



BEECHEN CLIFF

Beechen Cliff School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2024-2027

School Overview

Detail			
School name		Beechen Cliff School	
Number of pupils in school		840 (Year 7-11)	
Proportion (%) of Pupil Premium eligible pupils		14%	
Category	Number of Pupils	% of School Roll	National Statistics
Free School Meals (FSM)	94	11%	24.6%
Ever 6	6	1%	
FSM/Ever 6 total	100	12%	
Services	10	1%	
Child Looked After (CLA)	0	0%	
Adopted (PLAC)	5	1%	
Total	115	14%	
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended) (current year)		Year 1: 2024/25	
		Year 2: 2025/26	
		Year 3: 2026/27	
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil Premium funding allocation this academic year	£121,000
Pupil Premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£121,000

Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan

Statement of intent

Our aim at Beechen Cliff School is to provide all students with the opportunity to enjoy school, engage its full extra-curricular offer and achieve their potential. We employ strategies and interventions to remove barriers which can be caused by personal circumstances or learning gaps. We promote all students having full access to the rich extra-curricular provision on offer at Beechen Cliff School. This ensures we develop well-rounded individuals who achieve their ambitions and flourish in life.

Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged pupils may include:

- less support at home (includes access to IT)
- weak language and communication skills (low reading levels)
- lack of confidence
- more frequent behaviour difficulties
- attendance and punctuality issues

There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no “one size fits all” plan for support.

Our ultimate objectives are:

- To have attendance that meets or exceeds the school’s target of 97%
- For persistent absenteeism to be in-line with the rest of the cohort
- To eliminate the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils at Beechen Cliff School
- For all disadvantaged pupils in school to meet or exceed nationally expected progress rates
- For all disadvantaged pupils to access to the rich extra-curricular provision on offer and be well-rounded individuals who achieve their ambitions and flourish in life

We aim to do this through:

- Effective working relationships with parents and pupils who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. This relationship is key in the transition to the school
- Ensuring all staff know who is Pupil Premium and are equipped to effectively support and challenge these pupils
- Frequent monitoring of qualitative and quantitative data to ensure accurate and timely identification of pupils in need of support
- Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils and that where pupils have specific needs that these are addressed through high quality, evidence based interventions led by appropriately trained staff
- Ensuring all vulnerable learners are ready to learn through access to a breakfast club, equipment and uniform provision and a homework club
- Close monitoring of attendance at extracurricular provisions along with promotion and support to increase the attendance of vulnerable learners
- Ensuring that vulnerable learners have access to frequent and high quality careers and associated opportunities such as attendance at careers fairs and the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme
- Ensuring that vulnerable learners are prioritised for, and have access to high quality pastoral and mental health support
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will

identify priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of Pupil Premium interventions at one time.

Achieving these objectives:

The range of provisions available at Beechen Cliff include but are not limited to:

- Frequent monitoring of progress and needs from Heads of Faculty and Heads of Year
- Literacy and numeracy support which includes in class support and small group withdrawal
- Academic mentoring for students in Y10/11 with core Subject Mentors and Senior Leaders
- Providing support with transport to school to promote attendance, where needed
- A breakfast club to ensure vulnerable learners are prepared for the day
- Tracking and monitoring of attendance to provide intervention and support where a need is identified with Pupil Premium learners being prioritised for calls first when not in school.
- Frequent contact and support with parents regarding attendance, academic progress, uniform, equipment, extra-curricular activities, trips and revision resources
- Providing laptops to support with access to homework and remote learning
- Providing priority access to counselling and careers advice
- Allocating high quality teaching assistants to support teaching and learning
- Providing access to homework support sessions each term for parents
- A Teaching and Learning policy which puts Pupil Premium learners first with the following: Pupil Premium learners sat with a positive peer; targeted for understanding through questioning and personalised check-ins; books marked first and to the highest quality.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Attendance and punctuality.
2	Securing parental engagement in school and in supporting homework completion, readiness for school, experiences and ambition. This target includes attendance at and engagement with Parents' Evening.
3	Lack of fluency in literacy (particularly reading) and numeracy.
4	Progress of Pupil Premium pupils. This is currently lower than Non Pupil Premium Beechen Cliff at KS4 but above national figures for Pupil Premium pupils.

