

February 2024 UPDATE

PUPIL PREMIUM (PP) STRATEGY STATEMENT 2023-24 to 2025-26

REVIEW February 2026

School overview

School name: Marazion

Number of pupils: 118

% PP eligible pupils: Year R/KS1:21%; KS2:40% - TOTAL 34%

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PP Lead: Sara Oliver, Assistant Headteacher

Governor Lead: Annia McNeill, Link Governor: PP children

Funding overview

PP funding allocation 2023-24: £50925

Recovery/School Led Tutoring funding allocation 2023-24: £1994

PP funding c/f from previous year: £0

Total budget for 2023-24: £52919

Statement of Intent

Marazion School's curriculum builds resilience, independence, resourcefulness, creativity and empathy and aims to respect uniqueness and individual talents. Young children need to be encouraged to be themselves: we must talk; listen; support. Our children have a voice, and they know it is heard. We value the importance of an enriched curriculum bespoke to our school created with input from all of us, supporting the whole child to make good progress and be the BEST they can be. These experiences are essential for children to be happy and to thrive, learn and be successful. This is the focus for our PP strategy.

We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable children, for example young carers. The activity detailed in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are PP children or not. **It must be noted that the number of vulnerable children in our school has increased significantly due to the current cost of living crisis. Families are still facing financial hardship due to the cost of living, including high energy costs.**

Consistent high quality teaching is a key driver in closing the PP attainment gap and also benefits non-PP children in our school. We have the intention that non-PP children's attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for PP children.

Our strategy is also linked to wider school plans for education recovery, including a rigorous early intervention programme alongside a robust one to one tuition programme, a daily breakfast club as well as effective support for emotional wellbeing, for children whose education and mental health have been worst affected, including PP children.

Our approach will respond to common barriers and identify levers to support individual needs using a Plan - Do - Review cycle, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment:

- Maintaining a whole school approach, with consistent high expectations of what children can achieve, including PP children
- Embedding rigorous early intervention programmes
- Embedding a whole school emotional wellbeing offer
- Embedding a whole school approach to supporting our families through the cost of living crisis
- Monitoring progress effectively and efficiently in order to identify further actions.

Challenges - barriers to educational achievement:

1. Post pandemic issues; turbulent world events; isolation and loneliness; coastal location

PP children are impacted by the above. A post pandemic national school funding crisis together with turbulent world events means that school communities continue to operate in 'crisis response.' The psychological stress is significant. We must protect the sustainability of our education system and the wellbeing of all our stakeholders: children, staff, parents and governors. We must continue to work to relieve some of the psychological stress on our school community and build resilience for all. Social and emotional issues have significantly increased for many children and adults. PP children have been impacted by all the above to a greater extent - these findings are supported by national studies.

2. Post pandemic staff recruitment and retention

Consistent high quality teaching and learning support is essential for children to make good progress and reach their full potential. The recruitment of staff in all roles remains challenging. This is a local and national picture.

3. Post pandemic pupil absence

There continues to be some high level of pupil absence due to illness. There have been recent outbreaks of impetigo; measles; strep throat; whooping cough; chickenpox. Some children have been off school due to illness for longer due to the severity of the illness.

4. Low baseline entry into school, including:

- a. literacy, communication and language - 64% of all current reception pupils had insufficient evidence to provide feedback in certain areas of RBA
- b. maths - 73% of all current reception pupils had insufficient evidence to provide feedback in certain areas of RBA
- c. 55% (6 pupils) of current reception PP pupils were assessed as having a low baseline entry into school.

Children start our school with under-developed oral language skills, vocabulary and number sense, resulting in a low baseline entry into school. This is more prevalent in our PP children. 86% of KS1 PP children receive additional phonics support and were identified as not on track during Phonics Pupil Progress meetings.

5. Gaps in children's understanding

A Marazion testing calendar, including PIRA, YARC and White Rose tests, are used to assess gaps in children's knowledge and understanding, informing the organisation and management of intervention programmes for both PP and non-PP pupils.

6. Financial hardship; low levels of employment; limited experiences; lack of aspiration

PP children have limited opportunities for enrichment outside of school. This leads to PP children revealing less independence; self-esteem; responsibility and resilience. Some extra-curricular activities and school residential visits carry a cost, which can be prohibitive for parents of PP/vulnerable children. **Financial hardship for families in Marazion School has significantly increased due to the cost of living crisis.**

7. Poor diet and lack of exercise

Some PP children do not have breakfast every day, have a poor diet and are not active. This, again, is both a local and national picture.

Intended outcome

➤ Achieving and sustaining improved wellbeing for our school community

Success criteria: School communities no longer operate in 'crisis response.'

