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Pupil Premium Report 2023-2027

Rock Ferry Primary School

Priorities for PPG Funding

Setting priorities is key to maximising the use of the PPG. Our priorities are as follows:

- To ensure that research led practice is used readily to support the teaching of PPG children.
- To raise the outcomes and comparators in core subjects in line with national, especially for our disadvantaged pupils.
- To foster a culture of high expectations for all, in all areas of school life.
- To implement clear and robust systems and structures that ensure our SEN pupils thrive and flourish.
- To ensure our school is a safe, supportive haven for all and provides physical and mental health support for those who need it.
- To ensure all children attend school on time every day.

Pupil premium strategy statement 2024-2027

This statement details Rock Ferry Primary 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 effect last year's spending of pupil premiums had within our school.

School Overview

Detail	Data
School name	Rock Ferry Primary School
Number of pupils in school	318
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	65%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan	2024-2027
covers (3 year plans are recommended)	
Date this statement was published	12.11.24
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 25
Statement authorised by	Sara Radley
Pupil premium lead	Sara Radley
Governor / Trustee lead	Dave Casson

Funding overview

Detail	Amount 23-24	Amount 24-25
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£288,330 (2023)	£296,960
Recovery premium funding allocation 2022-23 (30 pupils)	£29,000 (2023)	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0	£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	£317,330	£296,960

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Everything we do here at Rock Ferry is underpinned by our vision and values. We are committed to being an inclusive primary school with a determination to provide an excellent education for all our children which allows them to "be the best they can be" in every area of their life.

Staff, pupils, parents and visitors often comment about the warmth of the relationships they see and feel as they walk

Our Core Framework		
Mission Statement	Core Values	
Developing positive minds that lead	Be Kind	
to positive futures.	Be Safe	
Vision	Work Hard	
	Never Give Up	
To be the best we can be.		

around the school and this is testament to the strong emphasis we place on emotional and mental health, positive recognition, and providing our children with a happy, safe learning environment in which they can flourish: emotionally, socially and academically.

Our curriculum intends to develop the mind, body, and souls of each and every one of our pupils. We firmly believe that this will help lead to positive outcomes and positive futures. We want our children to leave our school with a "can-do" attitude to learning and we have high expectations for what we know they can achieve. All staff, parents and governors are all dedicated to working together towards this common goal.

We believe in maximising the use of the pupil premium grant (PPG) by utilising a long-term strategy aligned to the Strategic Quality Management plan. This enables us to implement a blend of short, medium, and long-term interventions, and align pupil premium use improving readiness to learn and wider school improvements.

Overcoming barriers to learning is at the heart of our PPG use. We understand that needs and costs will differ depending on the barriers to learning being addressed. The pupil premium grant (PPG) is used to ensure that every child receives the best possible quality of education and achieves the highest possible standards.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenges
1	Higher levels of absenteeism amongst disadvantaged pupils. The challenge is to reduce absences by providing an effective attendance strategy.

2	Our assessments and monitoring identify that there is an attainment gap in Reading, Writing, Maths and SPAG between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children. Our challenge is to narrow the attainment gap across Reading, Writing and Maths by ensuring all children receive expert teaching and opportunities in all areas of the curriculum.
3	Our assessments on entry to the school show that children have low levels of language and communication skills. Our challenge is to provide swift and effective interventions early so that children make rapid progress in their language and communication skills.
4	Our knowledge of our school community identifies that a significant number of our PPG children and families have mental health concerns, anxieties and behaviours that are barriers to their academic and social development. Also generational lack of aspiration and motivation is a challenge. Our challenge is to support our families and children to reduce the impact of mental health, anxiety and contextual safeguarding issues to increase the aspirations and life chances of our children.
5	Our monitoring and feedback from parents and staff has identified that many of our PPG children/families can find it challenging to attend the extra-curricular opportunities and experiences that enhance cultural capital, that are provided at Rock Ferry (including Residentials), and this limits their access to enriching life experiences. Our challenge is to ensure that all children have equal access to extra-curricular and wider personal development opportunities and residentials.
6	Our knowledge of our school community evidences that many of our families experience socio–economic challenges around poverty and housing issues. This means that our children experience a level of instability, and the challenge is to reduce the impact of this on their educational and emotional outcomes.

