

James Elliman Academy: Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024-25

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 academic year) 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	James Elliman Academy
Number of pupils in school	713 (*including number of children in nursery)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	20% 130 children
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2027
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£168,720
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 If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£168,720

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At James Elliman Academy, we help our Pupils who are eligible to receive additional Pupil Premium Funding to thrive by identifying the individual needs of each student. We then use this as a starting point for designing our offer of support. We use academic research to design and assess the impact of our interventions. We gather evidence from trialling interventions which enables us to become more effective in the support we can offer. We welcome academic data but apply it to our pupils' own unique circumstances.

Our Key Principles:

1. **Schools can make a difference** - great teaching and careful planning can make a huge impact on the outcomes of disadvantaged children.
2. **Evidence can help** - taking an evidence-informed approach to Pupil Premium spending can help schools to compare how similar challenges have been tackled in other schools, understand the strength of evidence behind alternative approaches and consider the likely cost-effectiveness of a range of approaches.
3. **Quality teaching helps every child** - improving teaching quality benefits all students and has a particularly positive effect on children eligible for the Pupil Premium.
4. **Support middle and high attainers too** - students eligible for the Pupil Premium are more likely to be low-attaining than other children. However, tackling disadvantage is not only about supporting low attainers.
5. **Implementation matters** - less is more: selecting a small number of priorities and giving them the best chance of success is a safer bet than creating a long list of strategies that becomes hard to manage.

A tiered approach will be adopted which looks at **teaching, targeted academic support** and **wider strategies**. Approaches adopted will be evidenced based and specific to the needs of each PP group, in each year group. Strategies used will not only apply to PP children but where appropriate will be wider whole cohort support strategies. These will be specific interventions that meet the needs of our school community – such as development of vocabulary, language skills, reading skills, speech and language development and initiatives addressing social deprivation and poor parental ability to support learning. Existing research led strategies used by schools successfully will be researched and used where appropriate. Pupil premium strategy will sit at the heart of the whole school strategy so that changes are effective and relate to whole school targets, this in turn will result in whole school improvements to teaching and learning. Spending will be allocated to improving teaching through professional development and training. Use of individual coaching sessions for teachers where needed, subject specific CPD to improve the quality of pedagogical content knowledge and lack of skills in particular areas. Targeted academic support will be provided for all PP ability groups. Targeting specific gaps for each PP group and improving both skills and knowledge

through intervention. Wider strategies will address non-academic barriers including attendance, behaviour, social and emotional support. Wellbeing initiatives will continue and additional support will be provided for PP children when needed.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Pupils entering with poor language skills as a result of poor stimulation, limited English and lack of reading experiences have resulted in limited oral language and vocabulary. These are evident from Reception through to KS2 in general, however, it is more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers
2	Disadvantaged pupils have greater gaps in their phonic knowledge when compared to their peers. This negatively impacts their ability to read and access the curriculum.
3	Disadvantaged pupils' attainment in writing is below that of non-disadvantaged pupils and not in line with attainment in reading.
4	Disadvantaged pupils' attainment in maths is below age related expectations and not in line with non-disadvantaged peers.
5	There is a lack of enrichment opportunities for disadvantaged children to develop their social and emotional skills. This has impacted behaviour, mental health and well-being. In addition families require additional support to increase parental capacity to support their children due to vulnerability factors and home circumstances.
6	Attendance for PP children has consistently been lower than that compared to non-pupil premium children. This has resulted in lower attainment in core learning and a lack of readiness to learn.

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 oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and on-going formative assessment.

Improved phonics attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS1 phonics data for year 1 in 2026/27 will show that disadvantaged pupil attainment will be in line with National average and with non-disadvantaged pupils.
Improved writing attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 writing outcomes in 2026/27 will show that disadvantaged pupil attainment will be in line with National average and with non-disadvantaged pupils. As well as being in line with attainment in reading.
Improved maths attainment among disadvantaged pupils.	KS2 maths outcomes in 2026/27 will show that disadvantaged pupil attainment will be in line with National average and with non-disadvantaged pupils.
To achieve and sustain improved social and emotional skills for disadvantaged children and support their mental health and well-being.	Sustained high levels of social, emotional skills, wellbeing and mental health demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - qualitative data from student voice, student and parental surveys and teacher observations - a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities to develop social and emotional skills, particularly among disadvantaged pupils
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high attendance from 2026/27 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced by 5%. - the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 5% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 4% lower than their peers.

