

The Sherwood School

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement



School overview

Metric	Data
School name	The Sherwood School
Pupils in school	307
Proportion of disadvantaged pupils	31% (90/289)
Pupil premium allocation this academic year	£157,990
Academic year or years covered by statement	2024-27
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Disadvantaged pupil progress scores for last academic year (2022-23)

Measure	Score
Reading	-2.30
Writing	+0.45
Maths	-1.72

Strategy aims for disadvantaged pupils

Measure	Score
Meeting expected standard at KS2	To be in line with national 'other' pupils
Achieving high standard at KS2	To be in line with national 'other' pupils
Measure	Activity
Priority 1	To ensure that guided reading is embedded across KS1 and KS2 to enable pupils eligible for the pupil premium to make expected progress in reading so that the gap in attainment is narrowed.
Priority 2	To ensure that school uses effective strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of identified pupils eligible for the pupil premium so that they are able to focus on learning and their outcomes and progress improves.
Barriers to learning these priorities address	Ensure that guided reading and interventions are effectively taught across the school so that pupils eligible for the pupil premium achieve expected progress in line with 'other' pupils. Ensure that early reading and phonics is effectively taught in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 so that

	<p>pupils eligible for the pupil premium grant achieve expected progress in line with 'other' children.</p> <p>Social and emotional issues for some pupils eligible for the pupil premium affect their learning behaviours and this has a detrimental effect on their academic success.</p> <p>Attendance rates for pupils eligible for the pupil premium are below the national average for all children. This reduces their school hours and affects their progress.</p>
Projected spending	£80,000

Teaching priorities for current academic year

Aim	Target	Target date
Progress in Reading	To ensure that 85% of pupils in KS2 make expected progress in reading.	Summer 2027
Progress in Writing	To increase the number of children eligible for the pupil premium achieving great depth in writing in KS1	Summer 2027
Progress in Mathematics	To ensure that at least 80% of pupils make expected progress in maths in KS1 and KS2.	Summer 2027
Phonics	To ensure that children in year 1 achieve the required standard in the phonics test.	Summer 2025
Attendance	To improve attendance to be in line with national averages.	End of Summer term 2025

Targeted academic support for current academic year

Measure	Activity
Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that guided and whole class reading continues to be taught across KS1 and KS2. • To ensure that Early Reading skills are taught using de-codable books in line with our phonics strategy. • To ensure that the Reading Fluency intervention is embedded across the school to support children's inference awareness. • To ensure that Testbase resources are used effectively to support comprehension skills. • To ensure the Literacy Gold Resource is used consistently to support children with dyslexia and SEND and EAL to make expected progress in reading. • Ensure children have access to high quality reading material that links well with our curriculum and includes diverse material that reflects the cultures and ethos of our school.

Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailblazer Emotional Wellbeing Project • Jigsaw and continuation of the RHE curriculum • ELSA trained staff to meet needs of pupils eligible for the pupil premium • Refer children to our TAMHS worker where needed • Develop our work within the Expressive Arts to ensure that all children have access to a wide range of learning opportunities and gain 'cultural capital' through the experiences school provides. • Continue to promote Philosophy for Children across the school to support children's communication and cognition.
Barriers to learning these priorities address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lower percentage of higher attaining pupils who are eligible for the pupil premium do not achieve greater depth in writing in KS2 • Pupils who are eligible for the pupil premium make less progress than 'other' pupils in maths. • Social and emotional issues for some pupils eligible for the pupil premium affect their learning behaviours and this has a detrimental effect on their academic success.
Projected spending	£42,750

Wider strategies for current academic year

Measure	Activity
Priority 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue the excellent practice in our Maths Mastery approach that has been embedded across all phases of the school. • To continue to provide a wide range of writing opportunities linked to our broader curriculum that excite and inspire our children. • To ensure that retrieval practice and strategies to improve children's metacognition are embedded within Quality First Teaching. • To embed use of OAG to support children with SEND.
Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further develop leadership opportunities to support children's personal development. • There are waiting lists for EWP and ELSA which impacts upon our ability to support children quickly. • Increase number of ELSA staff following staff restructure in 2022. • Provide financial support for children eligible for the pupil premium to attend extra-curricular activities. • Remove practical barriers to wellbeing and learning, such as uniform, appropriate footwear etc.
Barriers to learning these priorities address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance rates for pupils eligible for the pupil premium are below the national for all children. This reduces their school hours and affects their progress.
Projected spending	£35,190

Monitoring and Implementation

Area	Challenge	Mitigating action
Teaching	<p>To ensure quality first teaching is embedded across the school including metacognition, retrieval practice and effective feedback to support the development of children's long term memory and ensure that AfL and tasks are appropriately targeted for different groups of learners.</p> <p>To ensure induction of new staff, including ECTs is thorough and that any training needs are quickly identified and supported through the use of phase meetings, INSET and external CPD.</p>	<p>Training identified, use of phase meetings and INSET to provide individualised and whole staff CPD including Merton's Ordinarily Available Guidance.</p>
Targeted support	<p>To ensure that guided reading is embedded as a strategy across the school, particularly strategies linked to the reading fluency project.</p> <p>To ensure that strategies to support good mental health and emotional wellbeing are embedded.</p>	<p>Regular phase meetings to assess the impact of guided reading, identify any issues and address accordingly.</p> <p>Monitor progress in reading through book looks, learning walks, running records, Testbase etc.</p> <p>Discussion with SLT at half termly pupil progress meetings</p> <p>Monitoring of children who receive ELSA intervention.</p>
Wider strategies	<p>SEND Review and Action Plan</p> <p>Whole school provision map</p>	<p>Regular team meetings with teachers and TAs.</p> <p>Pupil progress meetings</p> <p>Reviews of action plans</p>

Review: last year's aims and outcomes

Aim	Outcome
<p>To ensure that 85% of pupils in KS2 make expected progress in reading.</p>	<p>The percentage of children making expected progress in reading for academic year 2024-25 are as follows:</p> <p>Year 3 84%</p> <p>Year 4 90%</p> <p>Year 5 89%</p> <p>Year 6 93%</p> <p>This averages to 89% so we have met this target.</p>

<p>To increase the number of children eligible for the pupil premium achieving great depth in writing in KS1</p>	<p>There was one child eligible for pupil premium who achieved greater depth in writing in KS1 in 2022-23. This is the same as in the previous year and needs to be strengthened.</p>
<p>To ensure that at least 80% of pupils make expected progress in maths in KS1 and KS2.</p>	<p>The percentage of children making expected progress in maths in KS1 And KS2 are as follows: Year 1 92% Year 2 87% Year 3 86% Year 4 85% Year 5 87% Year 6 91% This averages to 88% so we have met this target.</p>
<p>To ensure that children in year 1 achieve the required standard in the phonics test.</p>	<p>86% of children achieved the required standard in 2024.</p>
<p>To improve attendance to be in line with national averages.</p>	<p>Whole school attendance is improving and is currently 94.2%.</p>