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
Maintain high levels of attendance	For attendance of PPG children to be closer to or in line with non-PPG children. To reduce the % of PPG children who are PA to in line with national and non-PPG children.
Attainment in Reading	Achieve at or close to national attainment in KS2 Reading and greater proportion of children attaining Higher Standard.
Attainment in Writing	Achieve at or close to national attainment in KS2 Writing greater proportion of children attaining Higher Standard.
Attainment in Mathematics	Achieve at or close to national attainment in KS2 Maths greater proportion of children attaining Higher Standard.
Children make expected levels of progress.	As there is no national progress scores for 2024 and 2025, internal data tracking must evidence that the vast majority of children on track to achieve their FFT targets and are therefore making good progress.
To reduce the speech & language delay of our PPG children in nursery & Reception.	Utilise Wellcomm screen in EYFS on a termly basis. Utilise Wellcomm screen for all children accessing SALT. To deliver SALT in school by a dedicated TA. To work with the external SALT specialists
For PPG children to have a broader range of vocabulary and greater understanding of more challenging texts.	To increase the range and complexity of vocabulary that children access across Nursery and school. To increase the profile and understanding of tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary in Nursery and school.

Activity in this academic year 2024-2025

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: 40K _Phonics resources and training, supply cover for CPD, additional teacher for Y5, INSIGHT assessment tracker,

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge
Activity		number(s)
		addressed
Learning Without Limits professional development programme.	 We are engaging in a trust wide CPD programme that looks at all aspects of expert teaching (7Cs) that have a thorough evidence base in improving outcomes for pupils. We will work with all staff to ensure that they have a good understanding of the 7cs and that pupils are being taught through a mastery approach. Teachers will focus on using highly structured talk opportunities in lessons and using child-engaged assessment to make effective pedagogical choices. At Rock Ferry we will raise standards of teaching and learning through expert teaching firstly with a focus on clarity and planning and consistent use of child-engaged assessment strategies being as part of responsive teaching. All staff to have CPD about expert teaching/ metacognition, including peer coaching. Support from SLT/Buddy teachers to build strategies for developing expert teaching into planning. 	2,3
Continue with professional development in core subjects.	 To implement a clear writing cycle in KS2 to create and develop enthused and confident writers- Use of LA training group and Lit co materials. Reading – working with the literacy company and implemented an accreted phonics scheme. Training for TAs – for new phonics scheme and guided reading. 1:1 planning and coaching with Maths Lead /Buddy teacher Engagement with Trust SIP and SLES for support Lead teachers in F2 and Y2 to ensure that the NCETM Mastering Number Maths Project is effective in securing children's number sense and will engage with the NW maths hub. Maths- continue to provide support for staff in delivering a well-structured maths programme that involves children having the opportunity to problem solve and reason as well as having daily basic skills teaching. 	2,3
MITA project	We are engaging in a trust wide development project to maximise the impact of teaching assistants (MITA) through effective deployment, looking at effective practice and using time effectively to ensure teaching assistants are prepared and understand what the children are learning.	2,3
Embedding high quality adult/child interactions in EYFS and across the school with a particular focus on Tier2 and Tier 3 vocabulary.	There is strong evidence that the rate at which children develop language is sensitive to the amount of input they receive from adults and peers around them. The number and quality of conversations children have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language rich environment is crucial. Trust focus for professional development	2,3

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions) Budgeted cost: £150,000- SALT service, Phonics programme and resources, additional skilled support staff, supply cover for CPD,

