

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

Richmond Academy 2020-2021

1. Summary information					
School	Richmond Academy				
Academic Year	2020-2021	Total PP budget	£225, 287	Date of most recent PP Review	September 2020
Total number of pupils	338	Number of pupils eligible for PP	160	Date for next internal review of this	February 2021

2. Attainment End of Year 2018-2019		
	<i>Pupils eligible for PP (school)</i>	<i>Pupils not eligible for PP (national average)</i>
% KS2 pupils achieving expected or above in reading, writing & maths <i>*previous academic year due to COVID-19*</i>		
Reading Expected +	38%	73%
Writing Expected +	41%	78%
GPS Expected +	25%	78%
Maths Expected +	34%	79%
Combined R/W/M	25%	65%
% KS1 pupils achieving expected or above <i>*previous academic year due to COVID-19*</i>		
Reading +	48%	76%
Writing +	52%	
Maths +	62%	77%
% EYFS pupils achieving GLD	62%	
% Year 1 pupils passing the Phonics Screening	67%	

3. Barriers to future attainment (for pupils eligible for PP)	
In-school barriers	
A	Only 5% of All and 0% of PP pupils were Age expected in Communication and Language on entry to school in Autumn 2020. These figures are reflective of yearly intake but are considerably lower this year. A significant proportion of pupils are not Age Expected on entry in all areas of the Early Years curriculum.
B	Consistent, Quality First Teaching has been variable across the school and, although significantly improved, it continues to be such in some classes. The proportion of PP pupils achieving Age Expected and making at least expected progress in all areas remains lower than other pupils.
C	SEN provision in class is not always effectively deployed, resulting in attainment and progress of SEN pupils falling below other pupils.
D	Clear identification of pupils who are Non-SEN PP needs to improve to ensure that the correct barriers are challenged
E	Persistent Absence for PP pupils remains high resulting in the pupils consistently missing out on key learning.
F	Lockdown has meant that a significant % of pupils missed in-school learning for a period of nearly 6 months. In addition to not attending school, previous money allocated to narrow the gap has not been spent and the gap remains or has widened
External barriers	
G	Mobility is a barrier to future attainment with casual admissions throughout the school year in all year groups. Pupils are mostly in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, have high SEN needs, safeguarding concerns, are school refusers or low attainment. This will continue to be a barrier as year groups, throughout the school, are not at full capacity.
H	87% of the vulnerable families, open to multi agencies, are receiving Pupil Premium funding. The wellbeing of pupils has a significant impact on learning.
I	Low attendance reduces pupils school hours and causes them to fall behind on average. Whilst the attendance overall remains lower (All 90% PP 87% YTD), there is a significant difference between the percentage of pupils persistently absent (29% PP, 24% All YTD)
J	PERI-COVID is an ongoing barrier in terms of attendance. A number of families continue to have significant periods of time away from school following government guidance with self-isolation

4. Desired outcomes		Success criteria
A	That the Prime Areas are a focus in the Autumn terms, to improve oral language skills and remove speech and language barriers, so that accelerated progress is evident in T2 and 3 data. That Talk for Writing is implemented so that pupil's oral story telling skills are developed.	That the gap is diminished by the end of the Reception year and attainment of PP pupils is at least in line with national average for GLD
B	That the structured approach to teaching vocabulary across the curriculum will accelerate pupil's progress in writing to age appropriate and exposure to a wide range of texts in English in all year groups.	The gap is diminished and pupils make sustainable progress.
C	The SENCO and SLT support staff to deliver high quality SEND provision through the 9-3 approach and focus pupils across the school make accelerated progress. To identify pupils for targeted reading interventions if just below age appropriate	Teachers' ownership of SEND provision needs to be embedded so that provision is consistently high across the school
D	SLT and teachers clearly monitor Non-SEN PP pupils to ensure that relevant provision is in place to enable at least expected progress. At data meetings, these pupils are analysed and resources shared.	Non-SEN PP pupils make at least expected progress and are in line with attainment for All.
E	Teachers and the pastoral team work closely with persistent absentees' families to enable regular attendance. A free bagel breakfast on offer to all pupils each morning before 8:45am. Persistent absentee figures decrease significantly.	PP Persistent Absentee figure decreases significantly to bring it more in line with National.
F	Remote learning offers good teaching and learning for all pupils. Regular contact with any families isolating to ensure that all pupils continue to 'attend' school through online access	Planning adapted to plug gaps on pupils' return to school
G	The pastoral team work closely with new families and teachers to ensure that pupils settle quickly at Richmond. Previous settings are spoken to, ensuring that all information is included. Initial barriers are identified quickly and support is put in place to enable progress.	Pupils attend school and make expected progress in their time at Richmond.
H	That the well-being team works closely with the vulnerable families to quickly remove barriers to learning and engagement with school. Improve the social and emotional skills of pupils across the school.	Pupil's regularly attend school and make at least expected progress. Any gaps in learning are identified and addressed rapidly.

