

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 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. This is a rolling 3 year strategy plan part B evaluates last academic year's (2021-2022) intervention and impact.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	The Dean Academy
Number of pupils in school	543
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	31% (169)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-2022 (reviewed) 2022 – 2023 2023 - 2024
Date this statement was published	December 2022
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2023
Statement authorised by	Richard Brand
Pupil premium lead	Hannah Rowlands
Governor / Trustee lead	Kate Evans

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 166, 625
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 38, 904
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£ 0
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	£ 205, 529

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Research conducted by the EEF concludes that common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties and attendance and punctuality issues.

Our intention at The Dean Academy is that all pupils; irrespective of their background, prior attainment or the challenges they face; will play a full and successful part in the academic and wider school community and to raise achievement of all our students, whilst closing the gap between vulnerable student groups. We aim to remove the barriers faced by our PP students (e.g., attendance, literacy) and for post 16 destination data to show an increase the PP number of students accessing level 3 pathways.

We will ensure that all teaching staff can identify disadvantaged pupils and are aware of strengths and areas for improvement across the school. The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve their goals, including progress for those who are already high attainers. We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

We aim to meet student needs by providing:

- Exceptional teaching and learning
- A broad, tailored and aspirational curriculum
- Expert support out of the classroom
- Thoughtful personal development for all students
- High quality extra-curricular provision
- Individual support for students who need it

Quality first teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This 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.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme and use of the Brilliant Club

for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils.

Our 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:

- Ensuring high quality teaching and curriculum in every classroom
- Act early to intervene at the point need is identified by using regular and intelligent assessment (QLA) to identify gaps in student knowledge and understanding.
- Improving literacy across the school and embedding a culture of reading in all year groups
- Ensuring high levels of attendance for all students
- Targeted academic support through the Brilliant Club Tutoring Program
- Improving literacy across the school through the established reading program and development of oracy
- Targeted pastoral and wellbeing support through counselling, mentoring, exam anxiety, aspirations and careers support programs
- Excellent opportunities for independent study for all through P6 program alongside homework as the norm

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge		
1	Disadvantaged students enter The Dean Academy with lower prior attainment than their non disadvantaged peers and the gap continues to grow throughout KS3 and KS4, preventing access to our ambitious curriculum. The table show CAT score rankings for the last 3 years		
	2021	2020	2019
Cohort Size	109	84	125
No. PP	29	28	44
No. Non PP	80	56	81
PP Below	34%	25%	32%
Non PP Below	23%	18%	19%
GAP	-12%	-7%	-13%
PP Average	62%	68%	61%
Non PP Average	60%	63%	67%
GAP	-2%	-5%	5%
PP Above	3%	7%	5%
Non PP Above	18%	18%	15%
GAP	-14%	-11%	10%

	PP V.High	0%	0%	2%
	Non PP V.High	0%	0%	0%
	GAP	0%	0%	2%
2	Pupil premium students at greater risk of fixed term and permanent exclusion although improvements have been seen in the last 2 years			
		No.	PEX	FTE
				Days Lost
	All 18/19	102	2	160
	PP 18/19	61	0	102
	All 19/20	64	2	88
	PP 19/20	37	2	53
	All 20/21	47		69
	PP 20/21	25		41
3	Attendance although the GAP is narrowing, is still lower in disadvantaged students in comparison to non-disadvantaged peers and below national average. The percentage of students who are persistently absent and PP is disproportionate for the PP percentage of students			
	Term	% PA	% PA & PP	% PA & PP & SEND
	18/19	17.48	46.85	35.14
	19/20	18.68	45.69	25
	20/21	24.48	48.57	23.57
	2021/22 to 08/11	39.82	36.87	20.28
	Year	PP atd %	Non PP atd %	GAP
	2019/2020	91.12	94.67	-3.55%
	2020/2021	87.70	90.55	-2.85%
4	In school observations, data and discussions with students and families suggest that the education and wellbeing of many of our disadvantaged pupils have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other pupils. These findings are backed up by several national studies. This has resulted in significant knowledge gaps resulting in students falling further behind age-related expectations. This has also led to a reduction in parental engagement for PP students with whole school parental events.			
5	Lack of aspiration and / or awareness of opportunities of some disadvantaged students resulting in reduction of disadvantaged students engaging with extra-curricular offer and increased risk of these students becoming NEET when they leave school without appropriate careers and progression mentoring			
6	Our assessments, observations and discussions with students and families have identified social and emotional issues for many students, such as anxiety, and low self-esteem. This is partly driven by concern about catching up lost learning and exams/future prospects, and the lack of enrichment opportunities due to the pandemic. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged pupils, including their attainment. This has also led to a			