Activity	Evidence that supports this app	roach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Use of Learning Coaches to deliver targeted interventions.	Teaching Assistant Interventions E (educationendowmentfoundation.ord) (educationendowendation.ord) (educationendowend	elopment programme, we have a earning Coaches. Research on cargeted interventions in one-to-one ent impact on attainment. red according to barriers during O will monitor the impact of the	addressed 2,3
	Pre-teaching & t Daily basic skills in respose EYFS Interventions WELLCOMM Talk about town Speech and Languag URLEY approach in Coninuous Provis Play Commentary Chatter Bags sent home	to assessment for learning ge Programmes	

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing) Budgeted cost: £110K Pastoral TA and learning Mentor, Cultural trips , Music Tuition , Attendance officer, Ccounselling service

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Improve attendance of all pupil groups but including PPG and disadvantaged pupils	Attendance-REA-report.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net) Securing good attendance and tackling persistent absence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Funding a dedicated attendance & Early Help officer ensures that absences can be addressed quickly, whilst sensitively exploring pupils' and parents' concerns that may be negatively affecting pupils' attendance. At Rock Ferry we have developed a bespoke attendance strategy with an attendance team that provides a team around the family support style system. We will use FFT system to regularly track and analyse pupil group attendance and regularly review this data to measure impact. We will provide a range of opportunities to support pupils and parents, including a therapeutic hub environment and inititatives such as FeelGood Friday and Family breakfasts.	1, 2. 3
Social & Emotional	<u>Evaluation Reports – ELSA Network</u> Social and emotional learning interventions seek to improve pupils'	4,5,6
Support	decision-making skills, interaction with others and their self- management of emotions. This will improve their ability to engage with wider learning experiences and in turn, improve wider educational outcomes. Having a dedicated adult in school to address emotional and	

	social issues, whilst supporting the safe-guarding team will allow a holistic approach. This person will play a strategic role, alongside the SLT team to support safeguarding and mental health issues for all pupils.	
	 In addition to the ELSA support, there are these wellbeing interventions: My Happy Mind/ Growth Mindset (all) Jimmy Cross- bespoke provision for SEMH and coaching for staff ADHD therapy (targeted) & training for staff from ADHD foundation Gillbrook Outreach Support X2 weekly Brighter Horizons counselling for 1:1 and small group intervention X1 weekly MHST small group and 1:1 support for low level need Zones of Regulation (whole school) Better in Schools programme for identified pupils Lemonade project 	
Trauma Informed Practice	 Better In Schools Project We have also invested in Whole staff extensive training and implemented a pedagogy which ensure trauma informed practice and response is consistent across the school. We have worked closely with Dr Jennifer Nock to introduce restorative practices and Trauma Aware systems, environments and approaches. We hold the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School Award at Gold level in recognition of our commitment to trauma informed practice. At Rock Ferry we have two in - house nurture bases for children with special educational needs and social and emotional and mental health needs. By working with Hebden Green Special School we have developed small group teaching spaces, teaching strategies that are responsive to pupil need and a clear criterion for including pupils in the group, with a focus on social and emotional support. We are also developing the curriculum within the nurture bases to ensure all pupils have a clear progression pathway. Our clear relation-centric behaviour policy based on the work of Paul Dix and the development of Crew Culture emphasises responsibility, team work and accountability. 	1,4
Wellbeing Interventions	 We will ensure the lunch and break time experience is pleasurable for staff and pupils. We will implement collaborative, zoned play times during the day. We will ensure that pupils and staff use the language of Zones of Regulation consistently. We will provide a therapeutic learning environment for identified SEND pupils. We will ensure all Staff are trained and actively use trauma informed practice to support all pupils. We will have trained pastoral staff to support pupils' emotional regulation. We will track pupils emotional wellbeing to ensure correct support is in place. Daily after school clubs with a focus on physical activity Strong links with Wirral School Games and Tranmere Rovers in the Community provide opportunities for pupils to have contact with a wide range of events and role models. Free breakfast & healthy snacks for all pupils We have weekly Occupational Therapy sessions for identified pupils. 	1, 2, 3

