

Darlinghurst Academy Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our academy's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils. It outlines our pupil premium strategy (a three year approach 2021-2024), 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. This statement also shows how we will use funding allocated to School Led Tutoring.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Darlinghurst Academy
Number of pupils in school as Oct 22 Census	477
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils as Oct 22 Census	30%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/22 – 2023/24
Date this statement was published	1 December 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	1 November 2023
Statement authorised by	Emma Nicholls
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Governor / Trustee lead	Bev Williams

Funding overview

Detail – 2022/23	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation (130 ch x £1,385 per ch + 3 LAC £2,410)	£187,280
Recovery premium funding carry forward 22/23	£ 19,440
Total budget for this academic year	£ 206,720

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Darlinghurst we promote: inclusive culture, foster empowerment, raise the attainment of all of our children no matter their prior attainment, support emotional, health and wellbeing. Our academy priorities drive our approach to supporting the needs of all children, including our disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.

Academy priority 1	Attending and achieving well All children receive rapid response and intervention as need is identified, ensuring that they attend and progress well to their next stage - with the academic and emotional resilience to further succeed.
Academy Priority 2	Ambition for all The highly ambitious, coherently planned, curriculum provides rich experiences, ensuring that all children deeply engage with sustained thinking and children with SEND achieve their best possible outcomes.

Premium funding (informed by evidence-based approaches from the EEF and proven approaches for similar schools and our own successes) will be used to provide activities to: **support the quality of teaching, provide targeted academic support and deal with non-academic barriers** We will support the quality of teaching through the provision of PD, provide targeted academic support within year groups (provision map) and deal with non-academic barriers that disadvantaged children face such as attendance, wellbeing and relationship building. We intend implementing a 3-year approach that will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment and not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. Like the pupil premium, we will spend the recovery premium on a **wider cohort of pupils than those who attract the funding** and direct recovery premium spending where we think the **need is greatest**. The academy will use Pupil Premium and Recovery Premium funding together **to support our children to make progress, increase attainment outcomes and narrow the gap between PP and Non-PP**. The academy will review and evaluate the impact of expenditure for provision at termly intervals throughout the academic year, **measuring progress against the success criteria**. Where available, internal and external data and information will be used to evaluate progress. We will show how we are using the recovery premium effectively by reporting on our use of recovery premium as part of our **pupil premium strategy statement**. As with all government funding, Darlinghurst Academy must

be able to account for how this money is being used to achieve our central goal of **improving the attainment of our disadvantaged**. This policy is in place to ensure funding is allocated and spent appropriately with accountability of educational performance, including scrutiny by governors and trustees. Academy leaders with responsibility for the plan work with key stakeholders and line managers. The Principal and Vice Principal are accountable through direct line management and to the governing Body, with regular reports and updates to the governing body.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge	Impact 2021/22
1 – On track	Due to disruption in schooling, identified children who are not on track need additional support to make expected progress by the end of the academic year across all subjects. Homework carefully structured so that all children have access and are not disadvantaged.	Increase in PP children on track. Increased progress across statutory year groups in core subjects across both standards. Narrowed gap across all subjects at the end of key stage 2 (above national).
2 – Attendance and Punctuality	Due to disruption to schooling, disadvantaged and vulnerable children need support to improve attendance and punctuality; settle back into routines and feel happy and supported at school.	Identified key children. Regular AO/PP Lead/Inclusion Lead meetings has meant that focus children were tracked and intervention was in place. PP attendance, although lower than other groups (apart from SEND) point in time checks showed that PP attendance was slightly up on last year.
3 – Language and Oracy Development	Disadvantaged children have been among the most negatively affected during lockdown most noticeable within Communication and Language development, often living in a vocabulary poor environment.	Children speaking in full sentences – TTYP – encouraging language oracy and confidence. Language rich environment and resources support language development, scaffold through the use of vocabulary banks and working walls, PP writers working with strong partners. PP theatre workshops – positive impact on children's confidence and oracy.
4 – Cultural Capital	Due to disruption in schooling, disadvantaged children have not had access to enrichment opportunities to support and develop their cultural capital.	Enrichment projects such as METAL, Art exhibition, A Hero's Journey, Pupil Summit and PP first in clubs has meant that PP children have had more opportunities to have exposure to enrichment and have benefitted from these. Teacher, parent and pupil feedback supports this.
5 – Emotional Health and Wellbeing	Disadvantaged children have suffered from isolation, impacting negatively on their social skills, learning behaviours, fitness and general health and wellbeing.	PP children have been included in all aspects of the curriculum and targeted children supported to come to school, make progress and feel success. Children are fitter, behaviour is good, children show empathy towards others and demonstrate school and British values. SPACE lessons support children's health and wellbeing through inclusion and tolerance of others.

