Pupil premium strategy statement – Biscovey Nursery and Infants Academy

School overview

Detail	Data
Number of pupils in school	112
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	22.3%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2025-2026/ 2026-2027/ 2027- 2028
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2026
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£38225
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	O£
Total budget for this academic year	£38225
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

This strategy is written to benefit the children at both Biscovey Nursery and Infants Academy and Biscovey Academy. We work collaboratively to ensure that children are effectively supported through a well implemented strategy.

At Biscovey an inclusive culture and high expectations enable every child to thrive, regardless of their socio-economic background. Every child has the best start through the delivery of an ambitious curriculum. Our curriculum offer is specifically designed and enriched to meet the needs of pupils' and the local context of the schools. Through our approach children will build confidence and personal excellence that allows them to thrive in wider school life. An open and enthusiastic culture will ensure that positive relationships are formed with pupils and families.

The strategy outlines how we will achieve this using assessment effectively and implementing activities based on research.

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Communication and Language Development Typically children enter the setting working below age related expectations for communication and language. Early identification of communication and interaction needs is paramount, enabling children to receive the support that they need within school and, where needed, from external agencies. Improving oracy will be a priority.
2	Writing Development Consistency in teaching of writing has been a priority and will continue to be a focus. To ensure that this positively impacts on the outcomes for pupils, moving into this academic year our aim is to further support disadvantaged pupils to thrive.
3	Reading development Early reading outcomes have improved significantly. Over the last three years disadvantaged pupils have achieved broadly in line with their peers. To sustain positive outcomes we continue to recognise the importance of the systematic teaching of phonics. There will be a focus on reading fluency, supporting children to become fluent readers once they have develop secure phonological awareness.
4	Social and Emotional Well-being of pupils and families Whilst the school's Location Deprivation Indicator was in quintile 4 (more deprived) of all schools in the UK, many of our families live in our neighbouring LSDA, which is in the lowest 6% of neighbourhoods nationally. With this in mind, we are aware of the need in our area and of the support that our children and families need with their social and emotional well-being. Promoting effective relationships between home and school will be a priority to provide families with support.
5	Attendance

Attendance and persistent absence has improved, through successful implementation of rigorous systems. We recognise that we will need to continue to address attendance concerns. Good attendance facilitates good outcomes for pupils.

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
Improve outcomes at the end of KS2 in writing for all pupils, including disadvantaged.	Professional development opportunities will support high-quality teaching and learning in writing. High-quality teaching will facilitate good outcomes for pupils. The teaching of grammar will underpin writing strategies. All pupils will make good progress in writing, evidenced through outcomes.
Relationships between home and school will be strong	Workshops will be well organised for all year groups and attended well. Parents will engage with school events and be supported in helping their children to make progress. Parents will give positive feedback on the school. Communication between school and home will be effective. Families will feel supported as part of the school community.
Improve communication and language	Children's early language development will be prioritised and need identified early. Interventions will be planned and delivered effectively to ensure progress for all pupils. Children will make good progress with their communication and language. A well structured oracy approach will enable pupils to share their thinking and participate in discussions. Children will be able to communicate effectively in a range of learning situations.
Strong outcomes for reading and early reading development	The teaching of early reading will be prioritised. Systematic teaching of phonics will be well embedded in EYFS and KS1. Outcomes for pupils in KS1 Phonics Screen Check will be strong. Reading approaches in KS2 will support continued development and progress. A love of reading will be evident throughout the school.
Attendance and levels of persistent absence will continue to be a strength	Pupils attendance levels will remain broadly in line or above national averages. Persistent absence levels will be below national averages. Outcomes of pupils will reflect good attendance.

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium funding **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £20564.91

