# Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2023–24



# **Godinton Primary School**

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium) funding for the 2023 to 2024 academic year, 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	Godinton Primary School
Number of pupils in school	418
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	71/418 (17%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/2024 to 2026/2027
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2024
Statement authorised by	Jill Talbot Headteacher
Pupil premium lead	Jill Talbot Headteacher
Governor / Trustee lead	Kelly Holden-Smith

### Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£88,527
Recovery Premium funding allocation this academic year <i>(Recovery Premium received in academic year 2023–24 cannot be carried forward beyond 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024).</i>	£7,830
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter $\pounds$ 0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£96,357

### Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan

### Statement of Intent:

Godinton Primary School is committed to providing excellent educational provision for all our children which will enable them to reach their full potential, make great progress and attain the levels of knowledge, understanding and skills required for their future lives. We endeavour to deliver high standards of quality first teaching and to provide additional support and intervention to raise standards and ensure that all children meet the targets set for them. We are an inclusive school and recognise the rich diversity of our school community.

Our commitment at Godinton is to ensure that all pupils irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and attainment well across all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve that goal and to make good progress relative to their starting position. We endeavour to support our disadvantaged pupils to make as much progress as their peers and to close the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils. We want to ensure that more of our disadvantaged pupils exceed the standards in reading, writing and maths and that our pupils who are SEN, as well as being eligible for pupil premium, make progress in line with their peers.

At Godinton, we consider the challenges faced by all children who are vulnerable, such as those who have a social worker, are young carers or are socially disadvantaged but not in receipt of free school meals. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High-auality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Robust pastoral and wellbeing support at Godinton, helps to ensure that all our children are ready for learning.

### Our Key Objectives:

- To narrow the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils in our school,
- To ensure that all children meet their full potential in reading, writing, maths and speaking and listening.
- To ensure that suitable challenge is provided for all children and that high quality intervention is provided in a timely manner to provide additional support.
- To remove barriers to learning created by poverty, family circumstance and background
- To ensure that children have positive learning behaviours and use our 'Guiding Stars' to assist them
- To support our children's wellbeing and to provide a nurturing environment with positive mental health provision at our core
- To provide enriching and exciting learning opportunities which with enthuse our children and broaden their experiences and outlook

# Achieving our Objectives:

In order to achieve our objectives and overcome identified barriers we will ensure that:

- All members of our school community are committed to ensuring that every child deserves the very best opportunities to succeed.
- High quality teaching is provided to all pupils every day and that support and CPD is provided to teachers in order to achieve this
- Assessment strategies are used to monitor the progress and attainment of all children and to swiftly identify gaps and barriers to learning
- We provide targeted intervention and support to quickly address identified gaps in learning through the use of small group or 1:1 work and that those who deliver interventions have the skills to do so as successfully as possible.
- All children have access to a wide range of opportunities and first hand experiences to develop their interests and talents for future success.
- Excellent, nurturing wellbeing support is provided for our children in response to their mental health needs.
- Support is provided for parents in supporting their children's social and emotional development and academic achievement.

# Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
ONE	Our speech and language assessments and observations, show that there continues to be a high number of children with severe or moderate understanding of language or with speech delays within EYFS and KS1. More children are displaying underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps compared to previous years. Our EYFS cohort, will have missed out on key socialisation opportunities due to Covid which will have impacted on their communication skills and their ability to attain age expected skills in reading and writing.
τωο	An increasing number of children are identified as having Autism or are on an Autism assessment pathway. A number of these children have difficulties in engaging with their learning and some present significant behavior challenges which impact on their learning. This includes difficulties with task engagement and understanding.
THREE	Assessments reveal, some disadvantaged pupils have greater difficulties in acouiring phonics skills which impacts on reading, writing and communication skills. Some disadvantaged pupils receive less support at home with reading and phonics.
FOUR	School attendance for some disadvantaged pupils has been effected by illness and parental anxiety as we enter post Covid times.
FIVE	Leuven scale assessments for wellbeing and involvement, show that many of our disadvantaged children have lower levels of engagement, confidence and happiness compared with their peers. More children are presenting with issues related to anxiety and some parents have expressed concerns about their children's mental health. These findings are supported by National research.
SIX	As we leave Covid times behind us, a number of our families are still requiring greater assistance and involvement from our Family Liaison Officer. Some parents have seen a deterioration in their own mental health, making it more difficult for them to parent successfully. Families have also been impacted by issues of separation and bereavement.