I	Whole school attendance is in line with National and increased attendance of Pupil Premium pupils.	Attendance overall improves for PP pupils.
J	Support with FSM and learning provided by the school's pastoral and remote learning team	Pupils continue to make progress

Allocation of Pupil Premium Funding for 2020-2021

Use of the Pupil Premium Grant

The DFE have given schools freedom to decide how to use this funding, based upon their knowledge of individual pupil needs.

Schools are required to report on:

- The amount of funding they receive.
- How the Pupil Premium has been spent & the impact of this on attainment?
- Details of how the current year's funding will be allocated.

As a school set within the context of a deprivation indicator that is above the national, there is the potential challenge that less advantaged pupils do not have the same starting point, experiences or support as their peers. We identify the barriers this can pose, in both well-being and academic achievement, and as a team of professionals we work together to develop the whole child. We have a very clear vision that funding is used to provide a wide range of experiences as we remember that "limited experience" is not the same as "low ability". As a team we have the highest aspirations for ALL pupils and ensure that disadvantaged pupils receive the same entitlement as their non- disadvantaged peers.

At Richmond Academy we are committed to providing good Teaching and Learning. Phase Leaders provide a strong level of support, to develop teaching and learning across the school and Lead Practitioners provide bespoke training and ongoing professional development to improve subject knowledge and practice in Early Years, English, Maths and the Curriculum. We "bring learning to life" through a broad and balanced curriculum to build cultural capital. Our teachers are accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes. (*Teacher Standards*). Our pastoral care and rigorous monitoring and tracking of all pupils helps us to identify any pupils who are at risk of not making sufficient progress and have helped us to plan and implement good intervention strategies. The funding is also used to train staff to deliver skilled interventions where children make accelerated progress to age appropriate skills.

We have an embedded and robust monitoring system based on a **cycle of termly tracking** to ensure that all pupils achieve at least expected progress. Pupils identified as not making expected progress are rapidly identified and strategies put in place to address under performance. Where it is identified that a class/group is achieving well then a percentage of children are identified as a focus group for above expected progress, with an emphasis on Pupil Premium.

The school has focused on developing teachers' skills in assessment and methods of teaching that effectively meet the needs of groups and individuals for next step learning. One of the most effective strategies has been the use of 'self-differentiation' where teachers provide opportunities for pupils to challenge themselves and attempt higher level tasks, rather than 'straight-jacketing' pupils into defined ability groups.

1. **The cycle** begins with on-going **teacher assessment** built into class teaching. Teachers assess with pupils and, along with developmental marking, support pupils to improve their work.
2. The next step of the termly cycle is the **moderation** of work within teams, for example, all year 3 teachers, with a **trained facilitator**. The moderation meetings encompass professional discussions between teachers and have developed teachers' skills in accurately leveling work. The agreed levels are then entered onto the school's tracking system providing assurance and confidence in the data to be analysed.
3. Following the entry of data on to the **tracking system**, teachers have 1:1 'accountability meetings' with the SLT and SENCO. At the meetings a senior member of staff, with the individual teacher, will identify under-achieving pupils (who are not SEN), with a **focus on FSM** pupils. Short term targets are set to address underachievement and close the gap between peers.
4. These 'short term targets', or expressions of concern, are shared at Pupil Progress Meetings, again in teams and again with a trained facilitator.
5. Key information is then fed into the **Termly Strategy Report** which is then discussed at a termly SLT Strategy meeting, chaired by the CEO. The meeting aims to identify strengths and areas for development. This may encompass short term strategies, for example, the movement of resources to address issues rapidly, or longer whole school/key stage/foundation stage strategies that are fed into the **School's Development Plan**.

Developing a child's well-being and academic progress go hand in hand. The funding is used to provide a well-being team of skilled and experienced professionals who work with disadvantaged families whose social, emotional, mental health conditions can create barriers to school engagement and learning. A Parent Support Advisor, Trust Safeguarding Lead and Nurture team work closely together to support vulnerable families.