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
High-quality teaching of reading and early reading A systematic teaching approach to phonics will be followed. CPD will be given to staff regularly to ensure high-quality teaching and confidence in the delivery of phonics. CPD will be given in supporting teachers to develop fluency. Approaches to improve fluency will be embedded beyond the teaching of Read, Write Inc. A well structured VIPERs programme will be embedded in KS2, improving reading outcomes for pupils.	The Rose Review (2006) states teaching synthetic systematic phonics is the most effective method to teach children to read. Phonics approaches are consistently effective in supporting younger pupils to master the basics of reading, with an average impact of an additional five months' progress. Teaching phonics is more effective on average than other approaches to early reading (such as whole language or alphabetic approaches). However, it should be emphasised that effective phonics techniques are usually embedded in a rich literacy environment for early readers and are only one part of a successful literacy strategy. (EEF:2025) RWI is a proven approach and in school evidence of the program has identified that the program is highly effective, any extra intervention needed is a continuation of the RWI program. In addition, continual monitoring also enables pupils to be identified immediately, RWI teachers can ask for an assessment to be conducted at any point if they feel a child has progressed or dipped. Furthermore, RWI trained class TAs' can deliver quick snapshot intervention in class as necessary. The EEF states that; reading comprehension can be improved by teaching pupils specific strategies that they can apply both to monitor and overcome barriers to comprehension. (EEF:2021) The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional seven months' progress over the course of a year. Successful approaches are carefully tailored to pupils' reading capabilities. Texts should provide an effective, but not overwhelming, challenge. (EEF:2025) Some disadvantaged pupils may have low prior attainment in reading. If a pupil is struggling to read, there could be a range of reasons, and a combination of approaches may be necessary. Careful diagnosis of the pupil's need should guide the way forward. (EEF:2025)	3
High quality writing teaching A consistent approach to the teaching of spelling will be	A child's writing and their language development mutually benefit when they are invited to craft writing amongst their teacher and peers every single day. Indeed, engaging in daily and meaningful talk and writing is one of the best ways	2

adopted through the use of Grammarsaurus. The writing curriculum will be modified to incorporate high-quality delivery of grammar. This will be implemented effectively to support children's progress in writing. Writing across the curriculum will be a focus for CPD, incorporating strategies used in writing lessons, including a talk for writing styled approach.	to develop children's language (Mercer et al. 1999; Rojas-Drummond et al. 2008; Green et al. 2008; Parr et al. 2009; Fisher et al. 2010; Dix 2016; Reedy & Bearne 2021). The talk for writing approach naturally fosters a strong element of metacognition which the EEF has found supports pupils in making an average of 7 months progress. The average impact of metacognition and self-regulation strategies is an additional seven months' progress over the course of a year.(EEF: 2021) There is evidence to suggest that feedback involving metacognitive and self-regulatory approaches may have a greater impact on disadvantaged pupils and lower prior attainers than other pupils. (EEF 2021)	
Communication and Language Development	Early literacy approaches have consistently been found to have a positive effect on early learning outcomes. Early literacy approaches typically	1
Early identification and assessment on children's	increase children's learning by about four months. (EEF: 2023)	
language development will be embedded.	Communication and language approaches typically have a very high impact and increase young children's learning by seven	
Daily Wellcomm lessons will be embedded acriss the EYFS,	months.(EEF:2023)	
supporting children to make progress.	On average, oral language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes (+6 months' additional progress). (EEF:2025)	
High-quality interactions will support learners.	Oracy is also important for future study, life and work strong verbal communication also has clear benefits throughout life. (DFE, Curriculum and	
Explicit teaching of vocabulary will extend children's	Assessment Review 2025).	
communication and language skills.	Metacognition and self-regulation strategies can be effective when taught in collaborative groups so that learners can support each other and make their thinking explicit through structured discussion.	
A whole school approach to oracy will be established to promote effective class based discussions and rich opportunities for classroom talk for all pupils.	their thinking explicit through structured discussion. The average impact of metacognition and self-regulation strategies is an additional eight months' progress over the course of a year. (EEF:2025)	

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

Budgeted cost: £16397.17

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s)
		addressed

Phonics and reading interventions Daily 1:1 phonics will target pupils in need of additional support to keep up. Additional reading support will effectively target pupils to develop fluency and comprehension. Frequent reading will allow pupils to increase opportunity to develop fluency and expression.	The DFE (2010) advocates intensive support for reading, suggesting it is highly beneficial to disadvantaged pupils. The EEF states that; Where phonics is delivered as an intervention targeted at specific pupils, regular sessions (four to five times a week), over a period of up to 14 weeks appear to be the most successful structure. (EEF:2025) Accurate and timely diagnosis of reading difficulties is therefore important in identifying possible solutions and appropriate strategies, particularly for older struggling readers. (EEF:2025)	3
Communication and language intervention Targeted support will be in place for communication and language through 1:1 WellComm activities. Talk Boost will be implemented in Nursery to support target children to develop their communication and interaction skills. 1:1 Speech and language support will enable pupils to make progress towards their individual targets.	On average, oral language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes (+6 months' additional progress). Interaction for learning is a key aspect of these interventions. Approaches often involve spoken interaction between the practitioner and pupils and between peers. (EEF:2025) On average, oral language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes (+6 months' additional progress). (EEF:2025)	
Develop number sense through Number Sense and Times Table Fluency Children will be supported to develop fluency in maths, learning fundamental skills and strategies to become fluent in solving calculations. This will start in EYFS, developing subitising skills and strong foundations. Following on from the Number sense programme, in KS2 children will access Times Table Fluency daily to strengthen their times table knowledge, teaching systematically and in a clear sequence.	Early numeracy approaches typically increase children's learning by about seven months. Approaches supporting the development of early numeracy skills and knowledge can have an important positive impact on the early stages of mathematical learning. (EEF:2023) Memorisation and repetition of key facts (times tables and number bonds etc.) are important aspects of learning. Evidence from cognitive science research suggests that learning key facts so they can be recalled automatically 'frees up' working memory. It can then focus on more complex problem solving, rather than reaching cognitive overload trying to calculate simple operations. (NCETM:2025)	

