

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 academic year) funding 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	The Godolphin Junior Academy
Number of pupils in school	410
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	43.4% (National Average is 24.9%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2025-2026
Date this statement was published	1 st September 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	31 st August 2026
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£261,695
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0.00
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0.00
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£261,695

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Godolphin Junior Academy, we are determined and committed to meet the needs of all children so that they can thrive and be successful. Our school motto is '*Godolphin Grows Success*' and with that our mission is to ensure that irrespective of pupils' backgrounds or challenges, every child in our care will make good progress and attainment in all subject areas. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to ensure that disadvantaged children can, and will, meet that goal.

Disadvantaged pupils represent 43% of our school which is significantly higher than the National Average (25%). We feel strongly that our disadvantaged pupils should not be viewed as one homogenous group with a collective set of barriers or needs. We recognise that all pupils at our school are individuals and have their own unique set of talents, strengths, gaps, and challenges. Although we identify whole school focus areas, trends and patterns to be targeted and improved, we also have a school approach for all teachers to '*meet needs, not labels*', to '*pitch high*' and to '*scaffold up*.' We know that the key to success for all pupils, and especially our disadvantaged pupils, is to be ambitious, provide challenge, use continuous, effective assessment and provide excellent teaching.

Delivering excellent teaching to every class, every pupil, every day is at the heart of our strategy. We will have a particular focus on our disadvantaged pupils so that they are given the provisions they need in order to flourish. High quality teaching 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.

Implementing wider school strategies is also an integral part of our approach. We provide targeted tuition for all pupils, with priority places being allocated to disadvantaged pupils. After school tuition is delivered by trained practitioners, to small groups using a clear approach with carefully selected resources and a set targeted outcome.

Our overall approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they are set
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve
- ensure ongoing, high quality CPD is provided to continually develop and improve teaching standards so that all teaching at Godolphin is excellent

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Assessments, discussions and observations with pupils have highlighted that there are vocabulary gaps and sentence structure development needs for a significant number of disadvantaged pupils. This is evident across all year groups in KS2.
2	Assessments, discussions and observations in Reading show that a number of pupils have difficulty decoding words and comprehending what they have read. Question level analysis has indicated that pupils find it challenging to summarise what they have read. This is more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers. From the analysis of attainment data we have identified that more disadvantaged pupils could achieve greater depth in reading at the end of Key Stage 2. We aim to further develop and enhance the range of challenging reading material available to pupils and monitor this rigorously through our data tracking software.
3	Assessments, discussions and observations in Writing has evidenced that in some cohorts there is an emerging gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. This is particularly true for pupils achieving the exceeding standard in Writing.
4	Assessments, discussions and observations in Maths have indicated that in some cohorts there is an emerging gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. A particular focus area is Year 6 maths outcomes for disadvantaged pupils at the expected standard and exceeding standard.
5	In previous years, there was a differential in attendance outcomes between pupil premium students and non-pupil premium students. This gap is closing with attendance for all being 95.8% in July 2025 and attendance for DIS being 95.3%. We will continue to focus on attendance to continually raise attendance outcomes for pupil premium pupils. Our strategies are working well and there has been clear improvement over the past few years so this will remain a focus area to continue to secure strong outcomes.

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 written sentence structure including use of vocabulary amongst disadvantaged pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
Improved Reading attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils.	End of year Reading outcomes in each year group show that: - There is no significant differential in outcome between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils - Disadvantaged pupils achieve above the National Average for All in every year group - Disadvantaged pupils achieve above the National Average for Exceeding in each year group
Improved Writing attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils.	End of year Writing outcomes in each year group show that: - There is no significant differential in outcome between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils - Disadvantaged pupils achieve above the National Average for All in every year group - Disadvantaged pupils achieve above the National Average for Exceeding in each year group
Improved Maths attainment amongst disadvantaged pupils.	End of year Maths outcomes in each year group show that: - There is no significant differential in outcome between disadvantaged pupils and non-disadvantaged pupils - Disadvantaged pupils achieve above the National Average for All in every year group - Disadvantaged pupils achieve above the National Average for Exceeding in each year group
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all pupils, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	- Attendance for disadvantaged pupils to be at least 96% - Persistent absenteeism for disadvantaged pupils to be below the national average and no higher than 8%.