SEVEN	The impact of Covid, resulted in learning gaps in reading (including phonics), writing and maths for some disadvantaged pupils. These gaps continue to require closing for children of all abilities.
EIGHT	The cost of living crisis is having an impact on many of our families and is expected to worsen particularly over the winter months. Many of our disadvantaged families are unable to offer their children wider experiences outside 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 oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	<ul> <li>Pupils with speech and language needs are identified auickly through initial screenings (Speech Link and Language Link) at the start of EYFS as well as class based observations.</li> <li>Language Enrichment groups are put in place to support and activities included in daily class based routines.</li> <li>Class teachers embed activities to support language development into auality first teaching with emphasis on rich vocabulary development.</li> <li>Mid-year assessments monitor progress and attainment.</li> <li>Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils.</li> <li>Attainment in oral language skills is closer to that of non-pupil premium children by end of year (with the exception of some pupils with SEN).</li> <li>Children use a wider range of vocabulary when speaking and in their written work.</li> </ul>
Year 1 and Year 2 eligible for pupil premium reach the reauired standard in the phonics screening in line with non-pupil	<ul> <li>The % of all children in Year 1 and Year 2 reaching the expected standard of the phonics screening check will be above that of National results.</li> <li>The % of Year 1 and Year 2 pupil premium children reaching the expected standard in the phonics screening check is in line with that of non-pupil</li> </ul>

premium children in the school.	<ul> <li>premium children (with the exception of some pupils with a specific SEN in this area).</li> <li>Children have good decoding skills and are able to blend and segment with confidence. This increases their enjoyment of reading for pleasure.</li> <li>An increased number of children read regularly at home.</li> </ul>
Improved attainment among disadvantaged pupils in reading, writing and maths especially at greater depth.	<ul> <li>KS2 reading, writing and maths outcomes for disadvantaged pupils meeting the expected standard and exceeding, are at least in line with National results.</li> <li>Attainment of disadvantaged pupils closer to that of non- pupil premium children, particularly in exceeding results in reading, writing and maths at KS2.</li> </ul>
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing and engagement for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	<ul> <li>Sustained high levels of wellbeing demonstrated by:</li> <li>Leuven wellbeing and involvement scores show positive scores and an upward trend.</li> <li>Qualitative data from student voice, surveys and teacher observations.</li> <li>Children use the school Guiding Stars effectively to identify areas of strength in their learning habits.</li> <li>Pupils with SEND, and especially autism show good engagement with learning and make suitable progress as a result.</li> <li>An increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils</li> </ul>
Improved attendance for all children including those in receipt of pupil premium.	<ul> <li>The attendance of children eligible for pupil premium will be in line with that of non-pupil premium children (target 96%).</li> <li>Number of persistent absenteeism reduces.</li> <li>Reduction in lateness of pupil premium children.</li> </ul>

# 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: £29,540

	addressed
Research by the EEF shows that on average, oral language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes of 6 months' additional progress (+6). https://educationendowmentfoundatio n.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning- toolkit/oral-language-interventions	ONE
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provided for identified children. Training for teachers in ensuring that phonics knowledge is deepened through new a new approach to the teaching of spelling from Year 2 onwards which focuses on phonetical knowledge and application. Support from Writing Lead.		
Involvement in an Early Years Spatial reasoning work group. One teacher from EYFS will undertake training and cascade to year group teachers and support staff. Funding allocated to teacher release tome to attend the training and embed key elements.	There is a vital link between spatial and numerical reasoning with research suggesting that spatial reasoning is indicative of later overall mathematical achievement. The work group will enhance teacher's knowledge and skills in planning for and developing spatial reasoning in the EYFS classroom. <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IWkSI &amp;N4SdRMNvwJsXGzohPPk_P9_YTx/v</u> iew	SEVEN
Collaborative working with Year 1 colleagues from other local schools to develop maths mastery teaching skills through training and sharing good practice in relation to maths planning as part of the Kent and Medway Maths Hub. The Work Group meets several times over the course of a school year. This could be face-to-face	The teaching of maths mastery can have an impact of +5 months on children's mathematical skills. <u>https://educationendowmentfoundatio</u> <u>n.org.uk/educationevidence/teaching</u> <u>learning-toolkit/mastery-learning</u> <u>https://www.kandmmathshub.org/mast</u> ery/principles	

