

Barnhill Community School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2025-2028

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Barnhill Community High School
Number of pupils in school	1552
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	35% / 541
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	Three years
Date this statement was published	December 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2026
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Pupil premium lead	Andrew Mashida
Governor / Trustee lead	Peter Banks

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£525,560
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	NA
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	NA
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	£525,560

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Pupil Premium funding is provided to support schools in improving the overall educational outcomes of pupils identified as disadvantaged. Research indicates that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds often encounter additional challenges that can affect their learning and consequently, their academic performance tends to be lower than that of their non-disadvantaged peers.

At Barnhill we believe that ALL students can and should succeed despite their social or economic backgrounds. Our intent is to raise aspirations and instil our pupils with the academic and personal qualities needed to be positively active and contributing members of society, capable of achieving success beyond school. All students to graduate from Barnhill as happy, successful, responsible citizens; Changemakers who will go into the wider world and make a positive contribution to society, standing confidently, shoulder to shoulder as equals, with their peer.

Our strategy is informed by research and a variety of data that allows for the identification of the internal and external barriers to learning faced by our disadvantaged pupils. Once barriers are identified, we aim to provide our disadvantaged students with bespoke interventions and appropriate skillset, targeted at overcoming these challenges and barriers to learning using our 3-tiered approach in line with the EEF guidance.

The school's Pupil Premium outcomes over the past five years have consistently exceeded national averages; however, We understand that COVID has affected our students in the short and long term and that these effects may continue. As such, this year's strategy places great importance on CPD for our staff in order to further embed opportunities in every lesson that allow students to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Our Character Curriculum will continue to provide opportunities that strengthen pupils' cultural capital and raise their aspirations

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	<p>Levels of literacy</p> <p>Upon entry in year 7, there is an existing gap of 6% between PP and Non-PP students at reading expected age. There are a range of reading comprehension (vocabulary) strategies implemented through three waves of intervention to close this gap. This is driven by the reading strategy across the whole school.</p>
2	<p>Equitable access to resources and pathways to success</p> <p>Our commitment to our disadvantaged students having equitable access to resources and opportunities is integral to our whole school strategy, enabling them to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world and achieving success. This includes a strategic plan to ensure all students are ready for the next phase of their education and are appropriately ambitious in their goal setting.</p>
3	<p>Independent learning skills</p> <p>Teachers explicitly teach metacognition and self-regulatory strategies and encourage students to explain learning strategies they have acquired. Use viable tactics in lessons to build resilience.</p>
4	<p>Lower levels of attendance</p> <p>On average, there is a 2% gap between PP and Non-PP's attendance to school. This is higher in year 9. Our attendance strategy is robust and prioritises closing this gap through action steps across a three-wave approach. This includes the reduction in unauthorised absences.</p>
5	<p>Suspensions and, or Permanent Exclusions</p> <p>Serious consideration is given to persistent disruptive behaviour resulting in over-representation of disadvantaged students in suspensions and exclusions. Alternative measures are actively sought to address this over-representation, without compromising the safety of our school community.</p>

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>1. Disadvantaged students read accurately, regularly and widely with good comprehension, enabling them to develop literacy skills to easily access the curriculum as well as national and internal assessments. Reading age gaps between PP and non-PP are minimal and inconsistent.</p>	<p>Disadvantaged pupils reading ages improve as they progress through the curriculum. The reading age gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils decreases year upon year. Learning walks, literacy and summative assessments show that reading activities are well embedded across the curriculum. Pupil voice confirms that the benefits of reading is positive. Outcomes at GCSE are closing especially in both English and Maths.</p>
<p>2. Disadvantage students continue to make exceptional progress in all subjects particularly in English and maths. Students consistently take up resources that the school offers to support their learning, e.g. Saturday interventions, enrichment, books, trips and others. Disadvantaged students access level 3 Post 16 courses and secure places at Universities (including Russell Group), employment and apprenticeships.</p>	<p>Disadvantaged students make progress in line (and increasingly above) with the school expectations and significantly above national average. Audit of PP students without resources at home has been carried out to ensure there is no digital deficit. Increased number of disadvantaged students are entered for the full Ebacc qualification. Equal proportions of disadvantage students participate in clubs and trips. Disadvantaged pupils have daily opportunities to read. Students below their chronological reading age are enrolled in one of the school's reading intervention programmes, making sustained rapid progress. PP students are actively encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and attend trips to develop cultural capital. Destination records indicate a rise in the number of disadvantaged students taking up Level 3 (post 16) courses. Sixth form destinations show an increasing number of students go onto higher education, including Russell Group universities, employment and apprenticeships. Disadvantaged students are well represented amongst the Gifted & More Able cohort.</p>
<p>3. Disadvantaged students demonstrate positive attitude to learning. Their contributions have an impact within and beyond the classroom. They</p>	<p>Learning walks demonstrate that students are engaged and active in their learning. The books and assessments of disadvantaged students show sustained progress of knowledge and skills over time with evidence of knowing more, remembering more and applying more.</p>

