

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	Crowan Primary School
Number of pupils in school	88
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	25% (22 pupils) + 15% service (13 pupils) =40%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2025 - 2028
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2026
Statement authorised by	Karen Middlemore
Pupil premium lead	Tamsin Harris
Governor / Trustee lead	Aspire Academy Trust Board

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£40,510
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	£40,510

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Crowan is a school with an ethos and vision of no excuses, high expectations and children and staff at the heart of all we do. We are a small rural, village school in Cornwall with 88 pupils on roll. Decisions about how to use Pupil Premium funding are reliant on various different considerations. The context of the school, the challenges faced, alongside research carried out by the EEF have all been taken into account whilst developing this strategy.

We strongly believe our curriculum is our children's best opportunity and we aim to provide the knowledge, skills, and experiences to create a level playing field and improve the life chances for all our disadvantaged pupils.

As a school, we are committed to raising the attainment of pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding whilst also recognising the need to meet the children's social and emotional needs. Our approach to supporting the children is flexible, depending on the individual child's needs and we work hard to offer timely support, whether academic or social.

To ensure we are effective we will:

- Have high expectations of all children in the school, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- Identify children's needs early and support these needs as they are identified.
- Ensure all staff take full responsibility for the children's outcomes and wellbeing.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	A significant number of children enter EYFS below age related expectations, especially in language and communication. They continue to then need support with early reading and writing.
2	To ensure any gaps in learning and key skills are identified and filled, to raise the confidence of PP children. This will have a specific focus this year on writing which coincides with our SDP.
3	High attaining pupils need to continue to maintain and accelerate progress to ensure a higher % of pupil premium eligible pupils achieve GDS.
4	Identified families and parents of disadvantaged pupils require additional support in order to feel supported and that their child is able to flourish in and out of 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
Improved language and communication skills to support early reading and writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved speaking and language skills through targeted support and other speaking and listening interventions. Phonics and early reading, to have a high priority in school with high quality class teaching, daily intervention and parental engagement. Improved speaking and listening skills reflected in their academic progress in early reading and writing.
Ensure gaps in learning and key skills are identified and filled, especially in writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality class teaching, which includes strategies to support PP pupils. Pupils in class often need additional support delivered by skilled Teaching Assistants: pre-teaching, consolidation of learning or support to ensure gaps in learning and key skills are addressed.
Higher attaining pupils will maintain and accelerate their progress so that more pupils achieve GDS in reading, writing and maths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching and learning strategies in all classes meet the needs of the most able to ensure they are challenged. Targeted intervention to be used to challenge and extend the most able pupils. Assessment to be used effectively to ensure GDS pupils are challenged and to accelerate potential GDS pupils
Families of disadvantaged pupils feel supported by the school and wider school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families of disadvantaged pupils feel supported by the school and wider school community. Regular communication and updates from the school for identified families. School to organise support sessions for identified families (including training led by the SENCO / Aspire café sessions). Support with accessing wraparound care and extra-curricular activities and experiences.

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: £ 18,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Embedding high quality adult/child interactions in the early years and across the school</p> <p>Developing language rich learning environments</p> <p>To use WellComm to support the development of early language skills</p>	<p>A lot of research evidences the development of children's language is linked to the quality of interactions that take place with adults and peers. EEF Early Language development report Law et al Early Language Development final.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Early Excellence – ‘Navigating a sea of Talk’ The acquisition of learning has been identified as a crucial element in learning and as a key predictor of later educational achievement Developing language in Early Years (earlyexcellence.com)</p> <p>IMPROVING LITERACY. Supporting oral language development. EEF 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 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 2, 3
<p>Develop our teaching throughout the school in all areas through detailed, sustained, high-quality CPD underpinned by research guides.</p> <p>To use specialists to support the development of our curriculum: Maths Hub</p>	<p>EEF report states that effective CPD is carefully planned over a sustained period of time, focusing on teaching and learning outcomes in the best interest of the children. Implementation in education EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Characteristics of Effective Teacher Professional Development EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1, 2, 3