or online. In between, participants keep in touch with each other, comparing notes about what they're trying out in their own schools. Work Group aims are linked to: teachers' professional learning, teachers' practice development and improving pupil learning and improving maths teaching across the whole school.		
Support / training for teachers and TAs in delivering effective guided reading sessions (focus on comprehension) and reading 1:1 with children and how to foster a love of reading within the children.	Reading comprehension strategies are high impact on average (+6 months). Alongside phonics it is a crucial component of early reading instruction. <u>https://educationendowmentfoundatio</u> <u>n.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/reading-comprehension-</u> <u>strategies</u>	SEVEN
Training for all teachers and support staff in autism awareness and development of strategies to help support pupils with autism engage positively with their learning in order to achieve good outcomes.	Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. More than one in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. https://www.autism.org.uk/	TWO
	Social and emotional learning (SEL) interventions seek to improve pupils' decision-making skills, interaction with others and their self-management of emotions, rather than focusing directly	

on the academic or cognitive elements of learning.	
SEL interventions might focus on the ways in which students work with (and alongside) their peers, teachers, family or community. These strategies have an impact of +4 months.	
https://educationendowmentfoundatio n.org.uk/education_ evidence/teaching_learning_ toolkit/social_and_emotional_learning	

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

### Budgeted cost: £29,650

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Language enrichment groups provide additional language / oracy work for children identified through Speech Link and Language Link screenings — led by TAs.	Oral language interventions can have a positive impact on pupils' language skills. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment (+6). https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/education_evidence/teaching_ learning_toolkit/oral_language_ interventions	ONE
Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged	THREE AND SEVEN

who require further phonics support.	backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks (+5) https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/education-evidence/teaching- learning-toolkit/phonics	
Targeted interventions for reading, writing and maths, as outlined on provision maps in place to provide support to close the gaps in children's knowledge and skills. Small group and 1:1 sessions provide children with more detailed feedback.	Small group interventions enable teachers and teaching assistants to provide more targeted support and therefore more detailed feedback to the children. EEF research shows that: Providing feedback is a well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve (+6). https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/education-evidence/teaching- learning-toolkit/feedback Teaching assistants can provide a large positive impact on learner outcomes (+4) https://education-evidence/teaching- learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant- interventions	SEVEN
Further purchases of books and resources to support the <u>DfE</u> <u>validated Systematic</u> <u>Synthetic Phonics</u> <u>programme</u> (Monster Phonics) to secure stronger phonics teaching for all pupils.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading (though not necessarily comprehension), particularly for disadvantaged pupils. (+5) https://educationendowmentfoundation.or g.uk/education-evidence/teaching- learning-toolkit/phonics	THREE AND SEVEN

Additional reading
books purchased to
ensure that all pupils
have high quality texts
to choose from in order
to develop a love of
reading for pleasure.
Focus on non-fiction
texts in particular.

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

# Budgeted cost: £37,167

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Employment of FLO to work with vulnerable families and to improve parental engagement through 1:1 and small group sessions (targeted support in the home, group workshops and weekly coffee shop sessions).	Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress. <u>https://educationendowmentfo</u> <u>undation.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/parental-engagement</u>	SIX AND EIGHT
Employment of pastoral Teaching Assistant to provide small group and 1:1 work to improve wellbeing outcomes for pupils, especially those who are disadvantaged. Pastoral wellbeing sessions delivered to children to support wellbeing difficulties such as anxiety, friendship issues.	Social and emotional learning approaches have a positive impact, on average, of 4 months' additional progress in academic outcomes over the course of an academic year. <u>https://educationendowmentfo</u> <u>undation.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u>	FIVE