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: £150,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Re-structure of Mathematics provision to enable smaller sets and an increased focus on disadvantaged pupils. Most senior and experienced teachers deployed to teach sets who need to sustain or achieve high attainment.	High quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for their pupils. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-planning-support/1-high-quality-teaching	4
Increased hours for reading specialist to impact on English outcomes. We have now employed our reading specialist to increase days from two days p/week to three days.	The English lead will ensure that assessment is used effectively and every pupil's reading ability is effectively diagnosed. The English leader is provided with leadership time to guide teachers in delivering effective provision in reading. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/curriculum-research-review-series-english/curriculum-research-review-series-english#conclusion	1 2 3
Implementation of class texts for every pupil to enhance reading provision and improve outcomes.	This year, we will continue to purchase books so that every pupil will have their own copy of the class text to follow and refer to. This will enable children to revisit vocabulary, themes and devices in their reading lessons. As well as this, the initiative '20 by 2026' will be introduced to more pupils which encourages pupils to read a wide range of challenging novels by the end of the academic year and widen their literary diet. Further to this we will purchase books to target specific groups of Disadvantaged	1 2 3

	pupils to engage theme in a book club intervention and develop their confidence and love for reading.	
Increased release time for teachers to collaborate and develop the quality of teaching across the school. (Power of Three Phase Three). This includes the purchase of IRIS credits so teachers can receive personalised feedback on the quality of their teaching.	High quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve outcomes for their pupils. In order to provide teachers with more CPD, time for coaching, reflection and observation of peers, we have provided release time for all teachers to participate in a Godolphin created initiative called 'The Power of Three.' This is where three teachers carry out peer observations and evaluate performance to focus on delivering outstanding provision. This year, teachers will be focusing on delivering elements of pedagogy through Teacher Walk Thrus. This will involve the use of instructional coaching to target specific areas of pedagogy to improve and use of IRIS AI.	1 2 3 4
Continue to subscribe to a DFE validated phonics programme and provide training for teachers. (Phonics Shed).	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. Train every teacher and teaching assistant in phonics provision. Phonics Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	1 2 3
Provide ongoing CPD opportunities to develop teacher subject knowledge in Maths. This training is provided by BBO Maths Hub and funding will be used to provide release time for all ECTs and teachers who are new to their phase to attend this Maths programme.	This will ensure teachers are well informed and teaching high quality Maths based on the latest evidence-based research.	1 2 3 4
Teacher WalkThru training and instructional coaching training will be provided to every middle leader and senior leader.	This will further improve pedagogy across the school which will improve the quality of teaching and learning and as a result improve pupil outcomes.	1 2 3 4
High quality HLTAs deployed in every year group as additional teaching support.	At Godolphin, we recruit a highly skilled HLTA in each cohort to assist with teaching, support pupils and target individual support. This quality provision enables teachers to identify, assess and plug gaps in learning. https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/eef-guidance-reports/teaching-assistants/TA_Recommendations_Summary.pdf?v=1635870535	1 2 3 4

Release time for teaching staff to develop through National Professional Qualifications.	This academic year we have one teacher accessing the NPQLT programme, one accessing the NPQLL programme and another member of staff on the NPQ for SENCOs programme. Investing in the development of staff is one of the greatest levers to improve outcomes for learners.	1 2 3 4
National College Library	CPD is prioritised and all staff have access to the National College CPD library. This means all staff can access CPD to improve their knowledge and practice.	1 2 3 4 5
Oracy development with Voice 21	We have a target to continually improve sentence structure, use of standard English, development of vocabulary and expression so that pupils can articulate their views confidently. This will also contribute to improving writing skills. We will be working with Voice 21 to plan a clear strategy for improving oracy and using their resources to provide tools and scaffolds to teachers and pupils.	3