	reduction in parental engagement for PP students with whole school parental events.												
7	Observations and work reviews suggest many lower attaining disadvantaged pupils lack metacognitive / self-regulation strategies when faced with challenging tasks, notably in their monitoring and evaluation of their answers. This is indicated across the curriculum, particularly maths and science.												
8	<p>Assessments, observations and discussion with KS3 students indicate that disadvantaged students generally have lower levels of reading ages and comprehension than peers. This impacts their progress in all subjects.</p> <p>NGRT results for 3 years</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PP average</td> <td>11.66</td> <td>11.13</td> <td>10.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non PP Average</td> <td>13.05</td> <td>12.88</td> <td>12.22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2019	2020	2021	PP average	11.66	11.13	10.85	Non PP Average	13.05	12.88	12.22
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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
Close the progress gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged with a view of disadvantaged students at The Dean Academy performing close to national average for P8, A8 and E&M4+	<p>Reduce the GAP between PP and Non PP students at the Dean Academy to below -0.45 or better by 2024.</p> <p>Increase A8 score to 40 or better by 2024</p> <p>Increase/sustain % of students achieving 4+E&M to 50%</p>
<p>Close the attendance gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged</p> <p>Disadvantaged students have below national average of persistent absence</p>	<p>Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced to 2.5% the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 15% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils 35% of that number

<p>To improve the literacy of all our students through use of accelerated reader, focus on tutor time reading program and launching phase 2 of our literacy plan – ORACY.</p> <p>Staff will be trained on the techniques/strategies needed and provided time to follow up with this and generate resources.</p> <p>Specialist support to be provided to those not secondary ready via Lexia, RWI, BOOST interventions.</p>	<p>Reading comprehension tests demonstrate improved comprehension skills among disadvantaged pupils and a smaller disparity between the scores of disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. Teachers should also have recognised this improvement through engagement in lessons and book scrutiny.</p>
<p>To use our Pastoral Support programmes including the rebranded Student Support Centre to achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all students who need additional support through high quality pastoral intervention, including counselling, mentoring and careers/progression support.</p>	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations. <p>a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>Training within pastoral team to make sure the rebranded centre meets the needs of the students as they present now.</p>
<p>Improved metacognitive and self-regulatory skills among disadvantaged pupils across all subjects.</p>	<p>High quality CPD delivered to staff on working memory and metacognition by 2022.</p> <p>High quality personal development sessions delivered to students on working memory and metacognition by 2022. Metacognitive talk to be a regular lesson feature by 2024. Teacher reports and class observations suggest disadvantaged pupils are more able to monitor and regulate their own learning. This finding is supported by homework completion rates across all classes and subjects.</p>
<p>Reduce the FTE of disadvantaged students</p>	<p>Reduce the % of FTE to below 6% by 2024</p>
<p>Increase the number of disadvantaged students being entered for EBACC suite of qualifications</p>	<p>Increase in the number of students whole school taking EBAAC from 31% 38% in 2024 with a balance of disadvantaged students.</p>
<p>Disadvantaged students to engage in a wide range of enrichment activities to the</p>	<p>An effective system of tracking of participation is put in place</p>

same level as their Non-disadvantaged peers	Levels of engagement for PP students is in line with Non-PP students by 2024
Increase PP parents' engagement with school	Attendance at parents evening for PP is in line with their peers by 2024