<p>consistently complete their homework being set and aspire to make better than expected progress.</p>	<p>In addition to student/staff voice school records show positive attitudes to learning. Disadvantaged students are well represented amongst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefects Student council Student Parliament Sixth Form leadership Not an over representation in behaviour incidents. Attitude to Learning data demonstrates increasing higher average point score for disadvantaged students. Not an over representation of homework detentions, IFTS where students are completing their homework tasks in line with non-disadvantage students.</p>
<p>4. Disadvantaged students have excellent levels of attendance and punctuality and the gaps have reduced to below 2%. Student voice shows students feel safe and supported by the school.</p>	<p>Attendance is in line or above national averages and non-PP students. Students with low attendance and punctuality are supported by the attendance and pastoral teams using tactics such as rewards, attendance clinics, reports and parent meetings. Clear and effective use of the school's attendance and punctuality policy, with appropriate referrals made once the threshold is met. Personalised and close contact with home to ensure the school is working in collaboration with parents and students Rewards are proactively promoted with disadvantage students.</p>
<p>5. Disadvantaged students demonstrate increased levels of engagement in lessons and in school planned activities. Pastoral data show improved mental and emotional development, with an increase in positive point achieved by PP students.</p>	<p>An increased number of disadvantaged students will develop self-regulatory and emotional skills to help them manage complex behavioural and relationship situations. The school will focus on cultivating deep-rooted relationships between the teacher and the student. More and more students will participate in school morning programmes that would have a positive bearing on overall school attendance. PP students are achieving high numbers of positive points and actively participating in school life beyond the classroom.</p>

Pupil Premium Spending

Activity in this academic year – 2025-2026

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

Item:	Cost:	Objective:
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Whole school development		
CPD	£10000	A bespoke tailored CPD plan allows for all members of staff to develop in their roles and strengthen Quality First Teaching, leading to low staff turnover and thus an enhanced quality of education for all students.
Staffing	£209,006	Ensuring that students are taught by subjects specialists, experts in their fields in order to expose our pupils to the best that has been thought and said.
PP AHT (1-day P/W)	£16,078	Assistant Head Teacher in charge of tracking and monitoring the progress of PP students that leaders at all levels take accountability and close gaps.
TLR in Maths	£3500	A key responsibility for tracking, identifying PP students and intervening to ensure they achieve as well as non PP.
Assessment:		
Literacy on-line	£8,400	These are carried out twice a year enabling systematic tracking of students' reading ages. This method allows for clear identification of students in need of extra literacy support and review the impact of our reading implementation.
MidYis	£4,076	MidYis is used in the absence of KS2 data. This data is used to ensure all students are set appropriate and aspirational targets.
Access arrangements-testing and invigilation	£1,700	To remove barriers experienced by students during formal examinations in order to ensure students with bespoke needs are not disadvantaged.
Reading Interventions		
Lexia	£2,570	The programme aims to develop student's reading/literacy skills whilst also improving comprehension and bringing students' literacy proficiency in line with their peers.
Thinking Reading	£6,757	An intensive programme aimed at students who are 2 years or more below their chronological reading age, enabling students to make rapid and sustained progress and bring in line with their peers to access the curriculum.
Library refurbishment	£5,600	Promotes the love of reading. Acts as a 'safe' study place for all, in particular students who do not have the correct learning environment at home.
Reading technologies coordinator	£2,254	To ensure that reading is at the heart of the curriculum, introducing a consistent approach across the school to promote reading.