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

Budgeted cost: £80,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Reading specialist	‘Evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have.’ – EEF We have a dedicated reading teacher who is an experienced, qualified teacher to lead interventions across the school. This will ensure interventions are systematic, targeted, personalised and of a high quality.	1 2

BRP intervention	This is a one-to-one intervention that is delivered across the whole school to our lowest readers. This programme ensures that all readers who are reading below their age range have a regular, quality, consistent intervention in place to improve their progress. Every adult reader who is involved in this programme is trained to deliver this and their impact is monitored. Every member of support staff, alongside all leaders is involved in this systematic programme of intervention.	1 2
Additional phonics sessions.	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 Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	2
Tuition Tuesday Sessions	Targeted Academic Support is recommended by the EEF as a proven strategy to improve attainment. At Godolphin, we use directed time to enable every teacher to work with a small group to plug gaps in their learning. This after-school tuition is of a high quality because it is led by teachers who know their pupils and where their gaps are. Disadvantaged pupils are prioritised.	1 2 3 4
Maths IXL and Magma Maths	We use Maths the online programmes IXL and Magma Maths to target specific areas of Maths for pupils so that they can practise at home and focus on the gaps they need to secure to make more progress in Maths.	4
SATS Companion	We have purchased a SATS-style questioning tool to help with plugging attainment gaps with supplement questions. The tool can also enhance planning and lessons with challenging, high-pitched questions. Effectively-pitched homework can also be set for all pupils and targeted pupils. As a result gaps will close and outcomes will improve.	1 2 3 4
PIXL and PIXL Therapies	We have purchased PIXL to provide a clear assessment approach with enhanced diagnostic tools to we can close gaps using PIXL therapies. This will make interventions more focused and more effective which will improve pupil outcomes.	1 2 3 4

Increased Flash Academy licenses	We have increased from 30 to 45 licenses to EAL pupils which targets their precise needs and enables them to make progress across the curriculum.	1 2 3
CGP Resources	Our targeted support groups are well resourced and for our catch up and booster groups we purchase CGP resources so that we have quality, appropriately pitched materials to work from.	2 4
Insight Tracking	We have purchased a new data tracking system which is more effective for analysing pupil performance, tracking groups, and tracking attendance. This insight will enable teachers to target specific children and plug gaps in learning and attendance. This year staff will be provided with training in how to use the provision tracking element of Insight.	1 2 3 4 5
Specialist interventions from speech and language assistant, inclusion assistant and assistant SENCO	We employ a full time speech and language assistant to deliver interventions to pupils who require support in their oral, expressive and receptive language. We employ an assistant senco who delivers specific interventions in early reading and writing across the school so that our lowest attainers can catch up to their peers. We employ an inclusion assistant who delivers EAL interventions to pupils on our EAL caseload.	1 2 3

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

Budgeted cost: £31,695

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Implementation of minibus intervention to support families who have barriers getting to school.	Intervention will be delivered in a targeted way and evaluated at set review points. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/framework-for-securing-full-attendance-actions-for-schools-and-local-authorities	5

ELSA Interventions provided across the school by a trained ELSAs.	Pupils need to have the emotional support they require to be successful in their learning – EEF.	1 2 3 4 5
Godolphin Geckos - A social skills and positive play support group.	A team of staff lead a lunchtime pastoral provision group that teaches children how to interact, share, problem solve and play. This results in pupils' well-being being supported and ensures they are prepared for afternoon learning.	1 2 3 4 5
Mental Health First Aiders	At Godolphin we continually provide training for staff to have Mental Health training so that a team of staff can support pupils and ensure they are emotionally ready for learning.	1 2 3 4 5
Learning Mentor	GJA has a part time learning mentor to provide individual, targeted support for pupils to support them with their behaviour. This support enables children to be prepared for learning to apply the skills they have learnt in their mentoring sessions.	1 2 3 4 5
Attendance Initiatives	GJA promote attendance and regularly teach children about the importance of good attendance. We have implemented a range of initiatives and use funding to continually encourage and celebrate good attendance at school such as short term attendance rewards, certificates and termly rewards.	5
Extended Learning Support	We provide a range of extended learning opportunities and target disadvantaged pupils to attend so that they can develop confidence in their learning across the curriculum. To increase access to these opportunities we target specific pupils and invite them and reduce the cost of the club or trip. We analyse data to ensure that our club provision is well accessed by our disadvantaged pupils.	1 2 3 4 5
Increasing the amount of extra-curricular clubs delivered by teachers.	We aim to increase the options on our extra-curricular club menu because we know that learning goes beyond the walls of the classroom. For pupils to have more options available to them and to be more likely to gain a place in a club, we have encouraged teachers to deliver clubs after school. In exchange for teachers delivering clubs after school for a full term we provide time in lieu. We use funding to cover this release time. Our priority for attendance at after school	1 2 3 4 5