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: £65,212.73

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
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<p>Improve teaching through professional development (CPD), training and support for all staff (including early career teachers).</p>	<p>EEF acknowledges that CPD can improve teacher practice and can have a significant effect on pupils' learning outcomes as well as a positive impact on the teacher level outcomes. Every teacher is supported to keep improving the quality of their pedagogical content knowledge through CPD sessions.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/effective-professional-development</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 and 4.</p>
<p>To give CPD to teachers on how to facilitate effective feedback (verbal or written) about the learners' performance in relation to learning goals and outcomes.</p>	<p>The EEF states that feedback studies have shown very high effects on children's learning and can add 8 months of impact onto children's learning.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/feedback</p>	<p>3 and 4</p>
<p>SLT and middle leadership monitoring of teaching and learning throughout the school and offer coaching and mentoring to measure the impact of that.</p>	<p>Support for teachers can have a positive impact on the teacher level outcomes thus having a positive impact on children's learning and outcomes.</p> <p>https://schoolleaders.thekeysupport.com/staff/cpd/develop-leaders/developing-middle-leaders/</p>	<p>2, 3, and 4</p>
<p>To buy additional resources across all subjects to embed reading skills with the use of high quality texts within lessons to increase pupils' acquisition and application of language in reading, writing and oral communication.</p>	<p>The Sutton Trust suggests that additional resources especially for reading can significantly increase children's progress in reading.</p> <p>https://www.suttontrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/READINGGAP.pdf</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Use additional resources in core subjects to scaffold learning to ensure access to the curriculum for all abilities</p>	<p>The EEF says that carefully selected resources can enhance learning and help children to make the required progress.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/digital?utm_source=/education-evidence/guidance-reports/digital&utm_medium=search&utm</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 and 4</p>

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Purchase of phonics resources to embed a DfE validated Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme (Read, Write, Inc) to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils: Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2
Effective screening of all pupils in EYFS and Year 1, and any target children in KS2, to establish any delays or difficulties in speech, language and communication skills. To plan targeted intervention and strategies to address this.	There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading: Oral language interventions Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	1

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

Budgeted cost: £33,026.21

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teachers/HLTA led tuition with identified pupils to receive interventions to identify and respond to gaps in learning.	Evidence shows small group tuition is an extremely effective intervention in a student's learning, with private tuition having the ability to boost progress by three to five months. https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/08/how-the-national-tutoring-programme-can-help-students/	1, 3 and 4
Small group interventions with identified pupils to receive interventions to identify and respond to	The average impact of the small group tuition is four additional months' progress, on average, over the course of a year.	1, 2, 3 and 4

<p>gaps in learning including phonics.</p>	<p>Evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, the smaller the group the better. Some studies suggest that greater feedback from the teacher, more sustained the engagement in smaller groups, or work which is more closely matched to learners' needs explains this impact.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition</p>	
<p>Assessment and support of speech and language development to improve communication skills, especially for those with limited speech and language skills. This is for disadvantaged pupils who have relatively low spoken language skills.</p>	<p>To support disadvantaged pupils with limited spoken language skills, evidence-based interventions can significantly enhance speech and language development. Research highlights the following key approaches and insights. Effective strategies include early screening tools to identify speech and language needs and the provision of targeted support.</p> <p>https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CDP-2018-0163/CDP-2018-0163.pdf</p>	1
<p>To identify and address learning gaps among disadvantaged pupils, enabling targeted interventions and support to enhance educational outcomes by using comprehensive assessment tools designed to diagnose learning gaps in core subjects.</p>	<p>Schools demonstrating success in narrowing learning gaps use summative assessments to identify barriers to learning. These schools deploy trained staff to provide evidence-based interventions aligned with assessment results, ensuring that disadvantaged pupils receive high-quality instruction that matches their needs</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/473975/DFE-RB411_Supporting_the_attainment_of_disadvantaged_pupils_brief.pdf</p>	1 and 4

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

Budgeted cost: £70,481.06

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Children’s pastoral (physical and emotional welfare needs) met by Child & Family Support Officer and outside agencies to support mental health and well-being in school.</p> <p>Support children with behaviour, attachment issues and emotional needs through positive behaviour procedures, rewards and ELSA, SEBDOS and ED psychologist sessions.</p>	<p>The EEF says that interventions which target social and emotional learning can add 4 months progress. They can have a valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p>	5
<p>Parents/carers provided with support and strategies from SENDCo, CFSSO and outside agencies (SEBDOS) in order for parents to have the tools to support children with emotional and behavioural needs at home.</p>	<p>The EEF states that parental engagement can add four months of progress to a child’s learning. They also suggest that the biggest impact is when the children are in EYFS and will be closely associated with children’s subsequent academic success.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement</p>	5
<p>Provision for necessary resources (such as school uniform, equipment: such as pencils, white board pens, access to breakfast club and books) for families who are struggling to provide these themselves.</p>	<p><u>New research</u> by IFS researchers in collaboration with the National Children’s Bureau finds that offering relatively disadvantaged primary schools in England support to establish a universal, free, before-school breakfast club can improve pupils’ academic attainment.</p> <p>https://ifs.org.uk/publications/8714</p>	5
<p>Attendance officer to consistently monitor attendance and work with SLT, CFSSO and outside agencies to provide additional support for</p>	<p>Research over the years has shown that children with higher absence are more likely to achieve lower grades at the end of KS2 and KS4. Also, children with persistent</p>	6

families where attendance is a concern.	absence are less likely to stay in education. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/just-one-day-off-can-hamper-childrens-life-chances	
Provide disadvantaged children with the opportunity to take part in extracurricular activities and skills building provision to develop social and emotional skills. Children will develop 9 personal life skills (listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork) that have direct links to the success of motivation and success in physical exercise and personal development.	The average impact of engaging in physical activity interventions and approaches is about an additional one month's progress over the course of a year. Participating in sports and physical activity is likely to have wider health and social benefits. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/physical-activity	5
To enhance the educational experience and support the holistic development of disadvantaged pupils by investing in broader curriculum resources and equipment.	Research from Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that access to diverse curriculum resources and equipment can increase pupil engagement and motivation, particularly among disadvantaged pupils. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation	5
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.	All

Total budgeted cost: £168,720

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

The strategic use of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) within our school has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing academic attainment and progress among our most vulnerable students. The multifaceted approach, encompassing teacher intervention, targeted tuition, in class small group teaching, and continuous professional development (CPD), has yielded significant improvements in pupils' core skills and overall academic performance.