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Interventions

Where there are gaps in the achievement of any children, in particular between Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium children, these are identified rapidly and an appropriate intervention may be put into place in addition to, but never instead of, quality first teaching. Pupil Premium funding is used to provide the interventions needed to accelerate progress and diminish the gap. The adults that deliver this training have been well trained (see training and leadership) so that are skilled at delivering interventions effectively and children accelerate to age appropriate.

Item	Details	Cost	Impact
Switch On	Skilled reading intervention TAs accelerate children's progress to age appropriate	£74022	24 PP children have completed this intervention and made accelerated progress to age appropriate in reading. At the beginning of the year 83% Pupil Premium children were below in reading Yr1-Yr3. At the end of the term 60% are below. There are 49 Pupil Premium children and 10 of these are also on the SEN register.

	A KS1 and Year 3 intervention		
Inference	Skilled reading intervention TAs accelerate children's progress to age appropriate A KS2 intervention	Included Above	At the beginning of the school year 89% of Pupil Premium children from Yr4-Yr6 were below in reading. At the end of term 6 75% are below. National Lockdown January- March. There are 68 Pupil Premium children and 18 of them are also on the SEN register.
Speech and Language Link (EYFS)	Skilled EYFS TA to deliver Speech and language intervention as well. Speech and Language HLTA 2x weekly to accelerate progress in this Prime Area to diminish the gap on entry	£584	In Reception, 100% of Pupil Premium children were assessed below in Communication and Language skills in the October baseline (on entry assessment). 33% of Pupil Premium children were assessed with age appropriate Communication and Language skills at the end of Term 6. No data recorded for GLD by end of Reception due to Covid19 lockdown. There were 3 PP children in the cohort.
Speech and Language Link (Y1)	Skilled TA to deliver interventions due to missed time in Lockdown	Included Above	Included Above
Bug Club, Times Table Rock stars and Numbots	To use digital technology to support learning of Pupil Premium children so they are not disadvantaged by lack of support at home	£3052	Children in KS2 are given the opportunity to practise their timetables daily during school time and key Pupil Premium children have been targeted for the lunchtime Rocks Star club. 28% of Pupil Premium children across KS2 have made accelerated progress in maths this year. Bug Club is used in KS1 and lower KS2 to increase the reading mileage of targeted Pupil Premium children who do not read regularly at home. This takes place during reading lessons and other times of the day with 1:1 planned time. 47% of Pupil Premium children have made accelerated progress in reading this year.
1 st Class @ Number	To raise mathematical attainment and develop TAs' confidence	£37011	Training completed by 2 KS1 TAs 20% of PP pupils made accelerated progress in Maths

<p>COVID CATCH-UP: Two additional TAs appointed to provide high-quality interventions</p>	<p>To accelerate key Pupil Premium children to age appropriate</p>	<p>£24000</p>	<p>Term 6: A qualified teacher took the role of 'catch up', focusing on Y4 and Y5 43% of PP pupils made accelerated progress in Reading 43% of PP pupils made accelerated progress in Writing 28% of PP pupils made accelerated progress in Maths</p>
<p>Total</p>		<p>£138669</p>	

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Training and leadership

In order to ensure that our staff have the skills, knowledge and understanding to provide the best possible education for all children, including the most disadvantaged, Pupil Premium funding is allocated towards CPD. Bespoke training is delivered, by Lead Practitioners and Trust leads, ongoing professional development based on the key priorities of the Academy Development Plan. Reading, writing, maths and Curriculum training has been based on the latest research and teachers and teaching assistants are now fully trained. Middle leaders and Senior leaders are trained so that they can effectively track PP children and ensure rapid intervention is provided when required to accelerate progress. External experts have trained and supported teachers in delivering interventions to meet the needs of vulnerable children in the areas of SEMH, Speech and Language, SEN and communication.