	clubs is disadvantaged children.	
Breakfast Club Support	Breakfast Club is fully funded for our disadvantaged pupils so that they can arrive at school and have a healthy breakfast followed by extra-curricular activities. This means that pupils are feeling physically and emotionally prepared for learning.	1 2 3 4 5
Uniform Support	When required, we provide financial support with school uniform for pupils so that pupils feel included and proud of themselves. This confidence prepares children to engage in their learning and succeed.	1 2 3 4 5
Residential Trip Opportunity	We will provide a 30% discount to the cost of the residential trip for every PPG pupil that would like to attend. This is to enable pupils to develop their team building skills, social skills, resilience, problem solving and have high quality outdoor learning opportunities.	1 2 3 4 5
Wellbeing tool: Bounce Together	We have purchased an online wellbeing tool for pupils, staff and governors, so that we can survey our whole school in a range of areas to assess their wellbeing and then implement further strategies. Wellbeing is prioritised at GJA so that pupils are socially and emotionally ready to learn. This tool is child-friendly and accessible by all pupils.	1 2 3 4 5

Total budgeted cost: £261,695

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

The impact of our pupil premium strategy during 2024–2025 has been highly positive. Our disadvantaged pupils achieved outcomes that were significantly above national averages across all statutory assessment measures, demonstrating the effectiveness of our targeted approach. At the expected standard, disadvantaged pupils achieved 92% in Reading, 85% in Writing, 87% in Mathematics and 83% in the combined measure, compared with national averages of 74%, 72%, 74% and 61% respectively. High attainment was also a particular strength, with disadvantaged pupils achieving 54% at the higher standard in Reading, 28% in Writing, 50% in Mathematics and 24% in the combined measure, all substantially above national figures. These outcomes demonstrate that the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers within school has been successfully minimised while ensuring disadvantaged pupils outperform national outcomes.

These outcomes reflect the impact of our sustained investment in high-quality teaching, targeted academic support and wider strategies to remove barriers to learning. Increased leadership capacity in reading, smaller mathematics teaching groups, structured interventions, high-quality professional development and robust assessment systems have enabled staff to identify and address learning gaps quickly. Alongside academic provision, attendance initiatives, pastoral support, wellbeing programmes and enrichment opportunities have ensured disadvantaged pupils were ready to learn and fully engaged in school life. Attendance for disadvantaged pupils also continued to improve, reducing the historical gap with their peers, demonstrating the positive impact of our attendance strategy. As a result, disadvantaged pupils have made strong progress both academically and personally, providing a secure foundation for continued success in the next phase of our strategy.

	ALL	DIS	National
Reading EXP+	92%	92%	74%
Reading High	57%	54%	33%
Writing EXP+	87%	85%	72%
Writing High	32%	28%	13%
Maths EXP+	89%	87%	74%
Maths High	55%	50%	26%
Grammar EXP+	92%	92%	72%
Grammar High	61%	59%	30%
Combined EXP+	83%	83%	61%
Combined High	27%	24%	8%

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Insight Tracking	Insight Tracking
Bounce Together	Bounce Together
IXL Maths	IXL
Magma Maths	
SATS Companion	SATS Companion
PIXL Therapies	PIXL
Teacher Walk Thru	Teacher Walk Thrus