

Gothic Mede Academy Pupil Premium Strategy 2019-20

Pupils on Roll at the start of the academic year	Pupils Eligible for Pupil Premium funding at the start of the academic year	Pupil Premium Funding due to be received as a result of the 2018/19 census
310	38 (12% of roll)	£50,400

At Gothic Mede Academy, we believe that all pupils should have access to high quality and engaging academic learning, positive and nurturing social, moral, spiritual and cultural (SMSC) experiences and a wide-range extra-curricular opportunities. We understand that some pupils experience disadvantages in a range of ways and seek to ensure that they are able to access every opportunity that Gothic Mede Academy provides.

Pupil Premium funding was first introduced in April 2011. It is designed to support those children who are deemed to be from a disadvantaged background. Money is given to schools to enable them to target specific support to improve outcomes for this group of children. The funding is triggered by the following:

- A child is currently eligible for free school meals, or they have been during the least six years (Ever6).
- A child is currently in the care of the Local Authority, or they have been during the last five years.
- A child who has a parent currently serving in the armed forces.

Funding for the Academic Year 2019 – 2020 is as follows

- £1,320 for children of families who are in receipt of benefits that would qualify them for free school meals.
- £2,300 for children who are being or have been looked after by the Local Authority during the last five years.
- £300 for children who have parents in the armed services.
- £300 for children aged three or four who are eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP).

The government does not stipulate how the Pupil Funding should be spent, but does expect the money to be directed towards ensuring any disadvantage may be overcome, and that any gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their peers should be closed.

At Gothic Mede Academy there are **38** pupils (12%) who qualify currently for the *Pupil Premium Grant* (including *Ever6*, *Service Premium* and *Looked-after Children*). The grant for the 2019-20 academic year totals £50,400.

Consistently high expectations for the outcomes for all *disadvantaged Pupils* are enshrined in a whole-school ethos of '*Pupil Premium First*,' which prioritises the creation of opportunities for *disadvantaged pupils* to excel in all areas of school life.

Teachers and school leaders are continually assessing the needs of *disadvantaged pupils* through use of *Target Tracker* data, detailing attainment and progress, ongoing discussions with teachers and identification of contextual influences.

Support staff have been deployed accordingly, either to deliver one to one or small group support, to develop Phonics skills in EYFS and Year 1. Reading, Writing and Mathematics in *Keystages 1 and 2*, or to release class teachers to work directly with *disadvantaged pupils*.

Contextual challenges that have been identified include attendance, Special Educational Needs, safeguarding issues and concerns regarding emotional well-being. To address these barriers the school leadership team are investigating strategies to improve attendance and better support pupils and their families.

Outcomes and the success of individual initiatives are assessed regularly through the use of assessment data recorded on the whole-school assessment system *Target Tracker*, comparisons with local and national data and discussions with teachers and support staff.

Areas that have been identified for the academic year 2019-20 are:

- The provision of one to one and small group interventions for phonics and early maths in EYFS and KS1.
- The provision of one to one and small group interventions for spelling and mathematics in KS1 and KS2.
- The provision of online learning resources for maths, reading and spelling to increase the attainment of disadvantaged pupils through study at school and at home.
- The use of strategies to improve the emotional wellbeing of *disadvantaged pupils*.
- Supporting families to identify pupil welfare concerns in advance of crises.
- Providing social, emotional and mental health support to pupils, where a need is identified, through small nurture groups or on a one to one basis, using strategies including *Art Therapy*.
- Providing additional academic support to increase the proportion of *disadvantaged pupils* that achieve or exceed age-related expectation.
- The provision of additional opportunities for *disadvantaged pupils*, 'taking pupils out into the world and bringing the world into the school.'
- Ensuring that the basic needs of disadvantaged pupils are met through initiatives such as free snacks, clothing vouchers, support from Family Worker.

To this end, when deciding on additional support and intervention programmes, teachers and school leaders identify strategies with proven track records and evidence of success, either from previous academic cycles or through national research such as that provided by the Education Endowment Foundation (EFF) and the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER).

These include prioritising *Disadvantaged Pupils* when implementing initiatives such as:

- Improving the quality and impact of focused feedback to pupils and self and peer-assessment, using strategies developed by Shirley Clarke.
- The promotion of strategies to embed 'meta-cognition' and 'self-regulated learning' principles in the classroom.
- One to one and small group interventions, including those delivered by qualified teachers, whose impact is assessed on a half-termly basis.
- The provision of opportunities such as peripatetic music lessons, extra-curricular sports and arts clubs, 'Homework Club,' and educational visits.

