

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, 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	Wootton Bassett Infants
Number of pupils in school	87
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	2024-27
Date this statement was first published	September 2024
Date this statement was published for 2025-26	September 2025
Planned Date 2025-26 strategy to be reviewed	July 2026
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Governor	Andy Carr

Funding Overview 2025-26

Detail	Amount	Actual
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year (inc. FSM Ever 6, Service Pupils and Adopted from Care)	£16,565	
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0	
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0	
Total budget for this academic year	£16,656	
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

At Wootton Bassett Infants' School we believe that the highest possible standards can only be achieved by having the highest expectations of **all** learners. At all levels, we share an understanding that the fundamental purpose of education is to ensure all children reach their full potential. We aim to support all children to develop their emotional wellbeing and academic skills but also to provide opportunities to enrich their understanding of the world and enjoy different experiences both within the school grounds and in the wider community. Some pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds require additional support; therefore, we will use all the resources available to help them reach their full potential, including the pupil premium grant (PPG).

The PPG was created to provide funding for three key areas:

- Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap with their peers.
- Providing funding for Looked after Children (CLA) and previously LAC (CPLA)).
- Supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces.

This plan outlines the amount of funding available, the school's strategy for spending the PPG effectively, and the procedure for ensuring the funding is allocated correctly.

As an infant school, we appreciate the vital importance of children's formative years, and we ensure that children benefit from the delivery of consistent quality first teaching. We aim, through additional support and intervention, to reduce the barriers that some disadvantaged children have to their learning and take every opportunity to increase their cultural capital. We will support children and families through parental engagement and attendance of pupils. With these systems in place, equality of access to education is established. Children entitled to PPG are assessed, provision is identified, and progress is monitored throughout the school year. Our approach will be routed in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage.

This policy has been reviewed through the lens of affordability ensuring that the principles of an Affordable School are active and have a positive impact on reducing poverty related stigma.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Gaps in learning for pupil premium children and those in poverty (specifically in phonics and number fluency) have been identified by teacher assessment.
2	Poor emotional wellbeing and self-regulation are evident through analysis of behaviour records and outcomes of GLOD and ELSA assessments. These factors present a barrier to learning.

3	Observations and discussions with children indicate limited life experience leading to reduced cultural capital.
4	Assessments, observations, and discussions with children, indicate underdeveloped language and communication skills on entry to reception.
5	Attendance data over the last 2 years indicates that attendance among disadvantaged pupils has been lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils.

Intended outcomes for the end of the 3-year Strategy so by Sept 2027

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
There is a culture of shared responsibility for privileging disadvantaged learners, and every member of staff is committed to high expectations and never gives up on any child.	 Children entitled to PPG to achieve in line or above average progress in
The language used in school significantly influences the children's self-perception and attituded. Language will promote inclusivity, making all children feel they belong and can succeed. We will focus on strengths rather than deficits building upon those strengths and providing opportunities for disadvantaged learners to excel and gain confidence. This approach will help to foster positive self-image and encourage	the 7 areas of learning in EYFS and attain a GLOD annually. Children entitled to PPG achieve in line or above average
academic and personal growth. 1. Children experiencing disadvantage attain well and are successful in all aspects of school life. They make progress at least in line with their peers and their outcomes are a barometer of success for all school improvement strategies.	progress and achieve the standard in Phonics annually • Children entitled to
improvement strategies.2. Accurate assessment of individual children's needs and early interventions are prioritised, so we get provision right from the start.	PPG to achieve in line or above the average progress in Reading annually.
3. Focusing on children's strengths requires the use of high-quality, evidence-based interventions and these will link ton classroom teaching and the curriculum. Output Description:	 Children entitled to PPG to achieve in line or above the average progress writing annually. Children entitled to PPG to achieve in line or above the average progress scores in maths
	annually.

2. Increase capacity to support social, emotional, and mental health wellbeing for children entitled to PPG

Understanding each child's unique circumstances is key to applying equity. As a school we will remove barriers and create optimal learning environments tailored to their needs. Individualised empathy helps in designing effective support systems and interventions. Actions should be based on FACT not assumptions.

There is a strong and shared understanding of the causes, barriers and challenges faced by children and families who are experiencing disadvantage and a commitment to reducing poverty related stigma by deliberately making positive changes to school policy and practice through the lens of affordability. Affordable school initiative — Year 3 focus healthy body/ healthy minds and parental engagement.

