in lesson feedback (EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit) Due to historic poor attainment, using an additional adult as well as pre and post teach interventions will ensure that children’s individual needs are addressed and any attainment gaps are addressed.</p>	1,5
Staff CPD and specific Subject Leader Development on engaging all learners. (£2000)	<p>High quality staff CPD is essential to follow EEF principles. This is followed up during Staff meetings and INSET. All teachers receive bespoke CPD for English and maths once a term to ensure QFT All staff to lead effectively are released once a term.</p>	1, 3, 5
Specialist Art Teacher Role (£11,000)	<p>Develops pupils self esteem and gives them the opportunity to develop an interest or shine in an area of interest with a specialist that can develop their skills in this area. Provides pupils with an opportunity to express themselves in the Arts curriculum.</p>	1,5

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

Budgeted cost: £1900

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
IDL (£900)	Supports specific learning in Literacy in early Maths.	1, 5
Gross Motor Resources (£1000)	Supports pupils gross motor skills and core strength which directly link writing development	1, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 51,330

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
National Breakfast Programme (£2000)	Research shows hungry children do not perform as well. Provides an incentive to attend school on time.	3, 4, 5
Residential Costs (£3000)	Allows children to access experiences they may otherwise not have.	1, 3, 4, 5
Enrichment Activity Costs (£3000)	Enriches the curriculum through experiences, developing language and vocabulary and a passion for learning	1, 3, 4, 5
Attendance Lead Role (£10000)	Dedicated to first day response, working with vulnerable or identified families. Liaises with EWO to ensure children attend school consistently.	3, 4
Community Advocate Role (TA3) (£12,930)	Support mental health and wellbeing of families and children. Signpost families for support. Increase community engagement to help tackle attendance issues and historic apathy.	2, 3, 4, 5
Forest School Lead Role £20,400	Support mental health and wellbeing of children. Develop life skills and problem solving skills and promote resilience and determination. An opportunity to develop language and communication skills.	1,2,4,5

Total budgeted cost: £103,334