Target pupils will be identified through assessment and strategies will be implemented to enable all pupils to make	
progress.	

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

Budgeted cost: £ 1241.04

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Developing an inclusive culture and high expectations for behaviour. The implementation of the behaviour policy will ensure consistency in behaviour management systems. A shared vision for high-expectations will be shared. CPD for support staff will focus on consistent high-expectations for behaviour and learning. Rewards will be used effectively to promote behaviours for learning.	Creating a positive and supportive environment for all pupils means reinforcing a shared language, activity, routines and strategies throughout the school. Effective teaching and learning requires positive relationships and interactions between teachers and pupils. (EEF:2024) In DFE's (2018) study on School cultures and practices: supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils, they found that high-performing schools in the sample demonstrated greater cohesiveness, sense of collective purpose and values that were shared amongst all staff, pupils and parents, backing up findings from Sammons et al. (1995) and Stewart (2008).	4
Providing CPD to staff around pupil premium and developing systems across the schools which are child focused and highlight barrier, and how barriers can be overcome to support personal development and improve outcomes for pupils.	The Growing up in Poverty, Public Health Report 2025/2026(Cornwall Council) recommends that services should "embed "poverty proofing" into service design to help remove barriers, mitigate the impact of poverty, and avoid unintentionally increasing adversity or reinforcing stigma."	
Improving parental engagement across all key stages Workshops will be planned for all year groups to engage parents positively in their children's learning.	The average impact of the Parental engagement approaches is about an additional four months' progress over the course of a year However, It is crucial to consider how to engage with all parents to avoid widening attainment gaps (EEF: 2025) School communication with parents is likely to be more effective if it is personalised, linked to learning, framed positively, and promotes parent	4,5

Wider events will support parental engagement and ensure positive relationships are formed. Presence of senior leadership team will ensure parents can approach the school. Daily meet and greet for all pupils will support positive relationships and settle pupils into school each day.	efficacy and partnership with the school. (EEF:2024) Schools where disadvantaged pupils attain highly engage disadvantaged pupils' parents effectively, especially in relation to raising their expectations of their children's achievement at school (Sharples et al., 2011).	
Ensuring high levels of attendance through rigorous systems Monitoring of attendance will take place regularly. Meetings with parents will be planned to discuss barriers to attendance and to support with improved attendance. Regular check ins with families and discussions around daily absences will support positive relationships. Regular attendance review meetings with Educational Welfare Officer will highlight pupils at risk of persistent absence, allowing for school to target support. Where attendance continues to be a concern, Early Help Hub support will be offered to support families and children beyond school.	"For all age groups, well-designed school communications with parents can be effective for improving attainment and a range of other outcomes, such as attendance. Regular attendance is linked to improved academic attainment." (EEF:2018) Knowing and understanding your pupils, their families, their influences, and their specific challenges can help you diagnose some of the underlying causes of absence and more clearly define the problem. It can also help to understand individual barriers to attendance and learning and help choose effective targeted approaches. (EEF:2024)	5
Supporting children to access enriching curriculum opportunities A range of learning opportunities will be planned to further enhance the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum, including; visits and trips linked to learning and in school enriched learning experiences. Where possible, we will support with trips and visits	Evidence suggests that "Children with higher levels of emotional, behavioural and social wellbeing on average achieve higher levels of academic achievement and are more engaged in school both concurrently and in later years." DfE (2012) The Impact of Pupil Behaviour and Wellbeing on Educational Outcomes The Growing up in Poverty, Public Health Report 2025/2026(Cornwall Council) explains that "children, young people and parents described the additional costs of school activities like charity days, school trips and special occasions and leavers'	4