5	The involvement of Pupil Premium in extracurricular activities and trips (although 18% of places on trips are taken by Pupil Premium learners - 4% above the number of Pupil Premium learners) it remains a priority to promote and support in this area). Trip Leads to take greater responsibility in recruiting and supporting Pupil premium learners.
6	Homework completion/quality for Pupil Premium when compared to non-disadvantaged.

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	Actions Needed	Success criteria
<p>Progress in Maths</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners achieving at least in line with, or above national progress measures in maths at KS4.</p> <p>Progress in KS3 maths for Pupil Premium learners is at or above their expected attainment pathway (flightpath).</p>	<p>Standardised cognitive and attainment testing on entry used to identify gaps in numeracy.</p> <p>KS3 numeracy intervention in am registration for those with standardised numeracy scores below the average range.</p> <p>Strategic seating of all Pupil Premium learners in mathematics classes.</p> <p>KS4 GCSE maths tuition for Pupil Premium learners performing below their flightpath.</p> <p>Support numeracy classes in Years 8-11.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils is 0.0. ● Disadvantaged achieve at least in line with national. ● Rigorous testing process in place to identify any needs for intervention. ● Evident increase in knowledge of key skills in numeracy shown through low stakes in-class assessments, key skills starters, formal regular assessments and public examinations. ● Effective use of key skills starters in maths support lessons. ● Pupil voice shows increased confidence and enjoyment in mathematics. ● All staff have detailed annotations outlining needs of Pupil Premium learners and actions to address these.
<p>Progress in English</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners achieving at least in line with, or above national progress measures in English at KS4.</p> <p>Progress in KS3 English for Pupil Premium learners is at or above</p>	<p>Standardised cognitive, attainment and reading testing on entry used to identify gaps in literacy/reading.</p> <p>KS3/4 reading/literacy intervention (Lexia) in am registration for those with reading ages below their actual age.</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners prioritised for author visits/reading enrichment activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rigorous testing process in place to identify any needs for intervention. ● Disadvantaged achieve at least in line with national. ● Reading scores show no gap between Pupil Premium and non-disadvantaged learners. ● Evident increase in knowledge of key skills in literacy shown through low stakes in-class assessments, key skills starters, formal regular assessments and public examinations. ● Pupil voice shows increased confidence and enjoyment in

<p>their expected attainment pathway.</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners have a reading age at or above their chronological age by the end of Year 9.</p>	<p>Strategic seating of all Pupil Premium learners in English classes.</p> <p>KS4 GCSE English tuition for Pupil Premium learners performing below their flightpath.</p> <p>Support literacy classes in Years 8-11.</p>	<p>English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff have detailed annotations on seating plans outlining needs of Pupil Premium learners and actions to address these.
<p>Attend Well and Ready to Learn</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners attend well, are punctual, equipped and ready for school.</p> <p>PP attendance meets the school's attendance target of 96%</p>	<p>Tutors to check uniform and equipment daily and inform Pupil Premium Lead and Head of Year of any needs or concerns.</p> <p>Attendance Lead and Heads of Year to work closely with Pupil Premium Lead to ensure appropriate support is in place for any Pupil Premium learners with attendance below 97%. This support includes priority calling for absence and the use of text messages to remind parents of the term dates.</p> <p>This may also include funding of transport in certain circumstances e.g. bus passes, taxis etc.</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners are targeted for breakfast club where this may support engagement to learning, attendance and punctuality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable uniform with financial support available to PP learners. • Equipment, such as stationery, GCSE subject specific equipment provided to PP learners where needed. • PP parents are aware that they have access to financial support to assist with purchasing equipment and resources. • Teaching staff are quick to liaise with PP leads to ensure that any lack of equipment is quickly resolved.
<p>Extra-curricular</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners are fully engaged and participating in the school's rich extra-curricular offer.</p>	<p>Activity leads take responsibility in promoting Pupil Premium attendance and promote/invite/prioritise Pupil Premium learners. Activity leads reserve places for Pupil Premium learners and support the Pupil</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of extra curricular activity attendance shows that Pupil premium attendance is representative of the % of Pupil Premium in school, or higher. Our challenge target is for 20% participation.