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	Impact 2021/22
Improved attainment for our disadvantaged children at the end of KS2.	KS2 outcomes in core subjects show that by 2024/25 more than 85% of disadvantaged children met the expected standard.	Gaps narrowed in Reading to -4%, Writing -10%, maths -11% Pupil premium children have made even better in-year progress across all subjects at the end of KS1 at both standards, and

		in KS2 at EXS+. At the end of KS2, at GDS PP children have made even better in-year progress in Maths and Reading.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance and punctuality for all children, in particular disadvantaged children and reduce persistent absences (PA).	Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by: The overall PA rate for all children (excluding those who are not on roll and those with medical/hospital exceptional circumstances) being no more than 10% and the disadvantaged attendance gap reduces and is in line with national norms.	PP attendance is slightly lower than last year this time 93.6% to 93.2% (-0.4%) PP attendance has improved since the end of the spring term 91.7% to 92.9% (+1.2%) (summer term) but slightly above national FSM (92.8%) 30/136 PP (22%) children are PA compared with national FSM PA at 24.4% 11/136 PP (8%) children current attainment does not match prior and they are off track
Improved oral and language skills and use of vocabulary among our disadvantaged children	Language development is evident in the environment, through observations of dialogue and written work in books of disadvantaged children.	Increase of attainment in writing at the end of KS1 29% to 40% and an increase in KS2 66% to 73% shows that PP children are applying learn vocabulary to their writing. Pupil voice indicates that PP children enjoy their writing lessons (they find the scaffold of the layered lessons of benefit) and feel that they can use the writing walls, resource words banks, their learning partners as well as the LSA/teacher to help them transfer their ideas to writing form.
Take up and attendance of enrichment clubs, events and trips and visits are high.	Increased numbers of children attending clubs, enrichment opportunities and projects -exposing children to the best.	PP children have equal access to trips and visits – parents can use FSM voucher to supplement or pay for events. Parents can use voucher to pay for paid for clubs. Children are encouraged to participate in all clubs. PP children are involved in 11 Plus, sports, chess, art, choir, gardening, eco club and play an active role in our active citizens groups.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all our children in particular our disadvantaged	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by: Qualitative data from student voice, surveys and teacher observations. A significant increase in participation and engagement in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged children.	Student and parent surveys indicate that children feel safe at school and are happy to be part of DA community. Teachers and LSAs go to PP and SEND first. Identified key children are encouraged to take up enrichment where needed.

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) over the three year period to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching

Budgeted cost: £ 83,924

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	Impact 2021/22
Whole staff Professional Development (PD) supporting current approaches to continue our relentless drive to improving Quality First Teaching (QFT) within the classroom. -behaviours for learning – relational approach,	Development of metacognition and self-regulation is consistently linked with successful learning from Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to Y6. Improving self-regulation skills in children is likely to have a lasting positive impact on later learning and on wider outcomes such as behaviour and persistence. Embedding self-regulation strategies is particularly beneficial to children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	1,3,4,5	Data and teacher feedback from EYFS indicates that PSED is one of the highest areas within the framework. QFT has had positive impact on outcomes across the academy. T&L is good and excellent. Cultural Capital is high focus.