Psychological stress is significantly reduced for the school community. Staff, families and children can access early support for poor emotional wellbeing. There is continuity and stability, with some brilliant lessons learnt that are retained (COVID keeps) and reinvented (brought back but approached differently) in addition to being restored (returning to usual). Children and adults feel emotionally secure in school.

➤ Manageable staff absence

Success criteria: Staff absence levels are much lower and can be managed with the use of existing staff in school, local schools and supply agencies.

➤ Lower levels of pupil absence

Success criteria: There is not an unprecedented level of pupil absence **due to regular outbreaks of serious illness.**

➤ Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among PP children

Success criteria: Assessments and observations show significant improvements in oral language and vocabulary in PP children. This is explicit when triangulated with other evidence, which is captured through session observations; book looks; phonics progress meetings; learning walks and ongoing formative assessment

➤ Closing the gap between attainment and age expectations in reading, writing and maths for PP children/non-PP children

Success Criteria: The attainment gap between PP and non-PP children is reducing

➤ Improved life chances for PP children who develop ambitious aspirations

Success criteria: Marazion School curriculum is broad, balanced and ambitious with a wide range of enrichment experiences, including residential visits. PP children reveal independence; self-esteem; responsibility and resilience as well as ambitious aspirations. All children, irrespective of economic wellbeing to be able to access school's curriculum including extra-curricular activities. High attendance of clubs by PP children. PP children take part in school residential visits.

➤ Support for food poverty - PP/vulnerable children have a healthy breakfast

Success criteria: Children experiencing food poverty can access a daily hearty breakfast. Children eat well, understanding the importance of a healthy diet and being active. A healthy, hearty breakfast is a great start to learning for the day.

Activity - PP and recovery spending

Targeted academic support - Budgeted Cost: £39309

- **Early Literacy/Maths Support programme** to deliver *Fischer Family Trust; Same day intervention; Pre-teaching; Daily Reading; White Rose Place Value Intervention*

Research shows that early intervention is essential in order to accelerate children's progress. These programmes focus on speech and language skills; early reading and early writing; early number skills. Early intervention sessions are planned at least x 3 weekly and daily for some children.

[Teaching Assistant Interventions | EEF \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)
[Oral language interventions | Toolkit Strand | Education Endowment Foundation | EEF](#)

Challenge number(s) addressed: 1, 3, 4, 5

- **Focus Phonics Support programme** to deliver phonics sessions to individual focus children and/or small groups

Our targeted phonics interventions have been very successful over time. This programme is planned, monitored and adjusted following 6-8 weekly Phonics Pupil Progress Meetings, which identify focus children and further actions that are needed to accelerate progress in phonics.

Challenge number(s) addressed: 1, 3, 4

- **One to One Tuition Programme** to deliver one to one tuition to individual children and small groups

Our targeted one to one sessions have been very successful over time, accelerating progress and delivering high impacts on reading, writing and maths.

Challenge number(s) addressed: 1, 3, 4, 5

[One to one tuition | EEF \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)
[Small group tuition | Toolkit Strand | Education Endowment Foundation | EEF](#)

The above programmes are monitored and evaluated, at least termly, by the SENCO as part of a Plan - Do - Review cycle and are delivered by additional adults. Some staff work across classes during the school day, leading sessions with individual children and/or small groups. Other staff lead sessions before and after school, again with individual children and/or small groups. The programmes run from Year 1 to Year 6.

Wider strategies - Budgeted Cost: £13610

- **School Counsellors (SC)** as part of the Marazion School Staff Team, working in school on Mondays and Tuesdays

Most theories of learning and pedagogical approaches are underpinned by the understanding that children need to be in an emotionally 'ready state to learn.' Our SCs provides early support for emotional wellbeing in school, raising awareness of the importance of providing early solutions to mental health issues. Mental health is discussed openly. Pupils and families gain knowledge of a range of strategies to cope with and manage their own mental health in order to improve emotional wellbeing.

[Advice template \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Evidence Base \(traumainformedschools.co.uk\)](#)

[The 5 Levels of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs \(verywellmind.com\)](#)

Challenge number(s) addressed: 1, 3, 5, 6

- **Funding staffing for Breakfast Club (BC)**

BC runs from 7.45am to 8.45am and is free for PP children.

Challenge number(s) addressed: 6

[Breakfast clubs work their magic in disadvantaged English schools - Institute For Fiscal Studies - IFS](#)

➤ **Subsidy for residential visits**

A programme of residential visits enriches the Marazion School curriculum, broadening the range of opportunities available for PP children. Children develop a range of skills and build their aspirations when working outside the classroom. Children then take these skills and this knowledge into their learning.

