

Hartford Infant and Preschool Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (for the **2025 to 2026** 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 | Hartford Infant and Preschool |
| Number of pupils in school [including preschool] | 145 [inc. Preschool] |
| Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils | 14.5% [15.2% inc. EYPP in Preschool] |
| Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended) | 2023-2024 [review] 2024-2025 [review] 2025-26 |
| Date this statement was published | December 2025 |
| Date on which it will be reviewed | July 2026 |
| Statement authorised by | Rae Lee |
| Pupil premium lead | Heather Wiltshire |
| Governor / Trustee lead | Sian Fortt |

Funding overview

| Detail | Amount |
|---|---------|
| Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year | £70,000 |
| Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year | £0 |
| Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable) | £0 |
| National Tutoring Programme | £0 |
| Total budget for this academic year | £70,000 |
| If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year | |

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of Intent

At Hartford Infant and Preschool, we provide **inclusive** and **aspirational** opportunities for all children, regardless of their socio-economic background so that every child has an **equal chance to succeed as a lifelong learner**. Alongside parents, all staff and governors will support children in a **nurturing** and **affectionate** environment. This encourages children to be **confident** and **curious individuals** who can **communicate** effectively and meet their full potential academically, emotionally, and socially. **We promote an 'I can' attitude where the sky is the limit!**

Challenges

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

| Challenge number | Detail of challenge |
|------------------|--|
| 1 | Hartford Infant and Preschool is above the national average for the proportion of SEN with EHCPs. Hartford Infant and Preschool: 4.1% National average: 3.5% |
| 2 | The school's cohort is in IDACI Band 4/D which makes us eligible for the National School Breakfast Programme [NSBP] . |
| 3 | Hartford Infant and Preschool is above the national average for pupils with EAL. Hartford Infant and Preschool: 24.8% |
| 4 | Attendance is lower than national. Hartford Infant and Preschool: 93.1% National: 94.3% |
| 5 | Persistent absence is higher than national [percentage of KS1 pupils who miss 10% or more sessions] Hartford Infant and Preschool: 23.7% National: 14.6% |

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 |
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| Support the quality of teaching through CPD. Establish strong teachers of reading. | Employees are highly effective in their roles and well prepared to deliver the best possible education, experience and outcomes for all pupils with a focus on reading. Staff are motivated, competent and have high self-esteem. This supports the retention of staff at Hartford Infant and Preschool. |
| Continue to develop our curriculum and staff understanding of play to support learning behaviours in school through an introduction to OPAL. | Improved outcomes for all pupils from their individual starting points. |
| Through rigorous assessment identify children most at risk of under achievement and deliver regular, bespoke interventions and tutoring over a sustained period to support gaps within learning. | Narrow the gap between identified pupils and their peers to meet age related expectations with a particular focus on EYFS and phonics/reading. |
| Raise outcomes to be higher than previous years and ensure academic progress is good or better for all pupils. | Consistently monitor progress of all children and ensure interventions are in place to improve progress. |
| Improve attendance of all children with a particular focus on PP children. | Attendance Matters initiative across the school. Consistent approach to supporting attendance where pupils fall below 96%. |

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:

- £7,500 for Pupil Premium Leader
- £10,000 for CPD and cover

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| CPD: Colourful Semantics | SLC: Provision and Intervention | 1, 2, 3 |
| Accessible Classrooms [STT] | | |
| Supporting Early Language Development [English Hub] | EEF – A School's Guide to Implementation A School's Guide to Implementation EEF | |
| Transforming your School's Reading Culture [English Hub] | Assessment and substance of section of secti | |
| OPAL Playwork Training Home - Outdoor Play and Learning | The open chinesely. | |
| Strengthening Adult Interactions [Early Excellence] | Maximising Learning in Key Stage One & Continuous Provision (NELI) programme is associated with lasting improvements in | |
| NELI [EYFS] | children's language and reading skills <u>The Nuffield Early</u> <u>Language Intervention (NELI) programme is associated with lasting improvements in children's language and reading skills - Hulme - 2025 - Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry - Wiley Online Library</u> | |
| Reading Fluency Project: A Synopsis for KS1 - 2025/2026 | Reading Fluency Project: A Synopsis for KS1 & 2 | |
| Curriculum: Continue to develop continuous provision in Year 1 Continue OPAL journey and design a curriculum for play at lunchtimes | Play-based learning EEF Continuous Provision in KS1 - just until Christmas? Maximising Learning in Key Stage One & Continuous Provision | 1, 2, 3 |