<p>metacognition and self-regulation</p> <p>-scaffold</p> <p>-subject expertise – knowledge and vocabulary enrich experiences in and out of classroom</p> <p>-cultural development</p> <p>-face-to-face feedback – in the moment marking</p>	<p>Self-Regulation Toolkit Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)</p> <p>Feedback from teachers – positive praise demonstrates the highest impact across all ages.</p> <p>Feedback Toolkit EEF</p>		
<p>Continue to deliver our synthetic phonics programme to secure strong phonics teaching and outcomes for all our children, including the disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.</p>	<p>Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds.</p> <p>Phonics/Toolkit EEF</p>	1,3	Excellent results of 93% and 91% indicates positive impact for all children.
<p>Use of number groups in year groups where there is an identified need for focused arithmetic development, securing fundamental basic skills in Mathematics.</p>	<p>Our own evidence suggests that creating number groups ensures children receive teaching that can be specifically targeted to gaps in basic skills. Groups are fluid.</p>	1,5	Positive results of number groups – arithmetic first/mental maths – all children receive QFT. School led tutoring for key children has yielded positive outcomes.
<p>Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments. Training for staff to ensure assessments are interpreted accurately, impacting on accurate focused support and intervention tailored to individual need.</p>	<p>Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction:</p> <p>Standardised Tests/Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress EEF</p>	1,3,5	NFER allows efficient gap analysis and focused rapid intervention as a result. Teaching to need – adjusted and planned to obtain maximum results.
<p>Enhance home learning so that it focuses on key knowledge and supports/fosters independent learning, embedding concepts into the long term memory.</p>	<p>Quality of homework task set and its relationship to in class learning is integral to learning.</p> <p>Homework Toolkit EEF</p>	1,3	Learning at home encourages independence. Homework is adjusted to support all children – no matter background. Home work focuses on basic skills – multiplication tables (TTRS), reading (independently and using AR and Bug Club) and studying key facts and new vocabulary using curriculum knowledge organisers prepared by class teacher – supporting new knowledge and revision.
<p>Embed the use of speaking in full sentences through strategies such as Talk To Your Partner (TTYP) and building on answers so that all children can formulate and articulate key ideas, consolidate and extend vocabulary.</p>	<p>There is a strong evidence base that suggests oral language interventions, including dialogic activities such as high-quality classroom discussion, are inexpensive to implement with high impacts on reading. Approaches that focus on speaking, listening and a combination of the two show positive impacts on attainment:</p> <p>Oral language interventions Toolkit EEF</p>	1,3	Children confidence is supported through TTYP and extending full sentence – observed through regular lesson visits and reviews of learning across the academy.

Targeted academic

Budgeted cost: £ 53,972

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	Impact 2021/22
Additional 1:1 phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged children who require further phonics support. Leaders and key staff.	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks Phonics/Toolkit EEF	1,3,5	PP children performed in line with peers – high outcomes in the phonics screen of 93% and 91% . Children move rapidly through phonics groups making 1 or more steps of progress throughout the academic year.
Provide targeted pre and post teaching to individuals/groups, ensuring children have the necessary knowledge/key vocabulary/basic skills to access lessons .	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one: One-to-one tuition Toolkit EEF Small Group Toolkit EEF	1,5	Pre and post teaching has resulted in PP children making good progress and focused support has meant that most PP children have remained on track. PP children who are off track and with a low attendance (below 93%) are a key focus for next academic year.
Engage with the National Tutoring Programme (NTP) and provide training and provision for School led tutoring targeting needs/gaps . A significant proportion of the children who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers.	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one: One-to-one tuition Toolkit EEF Small Group Toolkit EEF	1,5	School led tutoring has had a good impact in Y6. All children attending the programme have made good and even better progress. Y6 PP cusp children were prioritised 12/19 children achieved EXS+ (63%) in the KS2 Maths SATS.
Deliver a programme to improve listening, narrative and vocabulary skills for disadvantaged children in the EYFS who have relatively low spoken language skills. i.e. Bucket Time, helicopter stories.	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: Oral language interventions EEF	1,3,4,5	9/11 EYFS children have achieved ELG in Speaking (2/9 did not achieve ELG – 1 child has SEND and the other is just arrived with EAL)
Deliver Play-based learning (child-initiated and adult-led) to improve social and cognitive skills by teaching children how to play.	Positive outcomes for early learning in vocabulary, reasoning and early numeracy. Play-based learning EEF	1,3,4,5	6/11 EYFS children achieved ELG in Number, 8/11 children achieved ELG in Communication – an increase on previous academic year.

