

Early Years Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our nursery's use of early years pupil premium funding to help improve the education we provide for disadvantaged children.

It outlines our early years pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of early years pupil premium had within our nursery.

School overview

Detail	Data
Beechdale Nursery School	
Number of children in nursery	58
Proportion (%) of children eligible for early years pupil premium	5% (3 children)
Academic year/years that our current early years pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025-26
Date this statement was published	5/11/25
Date on which it will be reviewed	January 2026 April 2026
Statement authorised by	P Dixon J Graham
Early years pupil premium lead	J Graham
Governor / Trustee lead	P Dixon

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Early years pupil premium funding allocation this academic year OR termly	£129.33 per child per term
Early Years pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£1,163.97

Part A: Early Years pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The Early Years Pupil Premium Grant is a Government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers. The premium is provided in order to support these pupil in reaching their potential. The Government have used pupils entitled to Free School Meals as an indicator for deprivation and have deployed a fixed amount of money to schools per pupil, based on the number of pupils registered for Free School Meals over a rolling six year period (Ever 6 Pupils). The fixed amount on money is expected to increase every year over the course of this current Parliament. At Beechdale Nursery School we are using the indicator of those eligible for Free School Meals as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to 'close the gap' regarding attainment.

The Government is not instructing school how they should spend this money, it is not ring-fenced. The Government however is clear that schools will need to employ the strategies that they know will support their pupils to increase their attainment and that they will be accountable for 'closing the gap'.

In order to meet the above requirements, Beechdale Nursery School will ensure that provision is made which secures the teaching and learning opportunities that meet the needs of all pupils. As part of the additional provision made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups we will ensure that the needs of the socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed through termly pupil progress meetings and data analysis. In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive Free School Meals will be socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right therefore to allocate the Early Years Pupil Premium Grant to support any pupil or groups of pupils that we legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged. Limited funding and resources will also mean that not all the children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium funded interventions at one time.

At Beechdale Nursery school we see raising the attainment of disadvantaged children as part of our commitment to help all children to achieve their full potential by:

- Promoting an ethos of attainment for all pupils rather than stereotyping disadvantaged children as a group with less potential to succeed
- Having an individualised approach to addressing barriers to learning at an early stage through early intervention
- Focussing on high quality teaching and effective deployment of staff to support disadvantaged children
- Make decisions based on detailed data analysis and responding to evidence each term

Challenges

This details the key challenges that we have identified among our disadvantaged children.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Delays with communication skills
2	Difficulties with maintaining regular attendance
3	Lack of resilience and independence when faced with challenges
4	Delayed gross and fine motor skills

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
Children will develop their communication skills both verbally and through total communication strategies and be more able to make their needs known.	Internal tracking demonstrates that children have made more than expected progress and are closer to their age-related expectation
Children will understand their feelings more, develop strategies when managing their own behaviour and their general well-being within school will be higher. Children will be more prepared to take risks and tackle new challenges when at Nursery	Recorded observations of children show they are happy within school and developing relationships with others Internal tracking demonstrates that children have made more than expected progress in PSED and are closer to their age-related expectation Recorded observations of children show they are persevering when faced with challenge and expanding the range of experiences they tackle without support from an adult Internal tracking demonstrates that children have made more than expected progress in PSED and are closer to their age related expectation
Attendance of EYPP children will be comparable with non- EYPP children	% attendance for EYPP children will be in-line with others and have improved over time
Children will move safely and confidently in a range of situations within school and have more control when using tools such a pencils, constriction kits etc.	Recorded observations of children show improvements with fine and gross motor coordination Internal tracking demonstrates that children have made more than expected progress in

	PD and are closer to their age related expectation
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Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £300

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
PSED training – developing resilience with early years children	Resilience by design: How nature, nurture, environment, and microbiome mitigate stress and allostatic load. May 2023 <u>Souhad Chbeir</u> , <u>Victor Carrión</u> This research into humans over the last two decades has demonstrated that resilience and use of adaptive coping skills in the face of adversity in both children and adults are the main factors that protect from developing mental and physical illnesses.	1 x 2 hour staff meetings using SLA training hours Challenge 3

Targeted support (for example small group support, one-to-one support, structured specific learning experiences)

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Speech and Language Interventions Elklan scheme used by trained HLTA	Evaluation of the Elkan Talking Matters Programme Judy Clegg, PhD Carla Rohde Department of Human Communication Sciences University of Sheffield This independent evaluation of the Talking Matters programme shows that children in settings who received the programme made more progress in their receptive and expressive language abilities when compared to children in	Challenge 2 1x30 mins per child per week (2 children) HLTA staff from November to July £327

	settings who did not receive the programme.	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to encouraging good attendance in preparation for statutory schooling, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ *[insert amount]*

