

# Early Years Pupil Premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of early years pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our early years 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.

From April 2015 additional funding was made available from the Government to for the school to use to further support the needs of some of our 3 and 4 year old children. The 0.66p per hour funding equates to £372.20 per year if a child takes up their full 570 hours of free early education entitlement. The criteria for eligibility for EYPP is:

- Children from low income families (as defined by the criteria for free school meals)
- Children who have been looked after for one day or more (Children's Social Care)
- Children who have left care under a special guardianship order or child arrangement order in England and Wales

## School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Rockwood Nursery School
Number of pupils in school	119 (Spring term)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	30%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers ( <b>3 year plans are recommended</b> )	2023-26
Date this statement was updated and published	December 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2026
Statement authorised by	FGB Dec 2024
Pupil premium lead	F Stringer
Governor / Trustee lead / Chair of Governors	Mrs V Bradshaw

## Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this financial year	Summer 2024 - £4,318.34 Autumn 2024 - £4084.08 Spring 2025 - £

Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£N/A
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
<p><b>Total budget for this financial year</b></p> <p>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</p>	<p>Total for 2024-25 financial year (so far) =  <b>£8402.42</b></p>

# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

## Statement of intent

*Rockwood Nursery School is set within an area of high deprivation. In 2021/22, 53.8% of the EYPP children came in below levels typical for their age in Listening, Attention and Understanding. Children whose language skills are low, often struggle with PSED skills as well due to their difficulty in sharing their thoughts, feelings and wishes appropriately. Many of our children come with limited socialisation especially after the limitation of contact during the covid years.*

*Our aims with the EYPP plans and support is to provide additional, small group activities and individualised plans to enable our most deprived pupils to close the gap with their peers in communication skills and personal, social and emotional skills so that they are able to access the rest of the curriculum more easily. We do this through the ongoing support from a teacher who has been additionally training in a variety of language support systems, including WellComm, ECAT and ELKLAN. We constantly aim to review and update practice from current research and development into best practice.*

## Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<u>Speech, Language and Communication</u> WellComm levels are showing that children's Speech, Language are below expected. They can struggle to make themselves understood and this can lead to them becoming frustrated.
2	<u>PSED</u> Children's ACEs are having a negative impact on their PSED levels as they are struggling to share their needs and wants appropriately and self-regulate. PSED levels of progress are high, but we are still concerned that some of our children with home issues are struggling to manage their emotions and this has an impact on their ability to access other curriculum development.
3	<u>CLA and Previously CLA</u> We have a number of these children and communication and managing feelings have been a concern with the majority. Staff support all children be safe and secure, ensuring children's wellbeing is central to all our work.

## 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
<p>For children to access WellComm and support from the CLL teacher to improve children's speech, language and communication skills.</p> <p>For all staff to be familiar with the revised WellComm planning and monitoring systems.</p>	<p>For all staff to be familiar with the revised WellComm planning and monitoring systems.</p> <p>For EYPP children's levels of development in CLL to improve so that their progress is in line with their peers.</p>
<p>For EYPP children's PSED levels to improve using support strategies and training from staff development</p>	<p>PSED support for EYPP children enables their development to be supported by staff planning and shows increase in children achieving expected level of attainment on leaving nursery.</p>
<p>For staff to complete attachment and trauma training to enable increased understanding and planning for CLA and previously CLA children as well as children who have experienced ACEs. Nurture room developed to provide support for these children using this training.</p>	<p>Training accessed and completed by staff.</p> <p>Information used to inform planning and support systems.</p> <p>Information used to develop a nurture room to enable children who are identified by staff to access this provision to support their self-regulation and sensory needs.</p>

## 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: £ 0.1 time of CLL teacher (UPS3) c £5867.08 per annum

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p><i>Speech and Language champion additional 0.1 UPS3 funded to support needs of children with SAL difficulties</i></p> <p><i>Continued use of WellComm language online tracker and resources</i></p>	<p><i>Use of teacher to support staff use of WellComm and planning identified for children in each groups continues to show children do better with this intervention.</i></p> <p><i>Teacher has additional training in support strategies and systems, additional time will allow support and monitoring of children with specific language needs.</i></p>	1

	<p><i>WellComm levels shows progress and closing the gaps on assessments</i></p> <p><i>Ongoing analysis of all groups, in particular EYPP by staff and governors shows cumulative progress from WellComm intervention and planning</i></p> <p><i>Maths levels monitored and improved. Key vocabulary and language support strategies embedded into continuous provision.</i></p>	
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### **Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)**

Budgeted cost: £500

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Evidence that supports this approach</b>	<b>Challenge number(s) addressed</b>
<i>WellComm Speech and Language Programme continued use and support</i>	<i>Evidence of use over several years shows the positive impact this intervention has on children's progress in speech and language.</i>	1
<i>Training in Red Rose Phonetical Approach and purchase of support materials</i>	<i>There has been a significant issue with other professionals e.g. Health Visitors and Speech and Language therapists able to visit and support the children during the Covid-19 time. Communication and Language continues to be identified as area of concern on baseline assessments and identification of Special Educational Needs.</i>	1