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring and interventions)

Budgeted cost:

- £12360 for School Led tutoring [from Autumn 2] reading fluency, phonics
- £6000 for support staff to deliver bespoke interventions [ERT, Cambugs etc.]
- £600 Bug Club subscription
- £200 Numbots subscription

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Assessment: In Reception and Year 1 continue to carry out phonics assessments fortnightly. Respond to these with three times weekly tutoring. In Year 2 continue to carry out half termly phonics assessments for those children working at the expected standard. Input this data onto Insight and respond with twice weekly tutoring. | The EEF moving forwards, making a difference. Targeted academic support p.18 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| Use YARC reading fluency assessments for some children in Year 2 working towards/below the expected standard. | EEF blog: Reading Fluency Practice in the Primary Classroom EEF Why focus on reading fluency? EEF | |
| In Year 2 carry out termly reading fluency assessments for all children from Spring 1. | Accuracy (Read-fine words correctly) • more words individually extremely accuracy • more words accurate through and extremely accuracy • more words accuracy • The accurac | |
| Continue to monitor and review interventions on Edukey inc. Pupil Premium champions. | Prosoty Fleading with appropriets stress and intensions - Seath intension and program - Seath intension and program - Seath intension and program - Seath intensions and program - Seat | |
| Termly year group data days to standardise and moderate within a year group, including SLT. | | |
| Explore PiXL in Year 2 | | |
| Interventions: 1:1 and/or small group tutoring for Reception phonics to prevent chdn falling behind [using above assessments] with Class Teacher | The EEF moving forwards, making a difference. Targeted academic support p.19 | 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| 1:5 small group tutoring for Y1 children not on track to pass phonics screening. | See further evidence in "teaching" section. | |
| 1:5 small group tutoring for Y2 children not working at age related expectation for reading fluency. | | |
| In KS1 establish small group phonic interventions for disadvantaged pupils falling behind age related expectations e.g. ERT, Cambugs | | |
| Pupil premium champions to offer bespoke support e.g. 1:1 reading. | | |
| NELI in EYFS | | |
| Accelerated reader for GDS readers in Y2. | | |

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

Budgeted cost:

- £9000 for "The Nest" lead TA 3 afternoons a week
- £750 ELSA
- £6500 for play therapist one afternoon a week
- £6000 for trips, extra curricular club and breakfast club subsidiary
- £1000 for milk subsidiary
- £10,000 payback for UFSM

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| ELSA and well-being support: Group support and 1:1 SDQ as main tracking tool Play therapist deliver 1:1 sessions once a week. | EEF Social & Emotional Learning: A guidance document | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| Extra-curricular activities: Two sports clubs per term offered to Pupil Premium children, and subsidies for school trips. New clubs introduced for 2025-26: • Cheerleading Club • Computer Club • Musical Theatre Club • Street Dance • Free Breakfast Club [8.15am] • Cricket Club | Free breakfast clubs: guidance for schools and trusts for phase 1 of the national rollout from April 2026 - GOV.UK | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| Attendance and lateness: Weekly Attendance Meeting [Attendance Officer & SENDCo & HIPS pastoral] Scrutiny of data - supports decision making Liaise with EWO - Attendance comparisons, attendance contract meetings, legal advice for notice to improve, FPNs etc. Attend Attendance Meeting with CAM Trust - impact meeting minutes with a focus on the pillars [Culture, Data-Driven Decision Making, Early Identification and Targeted Support, Inclusive and Supportive School Environments, Training and professional development & Multi-Agency Collaboration] Letters sent to parents, sometimes with an invite for a meeting e.g. 'Attendance Contract Meeting' - inc a focus on early help & follow up review meeting with parents Attendance printout to all parents - half termly Parent Consultations - attendance on agenda Clubs - 8.00am and after school, focus on PP and PA chn Exciting events in school e.g. Authors, poets, scientists Curriculum offer- inc Sparky Start and outcome dates e.g Art Exhibition Attendance Officer calls parents and shares class timetable & low attendance at Y6 Booster groups Attendance Matters- weekly focus on improved attendance with rewards linked to Friday assembly - inc most improved class attendance. FOMO Christmas Event | The EEF moving forwards, making a difference. Targeted academic support p.22 How to encourage good attendance from the very start EEF EEF blog: Taking a tailored approach to improving attendance EEF Attendance-REA-report.pdf | 4, 5 |