Wider strategies

Budgeted cost: £ 100,270

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge # addressed	Impact 2021/22
Continue to provide holiday clubs to support emotional health and wellbeing .	Our evidence form previous clubs show that children and parents from disadvantaged backgrounds benefit from focused holiday clubs. We use our own teaching staff, specialists and provide intensive, well-resourced sessions within the provision. Summer Schools Toolkit EEF	2,5	Strong uptake of PP and vulnerable children during Easter Club and Summer Club. Positive feedback from parents and children through surveys. All children transitioned well post the clubs.
PD to train staff on how to build strong relationships with all children, in particular disadvantaged and vulnerable children so that barriers to learning are identified quickly and scaffold to support is in place.	Both targeted interventions and universal approaches can have positive overall effects: Behaviour interventions/EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	ALL	PD provided via skills workshops and main body of staff meetings on how to foster strong relationships - Paul Dix PD applied – kindness and deliberate botherdness . Pastoral team work closely with identified vulnerable families with positive relationships and outcomes.
Embedding principles of good practice set out in the Department for Education's (DfE) Improving School Attendance advice. This will involve training and release time for staff to develop and implement procedures and for the Attendance Officer (AO) and leaders in the school to improve attendance for all children , in particular those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	ALL	Attendance figures higher than national figures during and post pandemic, this academic year included. Above 92%. National information indicate 87% is the average.
Continue to provide fantastic wellbeing and enrichment opportunities for all our children through the delivery of PE, ARTS and Outdoor Learning (ODL) by our specialist team i.e. mentoring to identified targeted children, skills rich weekly subject specialist led lessons, clubs, trips and projects to help increase career awareness, improve health and wellbeing and raise aspirations .	Positive impact and benefits to children's well-being, confident, self-efficacy, physical development, health and wellbeing and attitudes to learning, impacting on improved attendance. This has been evident in our own experiences and evidence as well as research based approaches. Arts Participation Toolkit EEF Physical activity Toolkit EEF Outdoor Adventure Learning Toolkit EEF	2,3,4,5	Excellent enrichment at DA. PP focus on priority and inclusion.
Own staff used to cover classes instead of agency staff [cover supervisors, Senior Lead Teacher	Our children respond better to our own staff who use a consistent approach to established routines	ALL	No external agencies employed throughout pandemic and post

(SLT), Learning Support assistants (LSAs)]	expectations. Children know our staff and respond better in lessons.		pandemic. All cover provided by cover tutors and SLT. Positive relationships with children – excellent behaviour and strong outcomes achieved.
Improve the quality of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and foster a culture amongst all children. Approaches will be embedded into routines and practices. i.e. self-regulation of emotions – Zones Of Regulation (ZOR), transition on a daily basis – post holidays –end and beginning of academic year, lockdowns/blended learning etc.	There is extensive evidence associating childhood social and emotional skills with improved outcomes at school and in later life (e.g., improved academic performance, attitudes, behaviour and relationships with peers): Social and Emotional Learning EEF	1,2,5	To be continued over the next academic year. ZONES included in behaviour policy – children and adults version. References made when helping children deal with regulating emotions. Mindfulness scheduled on timetable to prioritise settling post lunchtimes.
Provide ongoing technical access and support and blended learning for those children impacted by COVID-19	Evidence suggests that when children who are disadvantaged have equal access to Quality First Teaching (QFT), they can achieve outcomes similar to their peers.	ALL	Full capacity of devices and routers claimed. Incorporated during remote and blended learning. Children continue to use for online resources i.e. TTRS, AR and EAL resources for those just arrived in the country from areas of conflict.
Contingency fund for acute issues that may arise throughout the year.	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 quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	ALL	Purchased EAL resource for refugees taking in December and March to support language acquisition and adjusting in life in the UK.
Free School Meals (FSM) Voucher – equal access to wider curriculum: supporting our families financially when specific barriers arise i.e. uniform, trips, paid for clubs, transport etc.	Based on our evidence, providing funds for those families that need it, ensures no child is disadvantaged and has equal access to enrichment opportunities.	1,2,3,4,5	£7520 used out of the v£12395. Parents used the voucher primary on uniform, trips, extra-curricular activities and wrap around care.

Total budgeted cost: £ 238,166

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 2021/22 academic year.

Success of intended outcomes for 2021/22

Vulnerable Groups – Pupil Premium

KS1	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	EXS+	GDS	EXS+	GDS	EXS+	GDS
PP Aut (17)	47%	6%	29%	6%	35%	6%
PP Sum (25)	48%	12%	40%	8%	52%	16%
KS2	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	EXS+	GDS	EXS+	GDS	EXS+	GDS
PP Aut (35)	60%	9%	66%	9%	51%	3%
PP Sum (37)	76%	14%	73%	8%	78%	8%

- Pupil premium children have made **even better in-year progress** across all subjects at the end of KS1 at both standards, and in KS2 at EXS+. At the end of KS2, at GDS PP children have made **even better in-year progress** in Maths and Reading.
- Pupil premium gaps are narrower than national gaps (-14%) (2019) by the end of KS2 at EXS:

Reading (-4%) Writing (-10%) Maths the gap is (-11%)

Y2 Data

Year 2 Progress	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	ARE+	GDS	ARE+	GDS	ARE+	GDS
2022 SATS	69%	18%	66%	11%	72%	23%
Progress Target	70%	23%	63%	18%	71%	18%
Stretch Target	76%	26%	70%	16%	77%	23%

- First full year of face-to-face teaching with blended learning in Y1 and a reception year impacted by COVID (foundation learning)
- **Met progress targets across all subjects at EXS showing catch-up**
- Children achieving at GDS reflects high standards and results within target boundaries
- **Exceeded progress and stretch target in Maths at GDS**
- Data outcomes follow a three year trend with outcomes in line with previous cohorts (within 5%).

Y1 Phonics Outcomes

Autumn Check 2021 – **93% pass**

June Y1 Check 2022 – **91% pass**

- The no. of children who passed their phonics check in June showed an increase of 29 children (mock data) to **50 children (rise of +21)**
- Out of 40 words, the average score increase of all children was +4 words - showing **positive progress from the mock to the actual test**
- Out of 40 words, the average score increase of children who did not pass the mock was +7 words showing a **high level of progress** for this group

Impact from holiday clubs – targeted families – wellbeing.

Voucher usage on uniform, trips and clubs shows that parents use the funding to support children in equal access.
 School led tutoring - impact on focus area – maths – highest outcomes across Reception, Y2 and Y6 at both standards.
 PD – impacting on scaffold and support for all children – T&L reflects positive outcomes.
 LSA deployment – targeted intervention to need – gap analysis is focused and rigorous – LSAs know their targeted children and make an impact on their wellbeing and outcomes.
 Pastoral team know our vulnerable children and families – work closely with families to overcome boundaries.

Next: focus on attendance for most vulnerable

School Led Tutoring

Funding Overview

Detail 2021/22	Amount
National Tutoring Programme: Funding 2021-2023 *130 ch (Pupil Premium) x £162 £18.00 p/hr * 12 hours tuition per academy year £216.00 Year 1 75% funded £202.50 per pupil per academic year Year 2 60% funded £129.60 per pupil per academic year	£21,060
Actual funding received 21/22	£25,117
Total Spent (75%) 21/22	£5,670
Pupil Premium Grant contribution (25%) 21/22	£1890

Total amount carried forward for next academic year	£19,440
Ring fenced funding that is linked to pupil premium eligibility. The grant covers 75% of the cost of tuition, schools will need to find the 25% from existing pupil premium or recovery premium budgets. Each child identified in need of tuition will receive 12-15 hours of targeted support. This is a total of £202.50 (21/22) and £129.60 (22/23) per child at £18 per hour. Over the next consecutive years, the funding will drop to 60% and then 25% of the £18 unit cost. Payment schedule is over 3 instalments and the use of a specified data form will enable the DfE to recover unspent funding and overpayments.	
Impact 21/22 In Summer 2 of 2020/21, x4 teachers were trained to participate in the NTP. We delivered tutoring via Teaching Personnel. We focused on a Y5 cohort. 15 children received x15 hours of Maths tutoring. We reviewed the resources that Teaching Personnel provided and concluded that our own resources would provide better focus intervention moving forward. This academic year 2021/22, post Y6 baseline, x15 children were identified as needing focused arithmetic tuition. This cohort has begun and undergone a baseline assessment for arithmetic. This cohort will receive weekly tuition of 1 hour over a period of 15 weeks. Analysis of this assessment will provide areas to focus tuition. Progress will be monitored over the duration of the programme. Tutors keep a record of children's gaps and reassess at the end of the programme to measure impact. x6 Y6 children targeted in 3 rd round x3 children in Y1 targeted in round 4 x6 Y5 children targeted in 5 th round	
Autumn 22/23 X10 tutors (3 from previous year, 7 new to tutoring) Trained via NTP course. Tutoring provided for off track PP and others in English and Maths. 26 children targeted for round one tutoring – Autumn 2022/23	
Evidence to support funding. The Finance Officer (FO) at Darlington liaises with tutors and Vice Principal (VP) and ensures that all hours of tuition are calculated and recorded. The VP will liaise with the tutors to monitor progress of children. The VP will provide updates the Principal and governors.	