Planned Strategy	Aim	Estimated Cost
Provision of a <i>Family Support Worker</i> to support pupils and their families to improve attendance and provide emotional support.	Teachers have identified the emotional wellbeing of a significant number of <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils as a barrier to their progress. In response to this a Family Support Worker works closely with families of disadvantaged pupils to encourage strategies for good attendance and to provide support for families.	£11,000
Provision of an <i>Art Therapist</i> to work both 1:1 and small group in supporting children in years 1-4 with their emotional needs.	To build pupil resilience to challenging family circumstances and to develop ability to communicate openly with adults and peers	£4,000
Continued specialised support in Phonics for EYFS and Year 1	This one to one and small group intervention has proven successful in addressing the gaps of individual <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils and helped ready them for the Year 1 Phonics Test.	£4,200
Provision of intervention by teachers and teaching assistants to support <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils with academic progress	To provide small group interventions based on formative assessment by teachers to narrow the gap and/or extend disadvantaged children.	£8,000
Provision of a Learning Support Assistant to support <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils.	The transition point from EYFS to Year 1 is a particularly difficult one for some <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils. The need for additional support with their behaviour and SEMH needs has been identified by teachers and school leaders as a priority for helping them to achieve academically in Year 1. Several <i>Disadvantaged</i> pupils in Year 4 have additional SEMH and academic needs. Additional 1:1 and small group support will be provided to address these needs.	£9,000
The provision of morning snacks.	It is important that the basic needs of pupils are met and there is strong evidence that the provision of healthy food improves the concentration of <i>disadvantaged pupils</i> in schools. (A Theory of Human Motivation: Abraham Maslow, 1943).	£1,300
Nessy	This online resource allows pupils to work independently or with teacher or parental support on an individualised reading/spelling curriculum.	£800
TT Rockstars	To improve pupils mathematics attainment and engagement, by giving access to an engaging platform for securing key age-related number facts. This online resource was identified as a low-cost method for <i>disadvantaged pupils</i> to practise times tables facts.	£159.50
My Maths	This online resource allows pupils to work independently or with teacher or parental support on an individualised mathematics curriculum. It has been chosen to fill gaps that <i>disadvantaged pupils</i> may have carried forward from their previous band and offer additional practice opportunities where there might be less support provided at home.	£339
Target Tracker	This assessment system has enabled teachers and school leaders to better track the progress, and identify the gaps, of all pupils	£1,211

	and improves the link between attainment and planning. It also improves the feedback given to <i>disadvantaged pupils</i> and allows the tracking of progress of target groups.	
CPOMS Safeguarding Software	CPOMS was introduced to improve tracking of behaviour, safeguarding and welfare issues. These are areas that had been identified as disproportionately affecting <i>disadvantaged pupils</i> .	£600
Peripatetic music lessons	We consider it essential that <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils, as far as possible, have the same opportunities as <i>non-disadvantaged</i> pupils. Participating in music lessons has led to improved self-esteem and engagement. To provide cultural capital. (Creating Cultural Capital: Lee Elliot Major – The Sutton Trust, 2015).	£3,500
Provision of afterschool sports clubs	To develop readiness to learn, confidence and ambition. To provide cultural capital. (Creating Cultural Capital: Lee Elliot Major – The Sutton Trust, 2015)	£2,000
Provision of lunchtime academic clubs	To develop readiness to learn, confidence and ambition with a focus on improving academic achievement in spelling.	£500
Homework Club (Small group tuition before school for homework)	To enable pupils to access a range of IT resources and receive teacher support to help with homework that would otherwise not be completed. To date, this has been shown to improve engagement of pupils and increase self-esteem.	£1,300
Funding to allow <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils to access PGL visit.	We consider it essential that <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils, as far as possible, have the same opportunities as <i>non-disadvantaged</i> pupils. These help to develop readiness to learn, confidence and ambition. To provide cultural capital. (Creating Cultural Capital: Lee Elliot Major – The Sutton Trust, 2015)	£2,040
Funding to allow <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils to access school visits from Nursery to Year 4.	We consider it essential that <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils, as far as possible, have the same opportunities as <i>non-disadvantaged</i> pupils. These help to develop readiness to learn, confidence and ambition. To provide cultural capital. (Creating Cultural Capital: Lee Elliot Major – The Sutton Trust, 2015)	£400
Funding to allow <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils to access other educational visits.	We consider it essential that <i>disadvantaged</i> pupils, as far as possible, have the same opportunities as <i>non-disadvantaged</i> pupils. These help to develop readiness to learn, confidence and ambition. To provide cultural capital. (Creating Cultural Capital: Lee Elliot Major – The Sutton Trust, 2015)	£300
Provision of uniform/vouchers to enable disadvantaged pupils to be appropriately dressed for school including PE activities.	It is important that the basic needs of pupils are met which includes ensuring that their school uniform and PE clothes allow them to participate in all school activities safely and warmly. Inclusivity is furthered through children having standard uniform.	£100
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