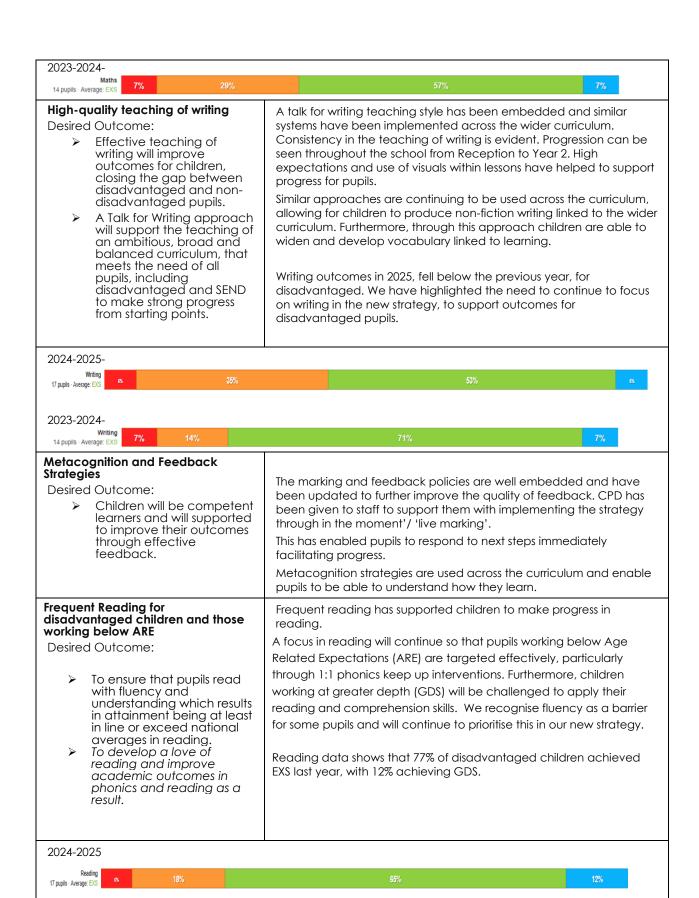
financially to ensure that pupils are able to participate.	celebrations. Many children and young people shared how they were unable to participate in activities and how this made them feel."	
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Total budgeted cost: £ 38203.12

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils

Activity Outcome Teaching of phonics through a High quality systematic phonics teaching has been delivered through systematic phonics program: Read the Read Write Inc program. Ongoing CPD and support to staff in the Write Inc. delivery of the program including planning support, team teaching, Desired Outcome: monitoring, assessment and targeted support for vulnerable groups To maintain high outcomes has been effective. In addition, RWI development days have been in phonics, improving the supportive in coaching and supporting consistency in the teaching of phonic skills of all pupils to RWI. OFSTED (2024) highlighted that "The school's work on reading is help them access all areas something that it is proud of. Reading is prioritised from the moment of the curriculum. children arrive at school." For % of children to pass the phonics screening check at the end of year Last year, 100% of all pupils passed the PSC, including disadvantaged one to be above national pupils, compared to 67% of disadvantaged pupils nationally. This is average. also above the percentage of non-disadvantaged pupils passing the check nationally (80%), In the 2024 Phonics screening check, 94% of disadvantaged children passe, compared to 68% nationally. This is above the percentage of non-disadvantaged pupils passing the check nationally (84%), Teaching of reading, developing children's reading fluency. Last year RWI development days focused on developing the provision for fluency beyond the RWI programme. CPD was delivered around Desired Outcome: reading fluency from the trust literacy lead, this included developing To improve outcomes for strategies with reading, linked to whole class reading strategies. reading, increasing the As above, OFSTED identified the prioritisation of reading as a strength percentage of pupils for the school. meeting age related expectations at the end of KS1. To improve children's reading fluency and comprehension, following on from good outcomes in the phonics screen check. High-quality mathematics learning Outcomes at the end of KS1 for mathematics are good. Desired Outcome: Throughout last year there was a continued focus on developing To raise attainment of all high-quality teaching of maths, particularly with a focus on the pupils, including delivery of mixed-age teaching for Y1 and Y2. CPD for staff was a disadvantaged and SEND, priority, with ongoing support from the Maths lead and the trust closing the gap between Maths lead. This supported continued improvements in Maths and these groups and their further development of provision within EYFS. non-disadvantaged peers. To increase % of children meeting GDS, including Last year, 65% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in maths. Additionally, 12% of disadvantaged pupils disadvantaged children. achieved greater depth. In 2024 at the end of KS1 64% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in maths this is slightly above the national average for disadvantaged pupils where 56% gained EXS+(2023). Additionally, 7% of disadvantaged pupils achieved greater depth which is inline with previous national averages (7.7% 2023) 2024-2025-17 pupils · Average: EXS



2023-2024

14 pupils · Average: EXS

Communication and Language Development

Desired Outcome:

- Identified children will develop rich language and communication skills to facilitate learning across the curriculum.
- A vocabulary rich environment will enable pupils to develop their communication and interaction skills to become competent communicators.