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Free lunch club and extended session to give consistency within day, ensure regular attendance and improve social skills	EVIDENCE BRIEF – Parents, Play and Emotional Wellbeing PEDAL: the centre for research on Play in Education, Development and Learning is the world's first research centre focussed on children's play 2019 A wealth of evidence shows that policy makers should consider children's emotional development alongside their academic skills such as literacy and numeracy. In fact, research suggests that emotional development has a greater impact than academic skills on adult outcomes such as mental health, physical health (such as obesity, smoking and drinking), and a similar impact on outcomes such as income and employment.	Challenge 2 two children 2x30 mins per child per week £693 lunch
Forest School Intervention Children to attend Forest School for half a day a week for 6 weeks twice a year - Develop gross and fine motor skills. - Develop self-help skills - Learn how to take risks in a controlled and safe environment	Forest Publications & research - Forest Schools: impact on young children in England and Wales Findings: Motivation: the woodland tended to fascinate the children and they developed a keenness to participate and the ability to concentrate over longer periods of time Physical skills: these improvements were characterised by the development of physical stamina and gross and fine motor skills	Challenge 3 and 4 All three children 6x1days Forest school leader £757

	• Knowledge and understanding: the children developed an interest in the natural surroundings and respect for the environment	
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Total budgeted cost: £2,077

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Early years pupil premium strategy outcomes

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

2024–25 Evaluation	
Speech and Language Interventions	Gestalt training delivered to all staff - improved their skills and knowledge when supporting children with speech delay. Strategies embedded across school and resources in all areas of the environment. All SEND EYPP children made good progress
Speech and Language Interventions	Six out of eight children reached ARE in CLL. The two children not achieving this are SEND (one EHCP) with speech delay – both made above expected progress
Targeted small group support for Emotional well-being -Additional activities from FSA	Seven out of eight children reached ARE in PSED. The one child not achieving this is SEND (EHCP) with emotional regulation difficulties
Forest School	All PP children attending have grown in confidence and made above expected progress with physical/PSED/communication skills

Part C: Governance – monitoring the effectiveness of the Early Years Pupil Premium Strategy

Governors should be involved in evaluating the Early Years Pupil Premium Strategy. Leaders could use the table below to briefly summarise any discussions about the effectiveness of the strategy to address the intended outcomes.

Activity	Autumn 2025 Evaluation
Speech and Language Interventions Elklan scheme used by trained HLTA	- All three children attend this intervention at least twice weekly - All three have made progress, one child moving from “growing” to showing in CLL within one term
Free lunch club and extended session to give consistency within day,	Two children accessing this service

ensure regular attendance and improve social skills	- Staff observations show that both have gained in confidence when interacting with adults/peers during last term - Attendance of both children improved – child a from 72% to 86%, Child B from 89% to 93%
Forest School Intervention Children to attend Forest School for half a day a week for 6 weeks twice a year - Develop gross and fine motor skills. - Develop self-help skills Learn how to take risks in a controlled and safe environment	Two children have moved from “growing” to “showing” for physical development after one term of accessing this intervention

Activity	Spring 2026 Evaluation
Speech and Language Interventions Elklan scheme used by trained HLTA	All three children attend this intervention at least twice weekly All three have made progress, two children moving from “growing” to showing in CLL within two terms
Free lunch club and extended session to give consistency within day, ensure regular attendance and improve social skills	- Two children accessing this service - Staff observations show that both have gained in confidence when interacting with adults/peers during last term Attendance of both children improved – child a from 72% to 89%, Child B from 89% to 94%
Forest School Intervention Children to attend Forest School for half a day a week for 6 weeks twice a year - Develop gross and fine motor skills. - Develop self-help skills	Two children have moved from “growing” to “showing” for physical development after one term of accessing this intervention

Learn how to take risks in a controlled and safe environment	

Activity	Summer 2026 Evaluation
Speech and Language Interventions Elklan scheme used by trained HLTA	- All three children attend this intervention at least twice weekly - All three have made progress, one child moving from “growing” to showing in CLL from on entry. Child not reaching AR expectation is SEND and has an EHCP
Free lunch club and extended session to give consistency within day, ensure regular attendance and improve social skills	- Two children accessing this service - Staff observations show that both have gained in confidence when interacting with adults/peers during last term Attendance of both children improved – child a from 72% to 91%, Child B from 89% to 96%
Forest School Intervention Children to attend Forest School for half a day a week for 6 weeks twice a year - Develop gross and fine motor skills. - Develop self-help skills Learn how to take risks in a controlled and safe environment	- Two children have moved from “growing” to “showing” for physical development after accessing this intervention - Child not reaching AR expectation is SEND and has an EHCP