Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil 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 |
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| School name | Swanwick School & Sports College |
| Number of pupils in school | 94 |
| Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils | 64% |
| Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended) | 2021/2022 to 24/2025 |
| Date this statement was published | September 2024 |
| Date on which it will be reviewed | September 2025 |
| Statement authorised by | Chris Greenhough Co Headteacher |
| Pupil premium lead | Danielle England |
| Governor / Trustee lead | Karen Hudson |

Funding overview

| Detail | Amount |
|---|-------------------------|
| Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year | £78,710 |
| 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 | £78,710 |
| If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year | Total spent: - £161,470 |

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Swanwick School & Sports College we aim to use Pupil Premium funding to help us achieve and sustain positive outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils.

Due to the significant proportion of pupils at SSSC receiving pupil premium funding the strategy is purposefully designed to ensure it benefits all pupils.

High quality teaching and learning is an essential part of the PP strategy focussing on targeted support based around diagnostic assessment of need ensuring pupils access a broad, balanced and aspirational curriculum.

Funding is spent on whole school approaches such as high-quality teaching, Pastoral support, educational visits, free/ subsidised uniform and breakfast clubs. It is also spent on bespoke programmes of study dependant on need of individual. By designing an inclusive strategy, we believe it will encourage progress across the school for all.

Our strategy will be driven by the needs and strengths of each young person. It will be reviewed and adapted regularly ensuring we are responding to the needs of the pupils. Formal and informal assessments will take place to ensure a tailored, personalised offer is available, aspirational and appropriate.

Challenges

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

| Challenge number | Detail of challenge |
|------------------|--|
| 1 | All pupils have significant learning disabilities and an EHCP |
| 2 | Due to the nature of pupil need combined with disadvantaged backgrounds our pupils lack opportunities to develop cultural capital outside of school. |
| 3 | Due to the complex social, emotional, mental and physical needs many of our pupils require additional support and time to complete daily life skills that promote independence and opportunities for aspirational Post 16 provision. |
| 4 | Due to the nature of all our pupils having an EHCP and being disadvantaged increased aspiration and ambition is required to promote opportunities for meaningful employment. |
| 5 | Families regularly find coping with SEND children a challenge for a variety of reasons including complex medical needs, social, emotional difficulties and mental health / anxiety which effective attendance and day to day living experiences. |
| 6 | Many of our pupil's communication needs are low and so find regulating their emotions a complex skill to achieve. |

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 |
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| PP pupils to be given opportunities to raise aspirations through ambitious, relevant and appropriate curriculum opportunities. | All PP pupils to have attended a variety of experiences through Educational visits, Reward trips and Residentials. Pupils make significant progress towards EHCP outcomes through quality first teaching, small groups and learning experiences. |
| PP pupils to be given opportunities to develop independent living skills throughout their curriculum. | PP access a personalised Life Skills curriculum that promotes independence and aspiration. |
| To ensure pupils social and emotional needs are met through the implementation of Zones of Regulation and Positive Support Programme across the school. | To reduce number of incidents related to social and emotional needs and more able to regulate their emotions positively. |
| Provide support to all families to improve attendance, mental health and wellbeing. | Attendance to be in line with National Average for Special Educational Needs schools. |
| To ensure the Careers curriculum provides structures opportunities to develop employability skills and high aspiration. | Reduce levels of NEET by ensuring all pupils access appropriate post 16 provision and increased levels of meaningful employment. |
| To ensure pupils can effectively and successfully communicate irrelevant of need or ability. | Pupils have the ability to communicate their needs effectively in a variety of settings, situations and environments. |

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 (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: Circa £69,197

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Retainment of additional teaching staff to maximise benefits of small groups through quality first teaching. | Small group tuition demonstrates an impact of an additional 4 months progress over an academic year. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition | 1 |
| Educational visits, trips and residential opportunities for all pupils to build cultural capital, enhance curriculum delivery and further pupil progress. | Aspirational Quality First Teaching falls into three categories that SSSC has encompassed: - Interventions that focus on parents and families: - Interventions that focus on teaching practice Out of school interventions or extracurricular activities, some-times involving peers or mentors. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educationevidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/aspiration-intervention | 1, 2 |

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

Budgeted cost: £61,872

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Positive Support intervention programme. Positive Support Programme is designed to work with pupils in crisis with drop-in sessions specifically for PP pupils available when required. | Positive Behaviour Support provides a process to understand and resolve the challenging behaviour of individuals that is based on values and empirical research. At the core of PBS is the principle to promote a good quality of life. | 1, 5 |
| Quality Alternative provision that we are unable to provide on site due to facilities and or specialisms. | Quality Alternative provision raises aspirations for some of our pupils, increases attendance and expands Nationally recognised qualifications and promotes opportunities for successful living in the wider world. | 2, 3, 4 |

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

Budgeted cost: £ 30,401

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| The position of a Family Liaison Workers within a Pastoral Team. | Family Liaison Workers ensures both the family and pupil receive the additional support sometimes required to ensure a safe and positive home life is created. The Pastoral Team have procedures in place to support individual families and pupils with various issues or concerns. | 5 |
| The provision of school uniform to new pupils. | At SSSC 64% of students receive PP and often families find it a struggle to pay for new uniform. By giving the first set of uniform for free it encourages a sense of belonging and community. It encourages the pupils to have a fresh start and positive approach to education. | 2,3,4 |

Total budgeted cost: £ £173,400

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Data analysis shows that disadvantaged pupils (64%) perform equally well with non-disadvantaged pupils because of the support detailed in this report. Pupil Premium pupils achieved a variety of Nationally recognised qualifications and attendance remained consistent with the whole school average.

We mitigated the impact on academic outcomes by our resolution to maintain a current, relevant and aspirational curriculum. We continue to provide significant mental health and wellbeing support for all pupils and communicated effectively with parents and carers to ensure transparent support and advice was given throughout.

Mental Health and Wellbeing concerns have continued to increase with evolving profile of pupil. We used Pupils Premium funding to help provide support and targeted interventions ensuring pupils received appropriate support that increased attendance, progress and wellbeing.

The impact the Global pandemic had on all pupils and increase in demand for Special School placements is significant, however Pupil Premium funding allowed for targeted interventions and the strategies that provided the support and education our pupils deserved in a very challenging time.

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 |
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Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.