WellComm has been used in the Nursery and Reception to support early communication and language development. CPD has been delivered to staff to ensure high-quality delivery. Through monitoring high-quality delivery of WellComm is evident.

In EYFS WellComm has been used with identified children to support language development. Based on WellComm assessments, In Reception in Autumn 1 33% of PP children were on track. In Summer 2 89% of PP children were on track.

WellComm has been a successful strategy which has supported pupils to effectively develop their communication and language skills

Number sense intervention

Number Sense intervention will support pupils working below age related expectations. The teaching of number facts has been prioritised from Reception to Year 2. This ensures pupils have strengthened foundational knowledge of number to underpin children's mathematics skills.

Data for EYFS shows that 78% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the Early learning goals for Number and Numerical patterns.

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Social and Emotional Support.

Desired Outcome:

Children will be able to regulate behaviours and this will support children's outcomes. Children have been supported through strong relationships in class and excellent behaviour for learning has been evident in monitoring visits within the trust and noted by OFSTED (2024). "Pupils' behaviour is of a very high standard. The school ensures that staff know how to manage behaviour. Low-level disruption is rare."

Time has been dedicated to reviewing the behaviour policy and delivering CPD at a whole staff level. Target children were highlighted to be supported within school and to ensure regular check ins and bespoke support was put in place, where needed.

Parental Engagement

Desired Outcome:

- Home/ school relations will be strong.
- Parents will feel supported by the school.
- Those families in need will be supported and receive support from external agencies.

The school culture and ethos is underpinned by positive relationships. We have continued to plan and deliver a wide range of opportunities for parents to promote engagement with school. For example; open afternoons and parent workshops.

Parents in need of support have been supported by staff and where appropriate have had referrals to the Early Help Hub.

We will continue to focus on widening opportunities for links with parents fostering good outcomes for pupils. OFSTED (2024) stated that "The school works closely with its parents and carers. It involves them in school events wherever possible. Parents appreciate this."

Provide enriching learning experiences for all, through the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum.

Desired outcome:

- To teach an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum, that meets the need of all pupils, including disadvantaged and SEND to make strong progress from starting points
- To provide an aspirational curriculum which goes beyond the national curriculum and ensures that all children know more and remember more.
- Disadvantaged children are supported to be able to attend paid for visits.

Many visits and enrichments took place this year, broadening opportunities across the curriculum. All children were able to take part in booked experiences and visits regardless of background, this was supported by pupil premium funding. We have mapped out specific trips and visits linked to learning for 2025-2026 to ensure that visits remain purposeful and enhance learning.

Furthermore, enrichment opportunities planned into the curriculum have supported children to gain a wide range of learning experiences. OFSTED (2024) outlined that "The school has a broad and ambitious curriculum."

Improving Attendance

Desired Outcome:

- To maintain good levels of attendance and continue to reduce levels of persistent absence
- Attendance will be good amongst all pupils including disadvantaged.

Through monitoring of attendance and continued focus on highlighting attendance concerns early, attendance over the last two academic years is strong, including for disadvantaged pupils. The percentage of persistent absence has also significantly reduced. Attendance for disadvantaged pupils is broadly inline with all pupils. We recognise that attendance will still need to be a priority. We will continue to focus on relationships with families to support good attendance. OFSTED (2024) stated that ". The school is proactive in addressing any concerns related to absence. This has contributed to a notable improvement in pupils' attendance". The attendance data below is based on compulsory school aged children:

2024-2025:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Persistent absence
Whole School	96.1%	2.6%
Disadvantaged	95.6%	4.2%

2023-2024:

Group	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Persistent absence</u>
Whole School	94.3%	9%
Disadvantaged	94%	9%

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you used your pupil premium to fund in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Read Write Inc	ReadWriteInc.
White Rose Maths	White Rose
WellComm	WellComm
EYFS and KS1 Number Sense	Number Sense Maths
SCARF	Coram Life Education