High expectations for behaviour are in place and underpinned by a relational approach.

Behavioural concerns are informed by an understanding of poverty and how it can affect tiredness, thirst, hunger, stress, irritability, bullying, mental wellbeing and household responsibilities that may legitimately compete with those of school.

Trauma informed training – Five to Thrive. This is a model that highlights how connected relationships are fundamental to human well-being and resilience and will form a key driver for resilience and positive behaviour choices.

Social and emotional skills support effective learning and are linked to positive outcomes later in life. Whole class approaches as well as targeted interventions will be used and monitored carefully.

EEF Social and Emotional Learning.pdf

- Staff training and implementation of the Five to Thrive trauma informed approach supports children's abilities to manage their emotions and builds resilience.
- Introduction of selfregulation strategies and resources in the classroom promotes positive behaviour and wellbeing.
- PSED results in EYFS are improved.
- All children to have correct school uniform and PE kits (provided by school from retained storage if necessary).
- School to liaise with home to ensure correct equipment and uniform and intervene where necessary.
- Casting the wider net to support families that are struggling due to cost-of-living crisis.
- Supporting families with additional costs and putting specific arrangements in place to mitigate

against poverty related stigma. Privileging disadvantaged children requires a deliberate focus • All children to on excellence, equity and culture. attend at least one school trip per year School is proactive in identifying and removing any perceived potential barriers that prevent access to personal development All children to and enrichment opportunities. experience specialist visitors in school 1. Improved cultural capital and life experience for all children • Leisure activities entitled to PPG. are made 2. Affordable school: Enrichment and opportunity strand to accessible to continue targeted children Ensure trips are affordable and find strategies to support entitled to PPG families so that the children continue to have the experiences • Life skills such as we want to offer. The stigma of disadvantage should be cooking are eliminated and there will be a collective commitment to accessible to ensuring every child reaches their full potential. targeted children entitled to PPG. Survey parents re trips/ experiences and costs. Adapt trips to • After school clubs ensure they are in line with our cost commitment. are inclusive Offer payment options for parents to spread the cost of visits. • FUEL camps held at the school during Access to Vale View gardens for all children and families to the holidays enjoy. Volunteers commit to and it will be in the new Charity Stagecoach runs Constitution that at least one free family fun day will be run in sessions at school the summer holidays to provide fun, knowledge of crafts and with support for science and free food for children. The Victorian Market Barrow families on low is stocked with free children's books and from spring to autumn incomes and will provide excess locally produced fruit & vegetables to identified bursary anyone who wants it places Music- access to Rock Steady (1 bursary pace) Cooking Sporting events Offer free after school clubs and track the children who attend. Priority booking given to PP children. Reading is fundamental for accumulating advantage and Evidence that developing strong oracy skills is transformative for children are disadvantaged children. Reading development is prioritised assessed on entry

to reception to identify those

requiring specialist

ensuring all pupil, especially the disadvantaged, have access to

a rich reading experience and resources to build their cultural capital.

Effective communication skills boost self- esteem, social interaction and academic performance. Vocabulary building and high- quality conversations will develop oracy across the school for all learners.

- 3. Children to be able to communicate their needs and access the curriculum in line with their peers.
 - Focus on Early Language
 - Talk through Stories
 - Specialist SALT TA
 - EAL support
- 4. SIP priority 3: Taking part in the Cracking Communication programme which aims to support the school to implement evidence -informed practice in reception and KS1 leading to improvements in communication and language outcomes for all children but especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
 - School and system leaders work collaboratively with a shared understanding of evidence-informed practice which improves outcomes for disadvantaged learners.
 - All staff involved in Cracking Communication report increased levels of confidence in developing learners' communication and language skills and are equipped to assess need, intervene effectively and monitor progress
 - There is an effective network across Wave 2 schools in Wiltshire, providing support and training, with a focus on challenging educational disadvantage and improving C&L outcomes.
 - At a system level, there is a prioritisation of, and commitment to, improving disadvantaged learners' outcomes, which is prominent in school improvement planning- see SIP priority 3.