	<p>Premium Lead to alert parents in advance.</p> <p>Financial support for trips is offered at the time of the trip letter being published with the aim of removing barriers to attendance on paid trips.</p> <p>Pupil Premium Lead to monitor trip/extra-curricular club engagement to ensure every child participates in at least one residential trip during their time at Beechen Cliff.</p>	
<p>Suspensions Pupil Premium learners are not disproportionately excluded from school/lessons.</p>	<p>Pupil Premium learners prioritised for mentoring support if behaviour is a concern/and or following a suspension.</p> <p>Pupil Premium learners with more suspension than one suspension within an academic year are allocated an SLT mentor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pupil Premium Leads regularly monitor suspension data and work with key pupils and staff to ensure these learners are accessing support and able to remain in lessons, enjoy and achieve. ● Pupil Premium pupil suspension data is equal to or lower than that of non-disadvantaged pupils and lower than national.
<p>Parental Engagement Parents/carers of PP pupils are engaged in school, aware of their son's learning and understand how to support their child.</p>	<p>Emails sent reminding parents - generic and then personalised</p> <p>Phone calls made in advance to offer pre-booking where needed.</p> <p>Parents of Pupil Premium learners for whom engagement at parents' evening has been a historic challenge will be allocated SLT PP+ Leads who will arrange to meet the parents and give a 1:1 summary of progress and next steps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent /carers surveys show engagement and satisfaction with school and school life. ● 100% of parents of Pupil Premium learners will engage with Parents' Evening.

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 and Learning

Budgeted cost: £68,100

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Heads of Faculty closely monitor and intervene where the progress of disadvantaged learners is below that of non-disadvantaged learners or below that of their expected attainment pathway.</p>	<p>“Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.” EEF guide to the Pupil Premium.</p> <p>Heads of Faculties promote positive engagement and teaching strategies with Pupil Premium Students.</p> <p>Heads of faculties track Pupil Premium students progress and liaise with Pupil Premium leads to help signpost needs for targeted intervention.</p> <p>“Evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have.”</p>	2, 3, 4 & 5
<p>Literacy Lead Promotes literacy, provides staff CPD and monitors and supports reading interventions.</p>	<p>Reading is a key determiner for academic success. Closing the reading gap leads to improved confidence, engagement and greater outcomes.</p> <p>DfE Reading Framework, July 2023</p>	3 & 4
<p>Pupil Premium Leadership and management The teacher in charge of SEND and the PP Leads work together to identify any staff who would benefit from further CPD to support vulnerable pupils</p>	<p>“Good teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.” EEF guide to the Pupil Premium.</p> <p>Staff who feel skilled and confident leading an intervention will see better progress from the children.</p> <p>We hope to see Teaching Assistants becoming more confident with monitoring and evaluating the interventions which take place and enabling them to evaluate which strategies lead to good progress and how this is measured.</p>	2 & 4

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

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Times Table Rock Stars online numeracy package to be deployed to lower ability KS3 students</p>	<p>Where students made regular use of the resource in primary settings and at Beechen Cliff last year, it led to improved confidence in class and a secure functional maths foundation.</p>	<p>3 & 4</p>
<p>Small group support maths classes taught by qualified maths teachers</p>	<p>Small group tuition teaching strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit. “The average impact of the small group tuition is four additional months’ progress, on average, over the course of a year.</p> <p>Evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, “the smaller the group the better.” EEF, Small Group Tuition guidance.</p>	<p>3 & 4</p>
<p>Small group support literacy classes taught by SENDCo/English teachers</p>	<p>Small group tuition teaching strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit. “The average impact of the small group tuition is four additional months’ progress, on average, over the course of a year.</p> <p>Evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, “the smaller the group the better.” EEF, Small Group Tuition guidance.</p>	<p>3 & 4</p>
<p>Homework and catch up support available after school through the library</p>	<p>Homework strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit “Homework has a positive impact on average (+ 5</p>	<p>6</p>