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: £102, 765

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Improve quality of T&L across all subjects by continuing effective CPD based on Rosenshine's Principles to ensure all students are able to make progress, with disadvantaged students closing the gap with non-disadvantaged peers.	Evidenced-based research on Cognitive Science (from which Rosenshine takes its principles) shows that the biggest impact on student progress is ensuring the quality of teaching is strong and consistently implemented practice using Rosenshine's findings means knowledge recall, chunking, modelling and questioning will all improve	1, 5, 7
Implement Powerful Action Steps coaching programme delivered by SLT and selected middle leaders to develop and sustain quality first teaching based on Rosenshine's principles	The Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF) recent guidance report on implementing initiatives in schools, placed instructional coaching at the heart of its outline of effective practice. EEF Implementation Guide The EEF's recent guidance report on effective professional development refers to the use of coaching as one of the most effective methods EEF Professional Development Guide	1, 5, 7
Developing metacognitive and self-regulation skills in all pupils. This will involve ongoing teacher training and support and release time.	Teaching metacognitive strategies to pupils can be an inexpensive method to help pupils become more independent learners. There is particularly strong evidence that it can have a positive impact on maths attainment:	1, 7

	Metacognition and self-regulation Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	
<p>Improving literacy in all subject areas in line with recommendations in the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools guidance.</p> <p>This will be done by continuing with our successful reading program and developing stage 2 ORACY.</p>	<p>Acquiring disciplinary literacy is key for students as they learn new, more complex concepts in each subject:</p> <p>Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools</p> <p>Reading comprehension, vocabulary and other literacy skills are heavily linked with attainment in maths and English:</p> <p>word-gap.pdf (oup.com.cn)</p>	1, 8
<p>Over staff in key areas /core subjects in readiness for the growing number of students and increased small group sizes and team teaching.</p>	<p>Evidence for in-class small group tuition</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition</p> <p>Small group tuition can add 4 months of progress, particularly impactful if targeted based on assessment data</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reducing-class-size</p>	1, 7, 8
<p>Improved 'intelligent assessment' through use of QLAs across the school, to identify early gaps in student knowledge and understanding</p> <p>-Invest in standardised assessment where appropriate</p> <p>- CPD on 'intelligent assessment' and use of assessment to increase speed of being able to intervene when students are struggling</p>	<p>Within 'intelligent assessment' and responding to assessment, feedback is critical – evidence for this comes from EPI/EEF: Systematic-Review-of-Feedback-EPPI-2021.pdf</p>	1, 8
<p>Associate assistant headteacher post created to launch, run and monitor homework whole school initiative linked to Rosenshine.</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/extending-school-time</p>	1, 5, 7, 8

<p>Provide a staffed home-work club and late bus home for those students attending.</p> <p>Individual P6 timetable of subject specific support for each Y11 student with victory hour available for further support if needed,</p>		
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Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 57, 548

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Engaging with the National Tutoring Programme using Brilliant Club to provide a blend of tuition, mentoring and school-led tutoring and support (via P6 and victory hour) for students whose education has been most impacted by the pandemic. 80% of those receiving tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers.</p>	<p>Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining pupils or those falling behind, both one-to-one:</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p> <p>And in small groups:</p> <p>Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	1, 5, 8
<p>Providing subject specific revision and intervention sessions (P6, victory hour, homework initiative) Providing specific revision material e.g. revision guides</p>	<p>Engagement scores for PP students during lockdown was lower than that of their peers, suggesting larger gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>In house assessment data suggests that targeted academic intervention of grade 4/5 students has had a significant impact in mocks in previous years. This is supported by the EEF Toolkit (2021)</p>	1, 5, 8

	which reports that extending school day has an effect of + 3 Months.	
<p>Reading intervention for disadvantaged pupils who need additional help to comprehend texts and address vocabulary gaps.</p> <p>Lexia RWI Accelerated reader</p>	<p>Accelerated reader has been reported (Baye, Slavin, & Haslam, 2019) to have a significant effect size of +0.24 (p<.05).</p> <p>Reading comprehension strategies can have a positive impact on pupils' ability to understand a text, and this is particularly the case when interventions are delivered over a shorter timespan:</p> <p>Reading comprehension strategies Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	1, 8