- support evidence of impact of interventions in making progress through tracking of vulnerable learners and progress meetings.
- Identification of key issues and what we can change/ introduce to improve outcomes.
- Language development is a focus for all children, and this is evident in all classroom practice including thinking partners, stem sentences, word of the day, word of the week, Talk through Storiesdeliberate focus on vocabulary. Snack chat.
- Staff attend training to successfully implement evidence informed practice and resources through sharing good practice, CPD and coaching.
- Disadvantaged learners achieve their Early Learning Goals in Communication and Language

are fully engaged with the Cracking Communication programme, networking opportunities and gap tasks 2) Leaders work with staff (teachers/TAs etc) to establish a baseline picture and develop an effective implementation plan with clear aims to improve outcomes for all, especially those who are disadvantaged 3) High quality interactions are seen in classrooms to improve language and communications using the ShREC approach (Share attention, Respond, Expand, Conversation). 4) Staff show increased confidence and skill at delivering an equitable approach to improve communication and language Attendance is the foundation of educational influence. • Overall absence Improving the attendance rates of our disadvantaged rate for children children will be a priority. Strategies to increase attendance entitled to PPG to include mentoring, working with families and creating a

welcoming school environment. 5. Attendance for children entitled to PPG to be increasingly in line with their peers.

Robust attendance monitoring

be no more than 3% lower than their peers.

All leaders and staff

- Positive relationships with children and families are underpinned by mutual respect and trust
- Understanding of the unique factors influencing each child's attendance in order to tackle attendance issues.
- Early help
- Support
- EWO meetings
- Attendance at Improving School Attendance Network Meetings

Activity in this academic year (Sept 2024 – Sept 2025)

This details how we spent our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) in 2024-25 to address the challenges listed above.

Detail	Forecast	Actual
Teaching	£14,500	£14,370
Targeted Academic support:	£6,000	£4,687
Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)	£4,610	£6053
Total:	£25,110	£25,110
Carry forward to 2025-26:		£0

Activity in this academic year (Sept 2025 – Sept 2026)

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

Detail	Forecast	Actual
Teaching	10,000	
Targeted Academic support:	4,500	
Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)	2,065	
Total:	£16,565	
Carry forward to 2026-27:		£0

Wider strategies includes cooking, trips, counselling, setting up of programmes such as Sensory Circuits, Lego therapy, our Five to Thrive approach and our work to improve attendance are ongoing this year.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £10,000 (contribution to whole cost)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Consolidation of Unlocking Letters and Sounds (a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme) to secure and maintain even stronger phonics teaching for all pupils. Specific aspects Explicit instruction Focused interventions Spotlight children Pre-teaching Fidelity to the scheme Training new staff Regular monitoring Team teaching 2-3 week assessments for EYFS and the vulnerable children.	Assessment of children currently on roll shows that phonetical development is slower for some of our PP children in line with government research, despite good school phonic outcomes overall. Phonics EEF The systematic phonics approach as exemplified by Unlocking Letters and Sounds has a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils. https://www.unlockinglettersandsounds.com/key-information	1, 4
Raise capacity of Teachers to deliver Quality First Teaching to Children entitled to PPG. High-quality teaching characterised by strong explanation and direct instruction is essential. There will be a focus on clear, simple language, real time modelling to ensure all children, especially those with limited prior knowledge, can understand and engage with the curriculum effectively. A well-sequenced, progressive curriculum will emphasise core	 CPD: Teachers upskilled in areas of the curriculum to empower the most vulnerable children to develop their skills and make good progress. Accelerating learning and early reading skills. Raising standards in maths across the school Mastery learning EEF Providing feedback is well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve. 	1, 4

knowledge, skills and Feedback | EEF concepts. Specific aspects which will be addressed through quality first EEF research highlights the need for highteaching are as follows: quality teaching that includes clear Doubling the number of expectations and real-time modelling. new phonic sounds learned weekly in 5- a Day expectations in all classroom-Foundation Stage 2 monitoring/supporting CPD classes (FS2) EEF blog: The Five-a-day approach: How More frequent the EEF can support | EEF assessments for EYFS and vulnerable children to identify gaps quickly so they can be narrowed immediately. PP children identified and spotlighted in all sessions with additional support if necessary. Sustaining the mastery curriculum in maths • Curriculum leaders of core subject areas have time to spend in classrooms to support the development of teaching staff in their subject area against an identified focus Regular summative and Children can talk about their learning using formative assessment Tier 3 vocabulary and increased oracy skills. 1, 4 using pupil voice and the implementation of Four Cracking communication will provide training Squares for learning as a and resources to improve communication tool for identifying what outcomes for all learners but especially those the children have learned. from disadvantaged backgrounds. Children use feedback and retrieval practice as a self-assessment tool in order to understand how they can make progress.