Rainbows bereavement and loss support sessions. Therapeutic interventions in place e.g. Play therapy / drawing and talking therapy / ELSA for identified children. Support for parents and children with attendance issues (regular meetings with FLO, Attendance Officer, Headteacher and SLO)	toolkit/social-and-emotional- learning         New DfE guidance to be implemented to support pupil attendance in school.         https://www.gov.uk/governmen t/publications/working- together-to-improve-school- attendance	FOUR
To develop nurture provision within the school, to set up a dedicated nurture space and to finalise training from NurtureUK which will be disseminated to staff. To increase the number of nurture sessions available to pupils to support areas of need identified through Boxall profiles through the employment of a full time Nurture Teaching Assistant.	NurtureUK have been working with schools in Kent for a number of years to support inclusive education through a nurturing approach. A rigorous and broad look at what works to support vulnerable pupils in Kentish schools, coupled with the Timpson Review and the Department for Education's survey of mental health support in schools has led Kent County Council to recognise that nurturing approaches, with their rigorous evidence base, ground swell of support and outcomes in schools are a great investment to support inclusion in education. Their County Wide Approach to Inclusion or CATIE report, acknowledges the importance of nurture.	FIVE

	<u>https://www.nurtureuk.org/wh</u> <u>at-we-do/our-</u> <u>programmes/nurturing-kent-</u> <u>programme/</u>	
Wider range of clubs and after school activities offered to engage pupils in a wider range of activities e.g. design, drama, computing.	Arts participation approaches can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum (+3) <u>https://educationendowmentfo</u> <u>undation.org.uk/education-</u> <u>evidence/teaching-learning-</u> <u>toolkit/arts-participation</u>	FIVE AND EIGHT
Setting up of lunchtime Homework Club for Maths to support pupils where learning at home may prove challenging.	Homework has a positive impact on pupils. Some pupils may not have a quiet space for home learning — it is important for schools to consider how home learning can be supported (e.g. through providing homework clubs for pupils) (+5) https://educationendowmentfo undation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning- toolkit/homework	TWO
Support for families experiencing financial difficulty: costs of curriculum activity covered e.g. swimming and school trips.	We place high value on the importance of engagement in wider activities such as Forest Schools, school trips, and extra-curricular activities. We offer a broad range of activity which is open to all pupils with costs covered by the school.	ALL

Contingency fund for acute issues.	Based on our experiences and those of similar schools to ours, we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond auickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	ALL
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# Total budgeted cost: £96,357

# Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

# **Outcomes for Disadvantaged Pupils**

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

### Data Outcomes

#### Key Stage One SATS

In the 2023 KS1 SATS, pupil premium pupils performed better than non-pupil premium pupils in all subjects at expected but not at exceeding, where figures were also below Kent and National averages.

	SCHOOL		KENT		NATIONAL
	All	Pupil Premium	All	Pupil Premium	All
KS1 Reading EXS	72.4%	100%	69.1%	50.7%	68.3%
KS1 Reading GDS	15%	0%	18.5%	7.7%	18.8%
KS1 Writing EXS	62.1%	66.7%	60.5%	41.1%	60.1%
KS1 Writing GDS	8.6%	0%	7.8%	2.3%	8.2%
KS1 Maths EXS	65.5%	66.7%	71.2%	54.1%	70.4%
KS1 Maths GDS	15.5%	0%	15.4%	5.7%	16.3%

### Key Stage Two SATS

In the 2023 KS2 SATS, the attainment of disadvantaged pupils at expected was lower than that of non-disadvantaged pupils with an average difference of 9.6% across all 4 subjects, compared with a Kent difference of 16%.

In the expected band, disadvantaged pupils at Godinton did better than Kent averages, however for the most able pupils, attainment was lower than the Kent average.