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| Persistent Absence: | 4, 5 |
| Weely Attendance Meeting [Attendance Officer & SENDCo & HIPS pastoral], discussion and next steps in place | |
| Comparison spread sheets to track improvements and inform decisions | |
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| Correspondence with parents - poster from LA | |
| Correspondence with parents - poster from LA School issue FPNs - [need to ensure trust wide consistency EB/OB] | |
| School issue FPNs – [need to ensure trust wide consistency | |
| School issue FPNs – [need to ensure trust wide consistency EB/OB] Targeted Support - from Inclusive Education – work with | |

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 2024 to 2025 academic year.

| Aim | | Outcome | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Support the quality of teaching through CPD, mentoring and coaching e.g. to develop UQT. Establish strong middle leaders and other individ- | with personal, social and emo support literacy skills in recep Rethinking the Environment to school has been disseminated overview on sharepoint). | otional needs. Reception teachers took partion. Year 1 teachers and teaching assist raining to support continuous provision and to the rest of the teaching team via PLN and has been observed through learning we | tants took part in Early Excellence – nd the adult role. CPD received outside of Ms where necessary. (Evidence: CPD | | |
| ual needs. | | | | | |
| Develop our curriculum and staff understanding of play to support learning behaviours in school through an introduction to OPAL. | January 2025]. All staff have of play resources have been have been created. Play lead meetings for play leaders tak development of OPAL and g have had RAPID risk CPD. O | taken part in OPAL training to enhance of gathered/made and gradually introduced ders have been assigned to facilitate play as eplace and weekly play assemblies are live children autonomy over their play. All DPAL has also been incorporated into ondparents [and parents/carers] were invited. | and maintain the resources. Weekly OPAL | | |
| Through rigorous assessment identify children most at risk of under | Children were identified for interventions using key teacher and statutory assessments (Baseline, Phonics Screening Check). Interventions were regularly monitored, updated and reviewed on Edukey. (Evidence: Edukey provisions). Bi weekly phonics assessments focussing on grapheme/phoneme recognition and ability to blend words using these phonemes were completed in Reception and Year 1 to identify individual needs and interventions/tutoring were provided. Small group phonics interventions were provided in year 1 and 2. 1:1 reading, and writing and maths group interventions were provided in Reception. | | | | |
| achievement and deliver | | ns offered bespoke support for individual children including 1:1 reading. PP Champion viewed and updated on Edukey (Evidence: Edukey provisions). | | | |
| regular, bespoke interventions and tutoring over a sustained period to support gaps within | Attainment gap between PP and non PP not narrowed despite bespoke interventions put into place (Evidence: | | | | |
| learning. | | % making expected progress in Posding | % making accelerated progress in Reading | | |
| | Reception | % making expected progress in Reading 40% [17% non.PP -23%] | 60% [83% non PP +23%] | | |
| | Year 1 | 78% [81% <u>non PP</u> +3%] | 0% [33% <u>nan PP</u> +12%] | | |
| | Year 2 | 38% [71% non PP +33%] | 54% [29% non PP -25%] | | |
| | | % making expected progress in Writing | % making accelerated progress in Writing | | |
| | Reception | 60% [17% <u>non PP</u> -43%] | 40% [78% <u>non PP</u> +38%] | | |
| | Year 1 | 89% [83% <u>non PP</u> -6%] | 0% [7% non PP +38%] | | |
| | Year 2 | 46% [82% <u>non PP</u> +36%] 46% [8% <u>non PP</u> -38%] | | | |