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions) Budgeted cost: £4,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
 Speech and Language intervention from TA Children screened on entry to reception and identified as requiring additional support or referral to Speech and 	Children in the UK who are disadvantaged are 2.3 times more likely to have a speech and language need compared to their peers (OFSTED) These assessments demonstrate significant	
 Language Therapist. Strong links with the SALT team and designated SALT therapist. 	gaps in speech and language development for PP children on entry. Research demonstrates that an accelerated SALT focus will rapidly increase the rate of	
 Targets set, individual plan developed and reviewed alongside specialist as appropriate. Children already working 	progress for PP children. As mentioned above, developing strong oracy skills is transformative for disadvantaged children.	
under the Speech and Language therapist will continue to work on individual targets with specialist TA within	The ShREC approach	
 specific release time. My Listening and Understanding groups Engaging with the Cracking Communication programme to improve early education through 	Share attention Be at the child's level. Pay attention to what they are Follow the child's level. Pay attention to what they are and build on it by adding more and build on it by adding more and build on it by adding more	
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	Oral language interventions EEF	
Increased capacity for children eligible for PPG to access the curriculum having benefited from evidence based targeted interventions delivered by Class Teacher or TA: • Early assessment of additional needs with prompt referrals to relevant outside agencies to achieve best outcomes as quickly as possible. • TAs are effectively deployed, understand their role in improving outcomes • Interventions are well planned and regularly evaluated for impact • Maths intervention for PP children in all year groups working towards and exceeding expectations delivered by maths subject leaders • Priority readers • Priority readers • Writing intervention • Phonics support (multiple groups) • Talk through stories in EYFS- training all staff/ new staff in EYFS to deliver the programme effectively. • Time to talk interventions in EYFS	Baseline assessments 2025-26 identified gaps in: • fine motor skills and handwriting (in all year groups) • Phonics- phase one- on entry the children have been very poor • writing development and language (in all year groups) • Knowledge and understanding of the world (EYFS) • Creative arts (link with fine motor control in EYFS) Small Group Work: 'This arrangement enables the teaching to focus exclusively on a small number of learners. The average impact of the small group tuition is four additional months' progress, on average, over the course of a year' (EEF). Small group tuition EEF	3

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

Budgeted cost: £2,065

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
 A whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing is adopted. This will recognise the link between higher rates of poor physical and mental health amongst those living in lowincome households. Five to Thrive training has been completed by most staff and there is 	1 in 8 children will experience a mental health difficulty growing up. This is more prevalent in children from disadvantaged backgrounds (NHS). This has a detrimental impact on their educational performance (Schools Week). FACT - Five to Thrive: Attachment, Trauma and Resilience Training - Wiltshire Council. Social and emotional learning EEF	2

an understanding of how the approach supports positive behaviour and relationships

The school engages with the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Survey and reviews results for those in

receipt of free school meals, in single parent families, young carers, pupils with SEND and looked after children; and acts on these

 The school has a Healthy Schools Bronze Award which we aim to become Silver in 2026.

findings.

- The affordable school strategy will focus on Healthy Body/ Healthy Mind and parental engagement
- Engaging with the school nurse to deliver parent support sessions on sleep, toileting and healthy eating.
- Introduction of calm corners
- Programmes such as sensory circuits and Lego Therapy
- Access to a trained child counsellor
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust sessions one a week

 Class outdoor Learning sessions Therapy dog Yoga for all year groups in Terms 3 and 4 Positive engagement with parents Early Support Assessments 	There is extensive evidence associating	1,2
Families identified as requiring additional support either by school, our feeder school, MASH, outside agencies or social care are offered an Early Help Assessment. These are undertaken by the SENCO and DSL and are reported to the Early Support Hub for monitoring. The school liaises with partner services regarding the learning and health needs of individual pupils affected by poverty, e.g. via the Early Help App.	childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): Social and emotional learning EEF	
Ensure equality of opportunity for PP pupils	EEF toolkit: parental engagement	3
 Continued practical support with equipment, (PE kit, drinks bottles, classroom items). Continue to monitor and support parental engagement at parent evenings. 	Families have a regular contact with school to support access to events, ensure correct equipment is in place to access the curriculum and provide this if not in place, notification of school trip and parents evenings. Staff link with families throughout their time in the school, allowing positive relationships and trust to build throughout this time.	4 2, 4

 Continued provision of support for school trips and activities enriching cultural capital. Support the cost of day trips and other experiences to ensure their inclusion. Swimming lessons outside of school are financially supported to allow targeted children to access tuition and develop a life skill and encourage physical activity and support positive mental wellbeing. All staff ensure equitable access to the curriculum ensuring that affordability is not a barrier to pupil 	At WBIS we have identified a range of cultural capital experiences which aim to enhance the children's learning and provide experiences that allow them to appreciate the local environment and beyond (see website for cultural capital statement.) This is in line with the Ofsted focus for developing cultural capital for all pupils.
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- Rigorous monitoring, tracking and coordinated support for attendance based on the principles of good practice set out in the DfE's advice.
- Maintenance of an enhanced system of checking and following up on attendance with a specific focus on children entitled to PPG.
- Poor attendance and punctuality are informed by an understanding of poverty and how it can affect tiredness, thirst, hunger, stress, irritability, bullying, mental wellbeing and household responsibilities that may legitimately compete with those of school.
- Referral to and support from outside agencies, (including EWO).
- Attendance at Improving School Attendance network meetings delivered by the LA.

equitable focus on securing high levels of attendance for all children- this is an ongoing process with the aim of continual improvement.

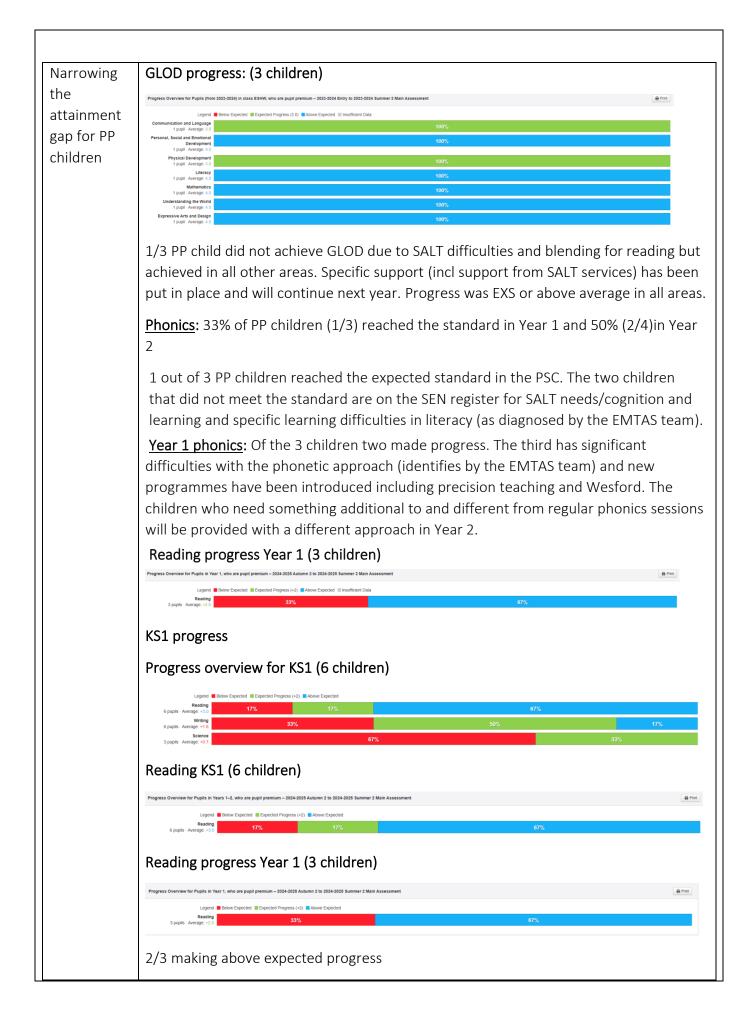
The school therefore ensures that it embeds the principles of good practice set out in in the DfE's <u>Working together to improve</u> school attendance - GOV.UK