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

Budgeted cost: £45, 216

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Embedding principles of good practice set out in DfE's Improving School Attendance advice.</p> <p>Improve and continue to use weekly attendance tracker led by HoY - weekly tracking by tutors and follow up with external agencies to develop support for removal of external barriers</p> <p>Evaluate attendance and communication with families to identify students to work with.</p> <p>Employ attendance officer who will regularly communicate attendance information with all teaching staff.</p>	<p>Research presented by organisations such as Welsh Assembly Government (2011) & Durrington Research School (2018) suggest that the identified activities all have a significant impact on attendance outcomes for PP student</p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6

<p>Targeted pastoral and well-being support through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling • Mentoring provisions • EDI TLR post • Aspirations (aspirations TLR) and careers support programmes including careers <p>- Student Support Centre CPD and time to support relevant students</p>	<p>Impact of Behaviour Interventions on student progress:</p> <p>Behaviour Interventions - EEF</p> <p>Strong evidence that CBT interventions support young people's social and emotional skills and can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression:</p> <p>Adolescent mental health: A systematic review on the effectiveness of school-based interventions Early Intervention Foundation (eif.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 6</p>
<p>Establish a working relationship with GFAPS for our alternative provision, including the use of our facilities to support our most at risk students.</p>	<p>Effect sizes reported by Hattie (2016) show that behavioural intervention programmes have an effect size of 0.62 and specific interventions linked to needs has an effect size of 0.77.</p>	<p>2, 4, 5, 6</p>
<p>Increase Parents Evening engagement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop early online booking for PP parents • Where PP parents have not attended, encourage alternative contact via Pastoral staff 	<p>Current anecdotal evidence suggests that many PP parents unaware of parents evening resulting in poorer attendance (approx. 10% gap)</p> <p>EEF Toolkit (2021) reports that that effective parental engagement can have +2 months benefit to student progress</p>	<p>4, 6</p>
<p>Improve disadvantaged student access to extra-curricular activities to increase their cultural capital in line with their non disadvantaged peers. E.g. funded musical peripatetic lessons, funded school trips. Including creating associate assistant head post to launch, run and monitor house system.</p>	<p>Research suggests levelling the playing field for progress at KS4 and beyond plays a vital role and access to extra-curricular activities is vital to this.</p> <p>DFE Report on Social Mobility and access to extra curricular activities</p>	<p>1, 4, 5, 6</p>

Total budgeted cost: £ 205, 529

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 2021 to 2022 academic year. Below is a review of the intended outcomes from our strategy plan for 2021-2022. Although this is part of a 3 year plan, some significant gains were made against our intended outcomes.

Outcomes GCSE 2021-22

Disadvantaged students did not make the progress at GCSE that non-disadvantaged students did.

	All	PP	Non PP
P8	-0.03	-0.53	+0.21
A8	43.82	37.88	46.48
E & M 5+	35%	24%	41%
E & M 4+	58%	47%	63%

The gap has remained consistent since the last set of external GCSE exams in 2019.

Attendance 2021-22

Attendance for PP students last academic year was 84.71% and for non PP was 90.52%. This represents a gap of -5.81%

Teaching & Learning 2021-22

During the academic year 2021-2022 there was a focus upon Quality First teaching to support the provision for Disadvantaged learners which will result in positive outcomes for all students. During the Ofsted inspection in September 2021, the inspectors noted the progress that has been made in key areas encompassed within our Pupil Premium Strategy:

1. They noted the positive impact that the interventions to improve literacy was having upon the students:
“Pupils are eager readers. They relish the books they share with their tutors and peers. Some pupils are not confident readers when they join the school. Teachers adapt the curriculum so that these pupils gain the fluency they need.”
2. The raising of aspirations for all learners was commented upon, including access to quality careers education, a variety of trips, and the provision of free musical instrument tuition for all disadvantaged learners who wish to participate:
“Leaders make a concerted effort to raise the aspirations of pupils. Pupils speak highly of the careers education they receive. Encounters with employers are well organised and the vast majority of pupils participate... Leaders also use the arts to inspire and

motivate pupils. A large proportion of disadvantaged pupils receive free musical instrument tuition.”