Parental Engagement	 As a school we have a range of activities that enhance our relationships with parents and in turn, their children. We have: A social supermarket where families have daily access to fruit & vegetables and a further support function three times a week after school. We have an open-door policy and strong working relationships with families. We run regular activities and workshops for parents , e.g. Little Explorers, Zones of regulation, MHST sessions, early reading, SATS preparation. Christmas & Easter activity workshops within the classrooms. Stay and plays in foundation 1 & 2 Regular informal opportunities for staff to engage with parents Dedicated pastoral and early help attendance leads. Family breakfasts Feel good Fridays to encourage good attendance, e.g. wake and share, family breakfast, family picnic days, sports days Daily encourage daily communication through Dojo & texting which is a method our parents prefer to engage with. Events that encourage parents to join the school community- eg outdoor carol singing at Christmas, Sports days, Easter Bonnet parades. Storing links with St Peter's Church Rock Ferry- The church uses the barn for Sunday family services and volunteers run a weekly after school Kids Club for our pupils. Volunteers hear readers in school. 	1,4,6
Cultural opportunities	We place a high emphasis in extending pupils' experience of the local community, the arts and other cultural opportunities and put PPG towards heavily funding these experiences for our pupils. This includes:	
	An annual whole school theatre trip.	
	A residential trip to Bala, North Wales for Y6 pupils.	
	Annual team building focused outdoor education trips to Cheshire for Y3-6.	
	Curriculum based trips to local places of interest such as Liverpool Museum, Chester, West Kirby.	
	Mult-Faith weeks which sees pupils visiting places such as local mosques and having visitors from members of other faiths.	
	Visits from music groups such as Rock KidZ and the Wirral Orchestra.	
	Visits to local art galleries such as The Williamson and taking part in initiatives such as their "Going to the match" event.	
	Taking part in events with other local schools- in 2024 our Dance Group performed at the Floral Pavillion, New Brighton with ten other schools.	
	Liasing with external agencies such as The Ariel Trust, SJP High School and Birkenhead High School Academy to raise pupils' aspirations and allow them to participate in arts and drama.	
	Opportunity for Y4 pupils to learn the Ukelele.	
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	A school based Choir	
Contingency fund for acute issues.	Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Total budgeted cost: £300 K

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 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Due to COVID-19, performance measures have not been published for 2020 to 2021, and 2020 to 2021 results will not be used to hold schools to account. Given this, please point to any other pupil evaluations undertaken during the 2020 to 2021 academic year, for example, standardised teacher administered tests or diagnostic assessments such as rubrics or scales.

If last year marked the end of a previous pupil premium strategy plan, what is your assessment of how successfully the intended outcomes of that plan were met?

Year 1 Review (2022-2023)								Amendments for
			Issues	next year				
		No of Pupils	Reading	Writing	Maths	1	Attainment	Greater focus on a
	Reception 2023	18	50% (Nat 77%)	45% (Nat 74%)	45% (Nat 80%)	1	remains well	smaller number of
	Year 1 2023	25	48% EXP 10% GDS	29% EXP 5% GDS	44% EXP 0% GDS]	below national.	strategies with strong
	Year 2 2023	33	50% EXP 11% GDS	33% EXP 5% GDS	58% EXP 0% GDS	1		
	Year 3 2023	26	56% EXP 4% GDS	48% EXP 0% GDS	58% EXP 0% GDS	1	Leaders are	evidence of impact on
	Year 4 2023	37	38% EXP 3% GDS	27% EXP 0% GDS	38% EXP 0% GDS	1	continuing to	pupil outcomes.
	Year 5 2023	30	48% EXP 10% GDS	42% EXP 0% GDS	48% EXP 0% GDS	1	focus on expert	
	Year 6 2023	33	28% EXP 15% GDS	52% EXP 0% GDS	30% EXP 6% GDS]	teaching and	
•	mastery teaching ir reading. Year 1 pho Teachers have imp Assistants have bee Targeted interventi Stacks & IDL were Emotional and well SEMH needs. Addit 1:1 from the ADHD the school was awa families, including p All year groups exp After school PE clul 411 after school sp School Improvements subject. There was recommended time closer to national ir	n maths and wri onics outcomes lemented strate en given training ions were put in implemented wi being support wi ional counselling foundation. EL arded the Attach parental support orts fixtures. 57 nt Associate P. clear evidence is needed for p n all core subject ring this visit we	y in the teaching of this riculum.' He nd above increased to be re, guidance and support est that leaders' self-	learning.				