| | | % making expected progre | ess in Maths | % making ac | celerated p | rogress | in Ma | iths |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------|-------|
| | Reception | 40% [17% non PP - | 23%] | 60% | 60% [83% <u>non PP</u> +23%] | | | |
| | Year 1 | 78% [93% non PP + | 15%1 | 0% [2% non | | 1 PP +2%1 | | |
| | Year 2 | 54% [76% non PP + | | | 38% [13% non PP -25%] | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Raise outcomes to be nigher than | Progress across the school than the previous year. | shows a higher percentage | of PP children | making above | expected | progre | ss in | RWN |
| revious years | Progress Overview for Pupils (from 2024-2025 | i) in Years R–2, who are disadvantaged – 2024-2 | 2025 Autumn 2 to 2024-20 | 025 Summer 2 Main Asse | ssment | | | Print |
| nd ensure | Legend Below Expected Expected Progress (0) Above Expected Insufficient Data | | | | | | | |
| cademic rogress is good | Reading 29 pupils · Average: +0.1 | 59% | | | 31% | | | 7% |
| r better for all | Writing 29 pupils · Average: +0.1 | 69% | | | 2 | 4% | | 7% |
| upils | Maths 29 pupils · Average: +0.1 | | 76% | | | 14% | | 7% |
| | Progress Overview for Pupils in class RM5, RM6 | , RM1, RM2, RM3 or RM4, who are disadvantaged | I – 2023-2024 Autumn 2 to | 2023-2024 Summer 2 Mai | n Assessment | | ₽ Print | 1 |
| | Legend Below Expe | cted Expected Progress (0) Above Expected | Insufficient Data | | | | | |
| | Reading 45 pupils · Average: +0.1 | | 82% | | | 7% | 7% | |
| | Writing 45 pupils · Average: +0.1 | | 78% | | | 9% | 7% | |
| | Maths 45 pupils · Average: +0.1 | | 80% | | | 9% | 7% | |
| | 2025 | | 2024 | | | | | |
| | Reading [working at ARE+] | | | | Reading [working at ARE+] Pupil Premium | | | |
| | Whate are all | Pupil Premium 45% | Whole school | | 40% | ipii Preiiliu | ··· | |
| | Whole school Reception | 40% | Reception | | 36% | | | |
| | Year 1 | 44% | Year 1 | | 33% | | | |
| | Year 2 | 54% | Year 2 | | 47% | | | |
| | | Writing [working at ARE+] | | | Writing | working a | + ADE+1 | |
| | | Pupil Premium | | | | pil Premiu | | T |
| | Whole school | 38% | Whole school | | 33% | | | |
| | Reception | 60% | Reception | | 36% | | | |
| | Year 1 | 33% | Year 1 | | 33% | | | |
| | Year 2 | 38% | Year 2 | | 32% | | | |
| | | | | | 8.0-4b- | | -4 ADE : | , |
| | | Maths [working at ARE+] Pupil Premium | T | | | [working a Pupil Premi | | 1 |
| | Whole school | 41% | Whole school | | 40% | | | |
| | Reception | 80% | Reception | | 45% | | | |
| | Year 1 | 33% | Year 1 | | 40% | | | |
| | Year 2 | 38% | Year 2 | | 37% | | | |
| mprove ttendance of Il children with particular ocus on PP | Attendance has been a who introduced to increase atten supported on an individual be Individual families have had Attendance Initiative, school | dance across the school. Propasis. Free breakfast club hat attendance letters, as well a | upil Premium o as been offered | children have bed to improve at | een closel tendance a | y monit and late | ored eness | and |

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

| Programme | Provider |
|---|-------------------------|
| Reading Fluency Project [HfL] - informed reading intervention designed to support struggling readers to make swift progress towards reaching age-related expectations. | Herts for Learning |
| ERT [Expanded Rehearsal Technique] | Cambs Learn Together |