3. The provision of after school support for students, providing them with a place to work and revise with support of their teachers was commented upon:
“Staff work hard to motivate pupils to make their career plans a reality. For example, Year 11 pupils can sign up for ‘Victory Hour’, an after-school club where teachers are on hand to support with revision.”

4. The increasing numbers of all students entered for the EBACC suite of qualifications was noted:
“The proportion of pupils entered for the English Baccalaureate is low but rising to reflect the school’s growing confidence and ambition. In particular, staff are encouraging more and more pupils to value foreign language learning.”

Staff CPD focused upon embedding of Rosenshine’s Principles and Metacognition, which has seen an improvement in students becoming independent learners and taking ownership over their learning. Quality of teaching is reviewed via regular SLT “drop ins” and more formal faculty reviews. These involve a focus on disadvantaged students and the experience that they receive in the classroom. There has been an emphasis on homework which is now becoming embedded as a part of the culture of the school.

In March 2022, The Dean Academy was part of the Athelstan Trust Disadvantage Learner Review in the expressive arts. The Disadvantage Lead took part in the review, in the final report it was stated that, “Positive and supportive relationships with disadvantaged students is evident across all the Athelstan schools. This picture is supported in the student voice, where high numbers of disadvantaged students described their enjoyment of lessons, feel consistently able to join in and feel supported by their teacher.”

Academic Support 2021-2022

A number of students participated in The Brilliant Club NTP across all core subjects, both at key stage 3 and key stage 4. For the new academic year we will be introducing some tutoring in English and Maths coordinated by our own teaching staff. Period 6 has become a compulsory part of the day for Year 11 students in 2022-23 on 2 days per week and Victory Hour continues to run, thus providing those learners who do not have a quiet place to focus on their studies at home to remain in school and complete their studies there.

“Extra Mile” has been introduced for Year 10 students, where they can choose to stay on in school 2 days per week and receive some supported additional revision with teachers on hand to guide where appropriate. This was run for core subjects in 2021-22 and is being rolled out to other subjects in 2022-23.

A homework club continues to run after school for 4 days per week to provide those students who wish to remain on site to complete their homework with the school’s facilities.

The AHT in charge of data reviews data after every significant data drop and liaises with DoFs during the progress review schedule to discuss the progress of Disadvantaged students and the proposed strategies to support them in specific subject areas. These reviews also identify disadvantaged students who are not making the progress they should be from all key stages, and from academic year 2022-23 this will lead to 360° reviews with mentoring and bespoke strategies put in place to support the academic progress of these learners.

Wider Strategies 2021-22

A weekly attendance tracker has been established by the DHT, with HoY taking ownership over the dissemination of this information with their team of tutors and early attendance conversations are had between the tutors and parents/carers, thus establishing positive relationships. An attendance officer has also been employed who has established positive relationships with the families of some of PA students and has successfully supported the return to school and improved attendance of a number of students.

In October a number of disadvantaged students were taken to Jamie's Farm with 2 members of staff, including a member of the Pastoral Support Team. This week supported students in their team building, overcoming problems, prioritising and taking responsibility. This relationship with Jamie's Farm will continue for following academic years.

A member of staff has also been employed as Aspirations Lead and has successfully coordinated a number of trips, visits and guest speakers for all year groups, with funding used to support access for all disadvantaged students.

A member of SLT has taken the responsibility for coordination of a comprehensive suite of extra-curricular provision for all students, with attendance and tracking being set up.

To support the mental health of disadvantaged students we have employed an extra PT counsellor and are working with an external provider who is using Emotional Logic to guide our students in the development of strategies to overcome barriers to dealing with change and challenge.

Overall, 2021-22 demonstrated that the innovative approaches put in place in the 3 year strategy are starting to have a positive impact on the learning experience of disadvantaged students at The Dean Academy.

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
Aspirations	Kamal
Raising attainment in English and Maths	Pet-XI
Raising aspirations workshop	GROWS

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	

Further information (optional)

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