	Amendments for next						
			Impac	Issues	year		
		No of Pupils	Reading	Writing	Maths	Teachers noted that pupils	We have worked with the
	Reception 2024	15	66% Lit ELG	66% Lit ELG	66% Maths ELG	have low levels of oracy and	trust PPG lead to review
	Year 1 2024	14	43% exs 14% GDS	50% Exs 0% GDS	50% Exs 0% GDS	find answering questions in	and refine strategies and
	Year 2 2024	19	53% exs 11% GDS	42% EXS 0% GDS	58% Exs 0% GDS	lessons challenging from a	the result is the plan for
	Year 3 2024	27	44% exs 15% GDS	37% EXS 4% GDS	59% EXS 7% GDS	personal and social aspect.	2024-25.
	Year 4 2024	22	59% Exs 5% GDS	45% EXS 0% GDS	41% EXS 0% GDS		2024-23.
	Year 5 2024	31	42% Exs 0% GDS	35% EXS 0% GDS	45% EXS 0% GDS	Therefore we will be working	
	Year 6 2024	27	48% Exs 4% GDS	52% Exs 4% GDS	33% Exs 7% GDS	alongside trust colleagues with	
					its programme. The focus	an oracy focus in 2024-25 and	
					sessment. The impact is	we have adopted strategies	
					sure there is clarity around		
					n accurate understanding o	t encourage higher levels of	
			dapt their lesson plans.			pupil speaking and listening	
			rust teaching and learning			skills.	
	• /				DfE expectations and clarity	ý –	
			ion of teaching assistan				
				F2 and Y2 in GLD and	all core subjects in KS1.		
	6 disadvantaged						
				f disadvantaged pupils	in all core subjects by the	Attainment remains well below	
			jun to be diminished.			P 1 1 1	
Wor	k with the trust a	nd other exter	nal agencies to maximis	se the opportunity for w	writing across the school ha	s national. Leaders are	
led t	o significant impi	rovement in a	relatively short period o	continuing to focus on expert			
						teaching and learning.	
						Attendance and Persistent	
						absence remains well below	
				national levels.			

Year 3 Review (2024-2025)	Amendments for next year	
Impact	Issues	next year

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
Pathways to read	Literacy Company
Pathways to Write	Literacy Company
Accelerated Reader	Renaissance
Beyond the Physical	

Service pupil premium funding

How our service pupil premium allocation was spent last year

The impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils

Implementation Plan 2024-25

Action Plan for: To support the effective implementation of a new PPG Plan (PPG Lead: Andrea Lavender) (Monitored by Sara Radley)

Overall purpose of project: Our goal is to establish consistent teaching practices focused on clear learning intentions, effective employment of formative assessment, and tailored feedback strategies. By doing so, we aim to enhance all pupils understanding, engagement, and achievement across all subjects.

Foundations for good implementation: Set the stage for change through school policies, routines and practice. Identify and cultivate leaders to implement the change, build leadership capacity through teams.

Explore & define the problem: Identify area for improvement using robust diagnostics, make evidence informed decisions on what to implement, pre-empt what might go wrong and plan for this. -67% of pupils at Rock Ferry are eligible for the Pupil Premium and outcomes remain low for most of these pupils.