EYFS Specialists, linked with Early Excellence RWI development days from phonics specialists to improve our early reading	<u>Teachers' continuing professional development EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
To develop an understanding of metacognition and self-regulation strategies in order to promote confident, engaged, independent learners.	<p>There is significant research to support the impact of children being explicitly taught how to be independent, life-long learners.</p> <p>Evidence suggests the use of 'metacognitive strategies' can be worth the equivalent of an additional +7 months' progress when used effectively by children during their learning.</p> <p><u>Metacognition and self-regulation EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Work to develop skills of collaborative learning. The impact of collaborative approaches on learning is consistently positive, with pupils making an additional 5 months' progress, on average, over the course of an academic year.</p> <p><u>Collaborative learning approaches EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 16,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further phonics support (incl. some 1:1 coaching sessions). Regular External Training led by experienced RWI leaders to support the development of the children.	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks:</p> <p><u>Phonics EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>Research (EEF) evidence high quality one to one support that is purposeful and focused has a high impact on raising attainment (+5 months).</p>	1, 2

	<u>One to one tuition EEF</u> <u>(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u>	
<p>Focused and targeted number work to ensure that children have the foundations of maths to be able to access all areas of the curriculum. Through Number Sense work (EYFS and KS1) and targeted, small group interventions in KS2.</p>	<p>Targeted specific children's needs according to their assessments. On average, early numeracy approaches have a positive impact on learning equivalent to approximately six additional months' progress for early mathematics outcomes.</p> <p><u>Early numeracy approaches EEF</u> <u>(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u></p>	2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 6,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Parents & wider family members will be supported for identified PP pupils.</p> <p><i>Provide subsidised access to wraparound, clubs, trips & residential for identified pupils</i></p>	<p>Wrap around care provided by support staff, known to the children, in a nurturing environment at the start and end of the day.</p> <p>Provision for trips in ensuring all pupils have access to a range of activities and experiences.</p> <p>Support for wider professionals to support pupils and families in school.</p> <p><u>Social and emotional learning EEF</u> <u>(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u></p>	4
<p>To develop the staff's knowledge of being trauma informed within their day-to-day practice. Class screenings will inform targeted interventions for groups and cohorts.</p>	<p>To ensure that there's a consistent approach for the engagement and interactions for all children to develop their well-being, confidence and engagement with their learning.</p> <p>EEF Social and emotional learning</p> <p><u>Social and emotional learning EEF</u> <u>(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u></p>	2, 3, 4

Total budgeted cost: £ 41,000

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged students

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year

Intended outcomes	Success Criteria	Comments
Improved oral and language skills and vocabulary of our pupils.	Progress from EYFS baseline to the end of the year assessments.	Measurable progress seen for children in language skills, with ELG outcomes in line with national averages.
	Children's improved language and oracy skills to be transferred in to the children's learning.	Vocabulary is now taught as an aspect of all lessons to ensure that all children are able to access the learning of that lesson.
	Other assessments and observations will demonstrate significant improved language skills.	Scores from Wellcomm assessments show significant progress for all children from their initial starting point.
Improved reading for disadvantaged pupils at the end of EYFS, Y1 PSC, Y2 and Y6.	Reading outcomes for disadvantaged pupils to be in line or better than National averages.	Scores for disadvantaged children broadly in line with non-disadvantaged children in all areas and in line with national averages.
	Significant progress made from the children's baseline in EYFS.	Progress seen in all children from Reception Baseline to end of year assessments.
Children will have ownership of their learning, being motivated as active participants within the learning process. Children are independent learners.	Observations, monitoring, including pupil conferencing will evidence children's motivation and engagement with their learning.	Observations and monitoring recognise an improvement in the children's behaviour and attitudes towards learning. New curriculum starting to inspire children to be more engaged in their learning.
	Children have the knowledge for how they can help themselves (being independent) when faced with a challenge.	Using Walkthrus in CPD sessions to train and support staff, has helped children to be taught different strategies for supporting themselves and their own learning.
Improved writing and maths outcomes.	Outcomes at all national data drops for PP children will be above National average.	KS2 data for 2025 shows significant rise in outcomes. 90% of children (including disadvantaged children) across cohort achieved expected outcomes in all 3 areas of reading, writing and maths.

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
Read Write Inc.	Ruth Miskin
Number Sense	Number Sense Maths
Write Rose Maths	White Rose
WellComm	GL Assessment
Trauma Informed Schools	Trauma informed schools
SCARF PSHE	
We Thinkers	

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	Prioritised for TiS and social and emotional work. The children participate in Little Troopers Club which allows them time to talk with staff and other service children.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Children's engagement, well-being and attendance evidenced positive outcomes.