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

Budgeted cost: £6056.10

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Evidence that supports this approach</b>	<b>Challenge number(s) addressed</b>
<i>Embedding of children's wellbeing and mental health training by Senior Teacher and SENDCo</i>	<p><i>Information gained from training provided to teacher from LCC states that providing support for children to identify and manage their feelings and emotions supports their development.</i></p> <p><i>Evidence from Best Start in Life research:</i></p> <p><i>"Children in early years settings today will have spent a good proportion of their lives in the pandemic. They have had fewer opportunities for</i></p>	2, 3

<p><i>Staff training accessed for Attachment and Trauma training</i></p>	<p><i>social interaction beyond their immediate family because of lockdowns and social restrictions. Our research into education recovery in early years providers found that these children's communication and language skills were not as strong as those of previous cohorts. Their social skills, such as turn-taking and sharing with other children, were also less developed. A study focusing on older children starting school in autumn 2020 found that schools reported that more children were struggling with communication and language and personal, social and emotional development, as well as literacy.”</i>  <i>(<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/best-start-in-life-a-research-review-for-early-years/best-start-in-life-part-1-setting-the-scene">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/best-start-in-life-a-research-review-for-early-years/best-start-in-life-part-1-setting-the-scene</a>).</i></p>	
<p><i>Resource Provision</i></p>	<p><i>Purchase of resources to support integration into classrooms</i>  <i>Set up of Nurture Room for intervention and small group activities</i></p>	<p>2,3 (£5756.10)</p>

**Total budgeted cost: £** £5867.08 + £500 + £300 = £12423.18

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

## Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

Monitoring systems continue to show children’s development is appropriately supported and monitored. Information is provided to both the teaching staff and the governors.

Over their Nursery final year attendance at Rockwood (2023 – 2024), evidence shows that EYPP children made good progress in Listening, Attention and Understanding and Speaking – from 84.2% attaining at expected level at their starting points, to 89.5% in summer 2024. The chart below shows that they made more than expected levels of progress over this time and have made some progress in closing the gap with their peers.

The individual progress levels of children with speech and language support using WellComm continue to provide good evidence of the continued use of WellComm, as well as the support for each group by the CLL teacher to aid group planning for interventions and support.

Our plans for next year include staff update training on our planned use of WellComm and Red Rose Phonetical Awareness, this should improve the comprehension attainment as well as CL.

Nursery: 62 pupils		Below		On Track or Higher		Progress
Listening, Attention and Understanding	No. (%)	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	
Pupil Premium	19 (30.6%)	15.8%	10.5%	84.2%	89.5%	4.3
Change:			-5.3		5.3	
Not Pupil Premium	43 (69.4%)	16.3%	14.0%	83.7%	86.0%	4.2
Change:			-2.3		2.3	

  

Nursery: 62 pupils		Below		On Track or Higher		Progress
Speaking	No. (%)	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	
Pupil Premium	19 (30.6%)	15.8%	10.5%	84.2%	89.5%	4.2
Change:			-5.3		5.3	
Not Pupil Premium	43 (69.4%)	20.9%	16.3%	79.1%	83.7%	4.1
Change:			-4.6		4.6	

  

Nursery: 62 pupils		Below		On Track or Higher		Progress
Self-Regulation	No. (%)	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	
Pupil Premium	19 (30.6%)	21.1%	21.1%	78.9%	78.9%	4.1
Change:			0.0		0.0	
Not Pupil Premium	43 (69.4%)	30.2%	11.6%	69.8%	88.4%	4.4
Change:			-18.6		18.6	

  

Nursery: 62 pupils		Below		On Track or Higher		Progress
Managing Self	No. (%)	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	
Pupil Premium	19 (30.6%)	31.6%	10.5%	68.4%	89.5%	4.7
Change:			-21.1		21.1	
Not Pupil Premium	43 (69.4%)	23.3%	7.0%	76.7%	93.0%	4.5
Change:			-16.3		16.3	

  

Nursery: 62 pupils		Below		On Track or Higher		Progress
Building Relationships	No. (%)	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	
Pupil Premium	19 (30.6%)	21.1%	5.3%	78.9%	94.7%	4.3
Change:			-15.8		15.8	
Not Pupil Premium	43 (69.4%)	20.9%	7.0%	79.1%	93.0%	4.4
Change:			-13.9		13.9	

  

Nursery: 62 pupils		Below		On Track or Higher		Progress
Comprehension	No. (%)	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	Aut2 23-24	Sum2 23-24	
Pupil Premium	19 (30.6%)	21.1%	36.8%	78.9%	63.2%	3.9
Change:			15.7		-15.7	
Not Pupil Premium	43 (69.4%)	11.6%	11.6%	88.4%	88.4%	4.1
Change:			0.0		0.0	

Change Key: Increase in % Decrease in % Unchanged

Over their final year in Rockwood, the gap also closed in PSED areas Managing Self between the EYPP children and non-EYPP, with EYPP children making an average of 4.7 steps of progress over the year, with an additional 21.1% children at expected level.

Although EYPP children made less progress steps in Building Relationships (4.3) these children came in higher than non-EYPP at the start of the year, so it is excellent that 94.7% leave at expected level.

This evidences that the interventions and support are beneficial to the children's development. These areas are also supporting other curriculum area development.

We are completing inset in Attachment and Trauma support and integrating new practice in September 2024, it is hoped this continues the attainment and progress for all our children, but in particular, the EYPP children.

## Externally provided programmes

*Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England*

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Provider</b>
Red Rose Phonetical Awareness	Lancashire County Council
VR Attachment and Trauma	Virtual Schools LCC