-Challenges are identified as limited wider life experiences, low language levels of entry to the school, socio-economic disadvantages, lack of aspiration and parental involvement, high level of ACEs, overcoming impact of Covid, lack of value placed on education.

-There are many activities identified in the strategy and it would be difficult to monitor the impact of all of these. We want to identify key strategies for maximum impact and believe these to be in the consistency of teaching and assessment practices across the school.

What do we want to achieve?								
L&M	Outcomes	T&L		Outcomes		B&S	Outcomes	
LWL project is having a positive impact on classroom practice.Increase the proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in core subjects byLucchar		Learning Coaches are deployed consistently & effectively		Increased proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in core subjects by July.		strategies evident in the	Increased proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in core subjects by July 25.	
Validated phonics scheme in place to ensure consistent practice across the school.	To increase the % of pupils passing the PSC and that this	Consistent te earning appr LWL/ Child-E Assessment.	oaches i	n line with	Increased proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard, especially in writing by July.			
Implementation Steps: clear, targeted strategies, create a shared understanding in staff team of changes coming, introduce through up-front training,				are the ke	outcomes : What y behaviours you e as a result of this	improveme	nonitor impact through robust ents, motivating staff, identify pro id continuous improvements.	measures): Continuous dynamic blems, solve problems should
Draft a Whole Class Feedback & Child Engaged Assessment policy and share with SLT for feedback. Make amendments to share with staff in the training session. Ensure that there is a clear vision for the importance of formative assessment in improving outcomes.					t, research backed, efined for WCF. r ch.			
Complete a needs assessment to identify specific challenges, strengths of practice and existing assessment practices. Survey staff to inform training.				teachers ar into training strengths, c	cific challenges e facing to incorporate g. Understand current practice and appropriately.			

		By 19 th April				
with the MITA project and strategies to support pupil independence. In the training, define clear expectations for learning outcomes, behaviour for learning and teacher strategies. Ensure teachers understand the principles and purpose of CEA and WCF. Assess their understanding through exit tickets.	support staff	A consistent approach to implementing CEA and WCF. Teachers able to implement effective strategies to support pupils and monitor their progress.				
Create a Child-Engaged Assessment Playbook with clear strategies for teachers to try and evaluate impact. This will provide the research to back up the strategies and provide answers to common problems faced by teachers.	JS	Teachers have a handbook to support successful implementation of CEA/WCF strategies. By 1st May				
Complete Instructional Coaching sessions with individual teachers, observing sections of lessons, evaluating with teachers and identify strategies for implementation. Review practice with clarity of learning intention and anchor charts	JS + teachers	Improved pupil engagement and learning. Increased teacher reflection and enhanced teacher impact.				
Complete additional reflections with teachers, reviewing successes and challenges. Work as a team to provide strategies and guidance. Identify teachers who are priority for additional mentoring/ coaching.	JS + teachers	Adapt the strategy and action plan so that the leadership team have a clear plan for September.				
improvement. Ensure sustainability of project by working alongside a nominated senior leader who could continue instructional coaching 24-25.	JS + senior leader	Continuous improvement, positive impact on pupil outcomes, sustainability of approach.				
Review impact with SLT through learning walks, data analysis and book scrutinies. Collect feedback from teachers to adapt and include strategies in the PPG strategy for September 2024.	JS/SLT	Tailored and effective support for PPG pupils and a strategy +action plan for September 24. By 19th July				
Sustain (what needs to be done to sustain change?): Beware of staff drifting away from new behaviours, continue to support and reward sustained changed. Can the new practice be scaled up? Does this present new challenges? What continuous training needs planning?						

Maintain a clear vision for the importance of formative assessment in improving outcomes.

Regularly share success stories of the impact of formative assessment on improved outcomes.

Offer regular and ongoing professional development opportunities that incorporates formative assessment strategies.

Use assessment data to monitor progress, identify areas for improvement and measure impact.