KS2 SATS 2022	SCI	HOOL	KI	ENT	NATIONAL
	All	Pupil Premium	All	Pupil Premium	All
R/W/M EXS	55%	21.4%	58.7%	39.1%	59%
R/W/M GDS	11.7%	0%	8.3%	2.7%	8.0%
Reading EXS	76.7%	57.1%	72.5%	56.9%	73%
Reading GDS	33.3%	7.1%	30.0%	16.3%	29%
Writing EXS	68.3%	57.1%	73.2%	56.4%	71%
Writing GDS	13.3%	0%	14.1%	5.3%	13.3%
GPS EXS	78.3%	64.3%	68.6%	50.5%	72%
GPS GDS	26.7%	14.3%	26%	12%	30.1%
Maths EXS	70%	28.6%	70%	51.8%	73%
Maths GDS	23.3%	7.1%	22.2%	9.8%	23.5%

Attainment for pupil premium children was not as good at either expected or greater depth compared with all children. Progress measures were also not as good when pupil premium children are compared with all children.

KS2 SATS PROGRESS	All	Pupil Premium
Reading Progress	+0.3	-1.8
Writing Progress	-0.9	-2.1
Maths Progress	-1.2	-4.0

### **Phonics Screening**

Phonics screening results had been showing a positive trend, with averages for all children and for pupil premium children higher than National and Kent averages. In 2022–23 however, results for children in receipt of pupil premium was lower than that of all children in the Year 1 screening.

PHONICS	SCHOOL		KENT		NATIONAL
	All	Pupil Premium	All	Pupil Premium	All
Year 1	71.7%	16.7%	77.2%	59.4%	78.9%
Year 2	50%	100%	56.5%	50.3%	58.7%

#### Internal data

Our internal assessments during 2022/23 showed that the attainment of disadvantaged pupils was lower than that of non-pupil premium children in some year groups and some subjects and was not consistent across the school. The attainment of pupil progress children at greater depth does however remain an area of focus. The progress and attainment of children in each year group is discussed at pupil progress meetings and discrepancies between pupil premium and non-pupil premium children investigated.

#### Review of Action Points from 2022-2023

#### 1. Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.

Our children continue to benefit from having a Teaching Assistant dedicated to providing speech and language support. In 2022–23, 17 out of 18 children hit all age appropriate measures by the end of the language enrichment group sessions. The one child who did not meet the measures scored 83 out of 85 so was very close. This year, we have a higher number of children with a severe or moderate speech or language need and therefore we anticipate that this support will continue to be highly beneficial.

# 2. Year 1 and Year 2 eligible for pupil premium reach the required standard in the phonics screening in line with non-pupil premium children in the school.

Although phonics results were down on previous years, when the individual performance of children is explored, most made good progress from their initial starting points, including a number of children with significant needs. Results are shown on the table above. Where children did not meet the threshold of the screening in Year 2, a SEN has been identified.

2022–23 saw us trialling a new phonics programme and significant efforts went into ensuring that staff were suitably trained to deliver this. We will build on this programme this academic year.

### 3. Improved attainment among disadvantaged pupils in reading, writing and maths See tables above for further information.

# 4. To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing and engagement for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.

A significant amount of work has gone into providing continued support for our children's wellbeing and mental health following the aftermath of Covid19. The impact of the pandemic was particularly acute for disadvantaged pupils. We used pupil premium funding to provide wellbeing support for all pupils, and targeted interventions where required. Our FLO provided excellent support for both children and parents during periods of significant challenge including 1:1 and small group sessions and parenting mentoring sessions. FLO has successfully signposted children and families to outside agencies who have offered additional help and support. We have been able to make developments with therapeutic interventions and are in the final stages of completing our Nurture UK accreditation.

Recognising that there is still significant need for this type of support we will be increasing our provision this academic year.

Improved attendance for all children including those in receipt of pupil premium.
 Pupils at Godinton demonstrate good attendance patterns. Attendance of all pupils and of pupil premium children is better than National averages.

# Externally provided Programmes

The table below lists the names of non-DfE programmes that the school has used Pupil Premium (or Recovery Premium) to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Teacher Research Group (TRG) sustaining programme mastering number programme	Kent and Medway Maths Hub
Nurture Schools Accreditation	Nurture UK
Soundswrite	Soundswrite
Rainbows Bereavement Support	Rainbows Bereavement Support GB