Item	Details	Cost	Impact
Nurture training for all teachers	For SEMH interventions – Restorative justice, Lego Therapy and Circle of Friends. Boxall Training	N/A	A whole school Nurture approach has brought the 6 Nurture principles in the classrooms with the wellbeing of the children at the heart of the school. The Nurture Leads have been trained in Restorative Justice and Lego Therapy. 10 children in KS2 have received this intervention and 8 of them are Pupil Premium children. Programmes were not run for complete term due to COVID.
Speech and Language External	A speech and Language HLTA employed 2 days a week.	£5812	This external expert has assessed, planned, supported and to delivered support for pupils with speech, language & communication needs. 43% of SEN pupils in the school have a need type of SLCN (Inc. ASD). A number of new referrals have been made but this has been limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.
Occupational Therapist	To provide training and advice for staff to improve provision for individuals and all pupils.	£1845	Key children have received OT therapy plans which staff have followed. The OT has advised on specific resources and interventions to support sensory and physical needs. Conditions and specific difficulties identified by the OT have contributed towards referrals to other professionals. Impact has been limited due to COVID.
TLRs	To monitor impact of interventions and teaching and learning strategies	£8616	Targeted Pupil Premium children, who do not read regularly at home, had daily 1:1 reading sessions to increase their reading mileage. These children have then been able to access the whole school reading incentive whereby a free book is given to children when they fill their reading bookmarks. High quality fiction, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels have been purchased to ensure that children can read for enjoyment.

Total	£16273
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Well-being and attendance

We passionately believe in the development of the 'whole child' and have built a team around the child to achieve this holistic approach. The team consists of the Head Teacher, class teacher, SENCO, Parent Support Advisor and Trust Safeguarding Lead. This team approach is the most effective way of addressing the social, emotional and mental health barriers that affect many of our vulnerable families. Therefore, a significant amount of the Pupil Premium funding is located towards helping remove these complex barriers that impact on family engagement with school, attendance and subsequently children's progress.

Item	Details	Cost	Impact
Parent Support Advisor	PSA works closely with families at risk of falling below 80% attendance to remove barriers that affect their ability to get their children to school (family circumstances, mental health, social issues, poor experiences at school). To raise parental engagement and improve communication.	£14989	95% of children on the safeguarding log are Pupil Premium. The PSA works closely with the families who are open to agencies and also makes referrals when support is needed for vulnerable children. This support for families is instrumental in breaking down SEMH barriers and improving attendance. The proportion of persistent absentees is still significantly higher than National and this was not helped during the pandemic. The gap in whole school attendance has diminished when comparing Pupil Premium children with all children in the school (this school year: 89% for all children and 87% for Pupil Premium children).
Trust Safeguarding Lead	To support vulnerable families and work as part of the team to break down SEMH barriers.	£5000	Food parcels, clothing and white goods were identified as a need during the pandemic through close monitoring of families. January lockdown over 70 children accessed education on site.
Educational Psychologist	To provide advice and training to help staff to develop skills to support children with specific needs and enhance all children's learning.	£2220	As part of the SLA, teachers were supported with cases and the SENCO worked closely with the team to identify next steps.
Nurture Teaching assistants	Trained staff to deliver full time nurture and nurture	£35136	12 children accessed full time Nurture provision The Nurture lead attended site during the lockdown to ensure children were supported Nurture Leads have supported the class teachers with BOXALL profiles and analysis of in class

	interventions to remove SEMH barriers.		
Pupil Premium Case Studies	Ring fenced money for PP children in the school. A holistic approach with a team around the child.	£2600	Food parcels, clothing and white goods were identified as a need during the pandemic through close monitoring of families.
	Total	£59945	

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Enrichment

We understand that, in order to ignite the spark of lifelong learning, children need to be exposed to a wide range of experiences that broaden and enrich the curriculum. Therefore, we frequently invest in trips, visitors and other ‘wow’ moments which will act as stimuli to the children’s learning. These experiences have an impact on the engagement and enthusiasm of all children, as well as allowing our most disadvantaged children the opportunity to experience things which they might otherwise not encounter.

Item	Details		Impact
School trips subs	As part of the Creative Curriculum teachers plan visitors, experiences, local trips and trips further afield to bring learning to life.	£4000	School trips were unable to happen due to COVID restrictions
Swimming subs	Swimming is subsidised when COVID restrictions enable it to begin	£1000	As above
Uniform	Additional uniform, including equipment such as sleeping bags for residential trips and PE kit provided	£2000	Food parcels, clothing and white goods were identified as a need during the pandemic through close monitoring of families.
Year 4 camping	A Trust Pledge	£1000	N/A
Breakfast Station	Free bagels daily to all pupils attending school	£500	
Pantomime	A Trust Pledge	£900	N/A

Reading for pleasure through reading passports and book marks	To increase reading mileage in school so that a Pupil Premium child is not disadvantaged by lack of support from home	£1000	50% PP pupils made expected progress in reading 26% PP pupils made accelerated progress in reading
Pupil Premium Champions	A child is championed by a member of staff. To raise aspirations and confidence	N/A	
Total		£10400	