	months), particularly with pupils in secondary schools.	
1:1 pupil progress meetings between targeted Year 11 students and SLT mentors.	Time for ongoing professional dialogues regarding further support for these children will help to keep this a priority. There is a collective responsibility for Pupil Premium children's progress in order to make accelerated progress. Staff will know who they are, their barriers to learning and any strategies needed to meet their educational and emotional needs.	2 & 4
1:1 mentor meetings between targeted students who have received more than one suspension in an academic year and SLT mentors.	EEF behaviour guidance states that 'a tailored approach to support an individual's behaviour should complement the school's behaviour Policy' and this mentoring is designed to personalise support utilising pupil voice as a guide.	2 & 4

Pastoral Support (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £26,700

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Careers mentoring - Pupil Premium learners prioritised and, where needed, receive additional support.	The Gatsby Benchmark sets out a framework of eight guidelines about what makes the best careers provision in schools and colleges	2 & 4
Solution Focused Therapy - A therapy support service which works on the assumption that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● People are experts 	Improving mental health raises self-esteem, self-confidence and leads to improved attendance and outcomes for learners. EEF, Improving Social and Emotional Health guidance.	2

<p>of themselves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People have existing strengths and resilience • People are not defined by their problems • Change is possible, and happening all the time <p>The aim is to empower pupils to be architects of their own future and focus on what they can change, not what they can't.</p>		
<p>Mentoring Plus peer mentor programme in place for Year 7 and 8s led by trained VI form mentors.</p>	<p>Peer Tutoring teaching strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit. "Peer tutoring approaches have been shown to have a positive impact on learning, with an average positive effect equivalent to approximately five additional months' progress within one academic year. Studies have identified benefits for both tutors and tutees, and for a wide range of age groups. Though all types of pupils appear to benefit from peer tutoring, there is some evidence that pupils who are low-attaining and those with special educational needs make the biggest gains."</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Attendance Lead and Pupil Premium Lead closely monitors and provides bespoke support to improve PP attendance</p>	<p>"Interventions may well be one part of an effective Pupil Premium Strategy, they are likely to be most effective when deployed alongside efforts to attend to wider barriers to learning, such as attendance and behaviour."</p>	<p>1</p>

Heads of Year and Tutors monitor and support the attendance, engagement and readiness to learn of Pupil Premium pupils,	Behaviour interventions strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit.	2, 4 & 5
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £26,200

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Other Extra-curricular clubs and trip support.	“Findings from previous research suggest extracurricular activities are important in developing soft (especially social) skills as well as being associated with a range of other positive outcomes (e.g. achievement, attendance at school). We found from our analysis that extracurricular activities - specifically music classes and playing a wide range of sports – are important in predicting intentions to remain in education after compulsory schooling.” Social Mobility Commission research.	5
Equipment, uniform and subject supplies.	Removing potential barriers to participation increases attendance.	1 & 6
Other Support: Transport support, Breakfast club, Alternative provisions, Data Management, Finance Management, Technology.	Tracking and monitoring progress to implement interventions effectively. Removing barriers to participation increases attendance. EEF Menu of Approaches toolkit.	1 & 5

Total budgeted cost: £ 121,000

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 Academic Year 2023/24.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge	Summary of Actions	Summary of Outcomes (RAG rated)
1	Staff awareness of PP learners and strategies for success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff reminded of PP non-negotiables at each INSET. All learning walks contained a focus on the identification and support of PP learners in the classroom. PP Critical Plans used to highlight those with the most significant needs/gaps. Adaptive teaching strategies were a key focus of each INSET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Term 6 Teaching and Learning review all staff had seating plans highlighting Pupil Premium learners. The next step in next year's strategy will be for all staff to have more detailed annotations outlining needs and actions to address these (No4).
2	Lack of fluency in literacy and numeracy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGRT standardised reading assessment taken at least annually by all learners at KS3 and those at KS4 with reading ages below 14 Interventions in place for all learners with reading ages below their chronological age February retesting in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading gains seen in all year groups. At the end of the academic year 2023/24 progress had been made as below: Year 7 + 3% to 81% at CAGE* Year 8 + 10% to 90% at CAGE* Year 9 + 3% to 89% at CAGE* *CAGE = chronological reading age