Targeted Academic support		
KS3 and KS4 Raising Standards Leaders	£21,400	To use assessment In order to track and monitor the progress made by students belonging to protected cohorts. Enabling middle leaders with the identification of underperforming students and facilitating the necessary intervention aimed at reducing gaps in knowledge and content.
Director of Rewards and Culture	£1,500	Developing a culture of rewards to promote positive behaviours and active engagement in school life, resulting in respectful and global citizens.
Protected Cohorts English Rep	£1,500	Uses English assessment data to identify underachieving students belonging to the protected cohorts. Advises the department regarding necessary adaptations to intent & implementation that will allow students to make the expected progress and bridge gaps in skill and knowledge.
GAMA (Gifted And Most Able) coordinator	£11,755	Ensures students who make exceptional progress and attainment are recognised and supported in through post 16 and higher education processes. To promote this especially with PP students to raise aspirations.
Out of school hours Interventions. (Saturday) and Half terms.	£100,000	These interventions are targeted at those who would most benefit from learning in smaller groups. COVID catch up plans involve a series of interventions with a particular focus on core subjects.
Yr11 Maths Breakfast Club	£3,000	Students in need of extra support in Maths are able to attend this intervention on a daily basis, building both confidence and knowledge in the subject.
Breakfast/Homework club	£10000	Provide opportunities and appropriate nurture support to enable pupils to access learning beyond the classroom (homework).
Educational resources/ revision guides	£15,000	All disadvantaged students are provided with the necessary resources to access the learning from home. Lack of resources should not be a barrier to learning.
Wider Support		
Attendance support officer	£6,000	Allows for the close tracking and monitoring of student attendance, enabling the pastoral teams to put measures in place aimed at reducing persistent absence and potential school refusers.
Student services	£12,868	Helps students who struggle with organisational skills or encounter emotional barriers to learning overcome barriers in order to maximise learning time in the classroom.
School counsellor	£32,937	A necessary post COVID resource aimed at helping students who struggle to overcome emotional barriers to learning.

EWO attendance services	£10,039	This service works alongside the attendance team in order to prevent further attendance issues and prolonged disruptions to learning as a result of missing school.
Careers	£11,120	Provides all students with the necessary advice and opportunities focussed on educational and career aspirations, leading to an increased uptake of courses at post 16 and employment, education or training at post 18.
Trips & Visits	£10,000	Builds students cultural capital and skill.
Rewards	£5,000	Acts as a constant incentive, celebrating achievements and attitudes.
Mathswatch subscription	£1,500	Remote Maths learning platform that students can access in school and beyond. Encourages pupils to work independently, tackling their own gaps in knowledge.
Resources, equipment, uniform etc	£10,500	To support students financially and ensure equal access to resources
Rewards	£5000	Use funding on meaningful outcome focused rewards which include enrichment opportunities and recognition linked to attendance, behaviour or academic goals.
	Total	525,560

Main activities this academic year:

High Quality Teaching for all

Challenge Number(s) addressed	Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Aim
1/2/3	All staff will receive appropriate CPD to facilitate the development of high-quality teaching. With a particular focus on reading, challenge and checking for understanding. Additionally, the school will have a conscious focus on developing articulation through think, pair, share.	July 2016 DfE Standard for teachers' professional development state that: Professional development must be prioritised by school leadership. The EEF states that investing in high quality teaching should rightly be a top priority for PP funding. Strategies to support this includes CPD and training for staff. Pupil-Premium-2023.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net)	Continue to improve Quality First Teaching and learning experience for all pupils in line with whole school aims. Teachers to have high expectations for all students, where they are all being challenged equally to exceed. There is a consistent and equitable approach to Teaching and Learning at Barnhill.
1/2/3	All staff will participate in 'instructional coaching'- aimed at improving classroom practice and overall quality of provision.'	All staff are assigned a coach who works with them throughout the year, offering observation feedback and granular steps for development in Teaching and Learning. Research Review- Elizabeth Foster 'Coaching is a key job-embedded professional learning strategy that is grounded in day to-day teaching practice, addresses immediate problems of practice, and targets instructional practices with the intent of improving student learning (Croft, Coggshall, Dolan, Powers and Killion, 2010). Coaching is a core element of Learning Forward's comprehensive professional learning work with districts and schools. We therefore have a special interest in research findings about its impact.	Continue to improve High Quality Teaching where staff are actively seeking to refine their core practice and ensure their students have outstanding learning experiences in line with whole school aims. The school creates an environment that promotes growth among both staff and students.
1/2	Extra teachers of core subjects are available across the timetable to allow for targeted small-scale intervention.	Having extra teachers on the core subjects allows for more sets within a year group – reducing some of the class sizes and also for small scale intervention with subject drops. Evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and. Some studies suggest that greater feedback from the teacher, more sustained the engagement in smaller groups, or work which is more closely matched to learners' needs explains this impact. Once group size increases above six or seven there is a noticeable reduction in effectiveness. (EEF). Pupil-Premium-2023.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net)	Provide those who need it with 'extra' opportunities to develop knowledge and skill in core subjects allowing them to make sustained progress over time.