The implementation of adult led intervention and small group teaching has been pivotal in addressing individual learning gaps. This targeted support has ensured that PP children receive the attention necessary to strengthen their core skills, particularly in reading and mathematics. The use of pre-teach/precision teaching methods for SEND/PP children in KS1 and lower KS2 has provided a robust foundation, allowing these students to progress confidently to the next stages of their education. In Reception, 82% of our PP children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD). This is particularly noteworthy given the contextual challenge of children joining with low starting points, which our provision effectively supports.

Recognizing the additional vulnerabilities of many PP children, the strategy has effectively targeted support to meet the needs of both PP and SEND students. This holistic approach ensures that all vulnerable children receive comprehensive support tailored to their unique requirements. Our PP children benefited from additional pastoral and behaviour support, ensuring they came to school ready to learn. This support extended to parents and carers, who were signposted to necessary resources and assistance.

CPD for teachers and support staff on identifying learning gaps and planning for missed learning has been crucial. This training has empowered staff to deliver high-quality, adaptive teaching, ensuring that all students can keep pace with the curriculum. The emphasis on simplified explanations and enhanced vocabulary/oral language at the start of units has been particularly beneficial for lower-ability PP children. Extra CPD, interventions, and resources purchased for the Read Write Inc programme resulted in 86% of PP children passing the Year 1 phonics check, showcasing the effectiveness of our focused training efforts.

To raise maths attainment to age-related expectations, we have implemented targeted maths interventions and in class small group teaching, ensuring that disadvantaged pupils receive the support necessary to bridge learning gaps. The success of our Year 4 PP children in the multiplication check is a testament to these efforts. 50% of Year 4 PP children achieved a perfect score of 25/25, with an average score of 22. In contrast, the autumn baseline showed only one child achieving 25/25, with an average score of 19. The use of Chromebooks, focused multiplication lessons, and targeted support were instrumental in this achievement.

The structured Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs) and 1:1 meetings between year leaders and senior leaders provide valuable opportunities to discuss targeted coaching and support to teachers, enhancing the overall effectiveness of the strategy.

Providing extra study books for children in year 6 has extended learning opportunities beyond the classroom, supporting continuous academic engagement and reinforcement. This has been reflected on the SATs results our PP children achieved this academic year:

Subject	Autumn Baseline	End of Year 6	National Average for PP 2023
Reading	32%	90%	60%
Writing	0%	80%	58%
Maths	16%	90%	59%
Grammar	21%	85%	N/A
Combined	0%	80%	44%

The gap between our 'All' and 'PPG' has narrowed compared to their baseline.

The integration of teacher and TA booster groups where possible, along with participation in the National Tutoring Programme, has had a substantial impact on our most vulnerable students. Feedback from teachers highlights the effectiveness of these interventions in addressing learning gaps and preparing students for future topics. Emotional and behavioural needs were met through in-school support and external agencies like SEBDOS and Educational Psychologists. This comprehensive support system ensured that children were emotionally and mentally prepared for learning.

Inviting PP children to attend our breakfast club, offering uniform and stationery, and subsidizing the cost of trips have removed significant barriers to learning, ensuring that all PP children can fully participate in school life. Opportunities for PP children to engage in extracurricular activities and life skills development have enriched their educational experience, fostering a well-rounded development. Increased enrichment activities, such as author visits, more sporting opportunities, school trips, and whole-school events like Numeracy and Diversity Day, have significantly enhanced social and emotional skills development, positively impacting behaviour, mental health, and well-being. These initiatives have helped develop social and emotional skills, positively impacting behavior, mental health, and well-being. Family support has been bolstered to enhance parental capacity to support their children.

A whole-school attendance drive, with prizes for regular attendance, has been effective in encouraging consistent school attendance, essential for maximising academic potential. The dedicated work of our Attendance and Family Support Officer has been crucial in improving attendance, providing targeted support to families and addressing barriers to regular school attendance.

The comprehensive and responsive PP strategy implemented at our school has successfully fostered academic attainment and progress among PP children. Through targeted interventions, rigorous monitoring, and a strong focus on professional development, we have created an environment where vulnerable students receive the necessary support to thrive. Moving forward, enhancing communication, parental engagement, and long-term impact tracking will further bolster the effectiveness of our

strategy, ensuring sustained improvements in student outcomes and meeting our projected success criteria for 2025/26.

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
n/a	n/a