3	<p>Limited parental engagement in school and learning resulting in reduced homework completion, a lack of readiness for school and, for some, reduced ambition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Pupil Premium Lead recruited and supplied with a mobile to text parents where this is their preferred method of communication • New PP Lead made regular contact with families either via email, call or text to support their engagement with progress reports, parents' evenings and the wider school offer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement in Parents' Evening for parents of Pupil Premium learners has increased over the last three years. There remains a gap however between parents of Pupil Premium learners and parents of non-disadvantaged learners. This target has been moved into next year's strategy (No2).
4	<p>The involvement of FSM and services children in extracurricular activities and trips.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Pupil Premium Lead worked closely with all trip leads to promote trips ahead of their release to non-disadvantaged pupils • New Pupil Premium Lead worked closely with pupils to promote and support engagement in trips • SENDCo supported a D of E in the curriculum group for the Bronze Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18% of participation in trips was that of Pupil Premium learners • The next step in next year's strategy will be for all trip leads to take greater responsibility in recruiting and supporting Pupil premium learners (No5).
5	<p>Low levels of presentation quality in books and homework completion for PP when compared to non-disadvantaged.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff reminded of PP non-negotiables at each INSET. • All learning walks contained a focus on the identification and support of PP learners in the classroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Looks showed no discernable difference between Pupil premium books and that of non-disadvantaged pupils • Although the setting and completion of homework has

			<p>been reviewed, there is not any data which specifically looks at homework completion by Pupil Premium learners. This target has been moved into next year's strategy (No6).</p>
6	<p>Overall Progress of PP pupils is lower than Non PP at KS4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff reminded of PP non-negotiables at each INSET. • All learning walks contained a focus on the identification and support of PP learners in the classroom. • PP Critical Plans used to highlight those with the most significant needs/gaps. • Adaptive teaching strategies were a key focus of each INSET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of Pupil Premium learners is at or above that of non-disadvantaged in all areas of Core lessons with the exception of: Year 9 science and Year 10 English, maths and science. Year 11 progress will be a key feature of next year's strategy (No4).
7	<p>Attendance of PP pupils is below that on non-PP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club incentive used to support Pupil Premium learners who were identified as needing this support. • McAttendance initiative used to encourage good attendance, this involved a monitoring period and free breakfast if the target met. • Lunchtime queue jump passes used to encourage good attendance, this involved a monitoring period and free breakfast if the target met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attendance of Pupil Premium learners was below that of non-disadvantaged in all areas. However, Pupil Premium attendance was above that of the national attendance for Pupil Premium attendance by 1%. Attendance will remain a key feature of next year's strategy (No1).

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
Mentoring Plus, Mentor Training Programme for VI form mentors
Private Tuition from in-house tutors (retired or current teachers).

Service Pupil Premium Funding (optional)

Measure	Details
How did you spend your Service Pupil Premium allocation last academic year?	<p>Funding is used to provide a wide range of diverse mental health support at the school which includes:</p> <p>Mentoring Plus (6 x 1hr 1:1 sessions)</p> <p>Off the Record (6 x 30 minute counselling sessions 1:1 - focus on listening)</p> <p>Solution Focused Therapy (6-10 x 40-50 minute sessions - focused on self-empowerment).</p>
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	<p>38% (3/8) of Services students required and accessed one of the school's counselling services which include: Off the Record, Solution Focused Therapy and Mentoring.</p> <p>6/8 Services students had attendance above 93%. 2/8 were persistent absentees.</p> <p>100% of Services students attended at least 2 extra-curricular school clubs including: Football, Rugby, Hockey and Duke of Edinburgh.</p>