1/2	Raising standards leaders and protected cohort leads ensure pupil premium progress data is readily available and used to inform future teaching, intervention planning and provision in line with student/cohort needs.	Education policy Data is used to identify our school's priorities and future planning for PP students. EEF states it is very important to use both external and internal data to inform decision making. Using careful judgement and insight into the school's needs will enable leaders to strategically plan how to close gaps and improve outcomes. Pupil-Premium-2023.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net)	Providing strong, consistent monitoring to make sure every disadvantaged pupil is noticed, supported and able to stay on track.
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Targeted academic support

Challenge Number(s) addressed	Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Aim
1/2	Reading/Literacy 121 interventions- Thinking Reading	Literacy on-line to have a robust and systematic process to gather and analyse data. Use results to adapt or set up intervention. On average, reading comprehension approaches deliver an additional half year's progress. Successful reading comprehension approaches allow activities to be carefully tailored to pupils' reading capabilities, and involve activities and texts that provide an effective, but not overwhelming, challenge. (EEF)	To ensure disadvantaged pupils reading age is in line or above their expected reading age and gaps are significantly reduced between PP and non-PP.
1/2/3	Saturday academic Interventions and period 6 lessons for KS 4.	The evidence indicates that, on average, pupils make two additional months' progress per year from extended school time. This happens through the targeted use of before and after school programmes. There is evidence indicating that disadvantaged pupils benefit more, making closer to three months' additional progress. There are also often wider benefits for students who come from low-income families, such as increased attendance at school, improved behaviour and better relationships with peers. (EEF)	Bridge the identified gaps in knowledge and skill to allow disadvantaged pupils to continue to make outstanding progress.
4/3	A strategic and robust careers programme to ensure students are appropriately prepared for their post 16 choices.	By aspirations we mean the things children and young people hope to achieve for themselves in the future. To meet their aspirations about careers, university, and further education, pupils often require good educational outcomes and planned guidance. Raising aspirations is therefore often believed to incentivise improved attainment (EEF)	To ensure disadvantaged pupils are able to fulfil their aspirations and remain in employment, education or training beyond 18 years of age
2/4/3	121 Specialist academic tutoring	Using the school's data to formulate mentoring programmes for underperforming students, where PP students will be mentored by experienced teachers who may be able to support students' future goals or help them find their goals and graduate On average, mentoring appears to have a small positive impact on academic outcomes. The impacts of individual programmes vary. (EEF)	Provide disadvantaged students with an academic tutor that can help and support them overcome academic and personal barriers to learning.

Wider strategies

Challenge Number(s) addressed	Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Aim
1-5	EEF and Hillingdon Strategic Board drive to close the disadvantage gap	The school's effort to minimise the disadvantage gap aligns with the Hillingdon and EEF Strategic Board vision and thinking that the drive to close the disadvantage performance gap always starts with the knowledge that equity must sit at the heart of any school curriculum offer.	Use local priorities to frame a clear a common goal focused on disadvantages.
5	Counselling to support emotional health and wellbeing. Upskilling for ELSA	DFE Impact of behaviour and wellbeing on outcomes paper: As children move through the school system, emotional and behavioural wellbeing become more important in explaining school engagement, while demographic and other characteristics become less important. The school to create capacity for more counselling from qualified members of staff to address any social and emotional wellbeing concerns.	Provide a safe and supported environment where disadvantaged pupils can make both academic and personal progress.
1/5	Breakfast Club	More generally, this work shows that health- and nutrition-based policies can have real impact on educational outcomes. In fact, providing a breakfast club in disadvantaged schools looks more cost-effective than both the universal provision of free school meals for infant pupils and many other interventions targeted directly on educational outcomes. (Institute for Fiscal Studies)	To ensure that disadvantaged pupils have access to food which allows for better levels of concentration.
4	Help with cost of educational trips and visits	Outdoor adventure learning studies report wider benefits in terms of self-confidence and self-efficacy. The searches in the Toolkit look for studies that include an academic impact, so there may be a greater number of studies that focus on non-academic outcomes. (EEF)	To enrich the cultural capital of our disadvantaged pupils.
1/2	Help with subject specific resources/materials.	Among the many potential outcomes, the trips have provided many opportunities for students to engage in new experiences which can enhance interest and association in science. The results from these activities are affective and science students are often satisfied with more positive and pleasant feelings towards science learning. (Global Social Sciences Review)	To allow our disadvantaged pupils to learn independently beyond the classroom.

Total budgeted cost: £525,560

Programme	Provider
Lexia	Lexia Learning Systems
Maths Watch	Maths Watch

Tassomai	Tassomai.co.uk
Literacy On-line	

Further information Strategy overview:

