

# Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 25-26

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	Ripley St Thomas
Number of pupils in school	1748
Number of pupils in Y7 - 11	1416
Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium	147
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils (Y7-11)	10.38%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2023-2026
Date this statement was published	September 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2026
Statement authorised by	
Pupil premium lead	Mr M Wallace
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr A Nicholson

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£213,260
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<b>Total budget for this academic year</b> If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£213,260

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

Our aim is to provide all students with the opportunity to achieve their potential. We employ strategies and interventions aimed at removing any barriers to learning and personal development, caused by deprivation, personal circumstances or learning gaps. We ensure all students have full access to a wide-ranging academic curriculum and rich co-curricular provision. In this way we aim to develop well rounded individuals who achieve their ambitions and go on to flourish in life.

It is our intention that children in receipt of Pupil Premium achieve to the best of their ability, addressing any barriers to learning that may present themselves.

It is our intention that children in receipt of Pupil Premium have high levels of attendance and receive support for this where it is necessary.

It is our intention that children in receipt of Pupil Premium have as many opportunities as possible to experience co-curricular activities and educational trips, regardless of barriers to this.

Our ultimate objective is to enable all these young people to flourish spiritually, academically and personally so they can live life in all its fullness.

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	To improve the reading and writing proficiency of pupils identified in early testing as not currently meeting age-related expectations.
2	To reduce the gap in Attainment 8 and Progress 8 between children in receipt of the Pupil Premium and those who are not.
3	To address any attendance issues – particularly those at risk of being at the persistent absence level.
4	To enable engagement with co-curricular activities and educational trips, addressing financial barriers where needed.
5	To reduce the proportion of children in receipt of Pupil Premium who are at risk from being suspended from our school.

## 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
Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding achieve in line with expectations.	Reduce the gap in Attainment 8 and Progress 8 between children in receipt of the Pupil Premium and those who are not.
Attendance of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium to be in line with their peers – particularly in KS4.	Reduce the gap in attendance rates between children in receipt of the Pupil Premium and those who are not.
Increased number of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium attending co-curricular activities and educational trips.	Statistical data to demonstrate an increase in the uptake of co-curricular activities and targeted educational trips for children in receipt of the Pupil Premium.
Further develop a programme of early intervention behaviour support.	Reduction in the percentage of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium who are suspended as a proportion of all incidents resulting in this sanction. Ensure early intervention for support with behaviour.

### Activity in this academic year

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

## Teaching

Budgeted cost: £78,695.

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Quality first teaching	EEF Toolkit – various strands such as Mastery learning, Collaborative learning	1, 2
Support staffing	EEF Toolkit – Teaching assistants	1, 2,
Support for early careers teachers	EEF Toolkit – various strands such as Mastery learning, Collaborative learning	1
Literacy across subjects is promoted by our Literacy Lead Teacher	EEF Toolkit – Reading comprehension	1, 2

## Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost: £60,335

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Literacy Support (Bedrock Learning, Accelerated Reader, Reading canon)	EEF Toolkit – Reading comprehension Digital Technology, Internal data, bedrock learning assessments, accelerated reader assessments, engagement with reading canon in form	1, 2
Phonics Support (TA led specialist support)	EEF Toolkit – Phonics and Oral language intervention	1, 2
EAL Support (Flash Academy)	EEF Toolkit – Reading comprehension Digital Technology, Internal data	1, 2
One to one tuition where required in English (KS4 prioritised).	EEF Toolkit – One to One tuition	1, 2
Small group support work for English intervention.	EEF Toolkit – Small group tuition	12,
Improved teacher/pupil ratio in English and Maths lessons (various Years)	EEF Toolkit – Reducing class size	1, 2
Personalised learning support (Bedrock, Accelerated Reader)	EEF Toolkit – Digital Technology Internal data	1, 2
One to one tuition where required in Maths (KS4 prioritised).	EEF Toolkit – One to One tuition	2
Small group support work in Maths via intervention groups.	EEF Toolkit – Small group tuition	2

One to one tuition where required in Science (KS4 prioritised).	EEF Toolkit – One to One tuition	2
Small group support work in Science via intervention groups.	EEF Toolkit – Small group tuition	2
Targeted revision across subjects.	EEF Toolkit – Individualised instruction	1, 2

## Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £74,230

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium to be offered music tuition with a peripatetic music tutor for one term.	EEF Toolkit – Arts participation	4
Uniform help and assistance where necessary to ensure a sense of belonging and inclusion.	EEF Toolkit – School Uniform	3
Revision guides for GCSE subjects where appropriate.	Previous GCSE results	1, 2
Homework club (Printing, resources, and stationary shop) to ensure no barriers to learning and progress.	EEF Toolkit – Homework Extending school time	1, 2
Duke of Edinburgh and Ripley Cadets Funding co-curricular opportunities.	EEF Toolkit – Outdoor adventure learning	4
CEIAG provision and guidance with in-school careers advisor.	EEF Toolkit – Aspiration interventions	4

	Pupil Premium students are prioritised in having their initial careers provision.	
Access to co-curricular activities across all subjects and educational/curriculum trips.	EEF Toolkit – extending school time and Aspirations.	4
External agencies working with pupils at risk of exclusion – such as behaviour intervention placements and a range of alternative provision providers.	EEF Toolkit – Social and Emotional learning  Internal data and previous experiences	5
Transport to school and barriers to being on time to school broken down through bus pass subsidies.	Internal data	3
Attendance linked to rewards to offer praise where necessary for those pupils making improvements. This will be used to offer rewards to those pupils who are working hard to keep an excellent attendance or for those who are improving.	National data on attendance and achievement.	3
Counselling offered to address social and emotional barriers to learning. This is overseen by our Well Being Practitioner.	EEF Toolkit – Social and Emotional learning	3, 5
The Bridge facility used as an on-site alternative provision for a range of social,	EEF Toolkit – One to One/Small group tuition	3, 5

emotional, medical, attendance related issues.		
Enhanced transition programme to aid the transition process from Year 6 to Year 7.	EEF Toolkit – Summer schools	3 and 4
Educational psychologist provision where appropriate.	Required for some external support such as EHCPs.	5

## 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 past four academic years.

*Due to COVID-19, performance measures have not been published for 2020 to 2021, and 2020 to 2021. The data for these two years is based upon the CAG/TAG grades awarded. Progress 8 figures for these years are subsequently indicative based upon the large collaborative data set for all schools nationally who use SISRA software.*

<b>Students in cohort:</b>	<b>2022: 260</b>	<b>2023: 278</b>	<b>2024: 273</b>	<b>2025: 276</b>
<b>Pupil Premium students in cohort:</b>	<b>57 (21%)</b>	<b>29 (10.4%)</b>	<b>24 (8.76%)</b>	<b>31 (11.23%)</b>
<b>Progress 8 All Pupils</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Progress 8 Non Pupil Premium</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Progress 8 Pupil Premium</b>	<b>-0.46</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Attainment 8 All Pupils</b>	55.31	51.3	53.41	50.11
<b>Attainment 8 Non Pupil Premium</b>	58.30	53.22	54.69	51.43
<b>Attainment 8 Pupil Premium</b>	45.30	36.3	40.13	39.65
<b>9-4 in English and Maths All Pupils</b>	213/260 (80.1%)	226/278 (81.3%)	225/274 (82.1%)	218/276 79%
<b>9-4 in English and Maths Pupil Premium</b>	36/60 (59%)	17/31 (54.8%)	13/24 (54.2%)	19/31 61.3%
<b>9-5 in English and Maths All Pupils</b>	174/260 (65.4%)	167/278 (60.1%)	167/274 (60.9%)	160/276 58%
<b>9-5 in English and Maths Pupil Premium</b>	24/60 (39.3)	10/31 (32.3%)	6/24 (25%)	13/31 41.9%



## 2024 – 2025 Pupil Premium & SEND participation data

Co-curricular activities have once again proven to be a vibrant and valued part of our school community, with an impressive number of pupils getting involved in the wide range of opportunities available.

### During the 2024-2025 academic year:

- 1,233 pupils (70.1%) took part in clubs and activities across the school
- 70% of Pupil Premium pupils (113 pupils) participated in at least one activity
- 75% of SEND pupils (167 pupils) engaged in clubs and activities

These figures highlight the positive impact of our co-curricular offer in supporting inclusion, enrichment, and pupil development.

### Participation in peripatetic music lessons

During 24/25 240 pupils received music tuition.

55 pupils with SEND received tuition (22.91% of total pupils receiving tuition, 25.94% of total SEND population). One-to-one music tuition provides tailored learning to the individual, containing support and challenge at the appropriate level. Research consistently demonstrates that learning a musical instrument can have a positive impact on learning and progress beyond peripatetic music lessons.

44 pupils eligible for PP funding received tuition (18.33% of total pupils receiving tuition, 28.38% of total PP population). Having lessons in school addresses hidden barriers such as parental ownership of a car, residential distance from place of tuition, and instrument hire/purchase costs (we loan instruments free of charge).

In total, 5,492 lessons were delivered last year (137,300 minutes, or 2,288 hours of tuition).