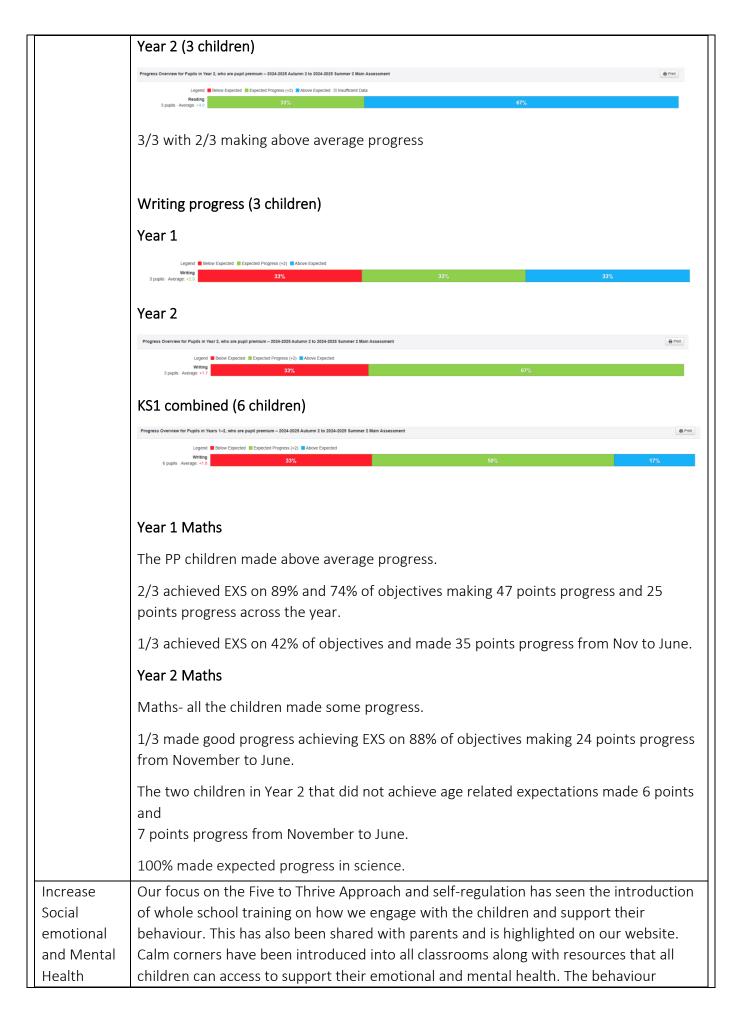
DFE guidance is informed by engagement with schools demonstrating high levels of persistent absence.

Total budgeted cost: £16,565

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year Pupil premium strategy outcomes: 2024-25

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2024 to 2025 academic year.





wellbeing of PP children

support team have been into school to provide CPD on Calm classroom and the MISA team have visited and looked around the school and commented on how calm the classroom environments were and how inclusive and supportive the classrooms felt. Relationships between the adults and the children were identified as a strength which show a positive impact of our approach. We have also introduced a specialist counsellor who has been supporting 2 children – one of whom is PP and who needs support developing confidence.

Attendance: 2024-25

7% difference between all pupils and PP children which is above our target but after consultations with EWO, parental and ESA's support this figure significantly improved throughout the year. This is an ongoing target.

Attendance is tracked termly and there are clear procedures in place.

Attendance is highlighted as a barrier to learning on tracking documents.

ESA Meetings and daily support have been introduced to families with children who struggle with coming into school. The use of social stories and 'meet and greet' have also supported the children. We have seen a big improvement, and all children are able to leave their parents more confidently.

Positive letters to acknowledge improvements in termly attendance figures.

Persistent absence figures have improved considerably and are significantly below LA and national figures.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Premier Sports	Premier Education
Rocksteady Music School	Rocksteady Music School

Service pupil premium funding

£340 1 child in 2024-25

£700 2 children in 2025-26

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	Additional TA support and interventions such as Lego therapy and sensory circuits to support social interaction skills and improve focus and organise their senses for effective learning. Cooking has also been delivered to support social interaction and to develop friendships and a sense of belonging

What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?

Clubs and events specifically for service children, have helped them connect with their peers and feel a sense of belonging-supporting then at difficult times when a parent has to go away. Good relationships developed with families who have appreciated the support we have offered to ensure the children are at school every day. Consistent pastoral support Improves emotional resilience and works alongside our trauma responsive and self-regulation approaches.

Further information (optional)

Curriculum planning at Wootton Bassett Infants' School includes aspirational targets for **all** children, which ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to an agreed range of enriched school experiences that support them to develop as well-rounded individuals. Children who are eligible for PPG will not only access this broad, balanced experience at school, but we will use the funding provided to enable further opportunities to reduce the gap between them and their peers.