Challenge number(s) addressed: 5

[Teaching a broad and balanced curriculum for education recovery - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

➤ **Contingency plans**

Based on our own experiences and that of other partnership schools, we aim to have our own bank of casual staff so that we can respond more effectively when covering staff absence.

Challenge number(s) addressed: 2

Further information

Additional activity

Our PP strategy also includes additional activity that is not being funded by PP or recovery premium. This will include:

- Using DfE grant to train a **senior mental health lead** in order to further develop our existing emotional wellbeing offer

[Training launched for mental health leads in schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- **Safeguarding supervision training** course, funded by Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers. The training will support the development of a structured approach to supervision for staff across the whole school
 - **Pupil Progress Meeting (PPM); Phonics PPMs; Arithmetic PPMs.** These meetings develop a robust understanding of our children's needs and inform planning, learning and teaching
 - **Progress Meetings.** These meetings facilitate children's critique of their learning and allow children to take ownership of their success and their areas for improvement
 - **Testing Calendars**, including use of standardised diagnostic assessments. Standardised tests provide insights into both children's strengths and areas for development and help to inform next steps for learning, teaching and interventions
 - **Enhancement of Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) Programme**, working with *Dandelion Learning (DL)* to trial and evaluate SSP resources, and report our findings; *working with the Kernow English Hub (KEH) as a literacy partner to review learning and teaching in phonics.* The focus of our work with DL and KEH is to review and increase phonics resources and materials (*Smart Kids - The Code*) and provide training of staff to ensure consistent teaching of high quality phonics. Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base that indicates a positive impact on the accuracy of word reading, particularly for PP children
- [Phonics | Toolkit Strand | Education Endowment Foundation | EEF](#)

- Maths Subject Leader to continue to be part of Devon and Cornwall Maths Hub, providing at least termly inset training for staff to embed mastery principles across the curriculum
[Maths guidance KS 1 and 2.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
[Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 and 3](#)
- Offering a wide range of **high-quality extracurricular activities** to boost wellbeing and aspiration. PP children will be encouraged and supported to attend a range of activities
[Teaching a broad and balanced curriculum for education recovery \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Pastoral support through Friday Pastoral Sessions.** Activities focus on revealing confidence, resilience and the ability to socialise. Sessions focus on social interaction; social skills to work appropriately or safely with others; building experience of expectations for learning behaviours
- **Marazion School Uniform Swap Shop** was created for parents to recycle and reuse uniform that is pre-loved and in good condition. It is FREE, so supports our families that are in financial hardship. In winter we add coats; hats; gloves; scarves; blankets; dressing gowns to our swap shop. Some of these items are adult sizes. Also, as part of our commitment to reduce our environmental impact, it is helping to create less waste; reduce carbon emissions; save resources; water and energy. Hundreds of items have been swapped since it was created in summer term 2022
- **Liaison with other local organisations through the Marazion Community Coordination Forum, providing local advice and support for our families.**

PP strategy outcomes

The impact our PP activity had on pupils in 2022-2023

Percentage working at or above age-related expectations July 2023

| | Reading | | | Writing | | | Mathematics | | | Combined RWM | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | PP | Non PP | Gap | PP | Non PP | Gap | PP | Non PP | Gap | PP | Non PP | Gap |
| National KS2 | 62% | 80% | -18% | 55% | 75% | -20% | 56% | 78% | -22% | 43% | 66% | -23% |
| All (37 PP) | 62% | 81% | -19% | 43% | 58% | -15% | 41% | 63% | -22% | 24% | 48% | -24% |
| All KS2 | 74% | 78% | -4% | 48% | 57% | -9% | 44% | 61% | -17% | 30% | 45% | -15% |
| Y6 (4 PP) | 75% | 71% | +4% | 100% | 71% | +29% | 75% | 57% | +18% | 75% | 29% | +46% |
| Y5 (11 PP) | 82% | 77% | +5% | 36% | 46% | -10% | 45% | 54% | -9% | 18% | 46% | -28% |
| Y4 (2 PP) | 50% | 82% | -32% | 50% | 53% | -3% | 50% | 76% | -26% | 50% | 53% | -3% |
| Y3 (10 PP) | 70% | 86% | -16% | 40% | 57% | -17% | 30% | 43% | -13% | 20% | 60% | -40% |
| National KS1 | 51% | 72% | -21% | 41% | 63% | -22% | 52% | 73% | -21% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

The 'Gap' columns in the above table show the difference between PP (Disadvantaged) and Non PP children. A positive figure indicates that results for PP children are higher than results for Non PP children. It is important to note that some of our

cohorts are small in numbers and to note the small numbers of PP children in those cohorts.

There were 37 PP (Disadvantaged) children on roll in KS1 and KS2 in July 2023. Averaged across the school, the percentage of children working at or above the Expected standard was **in line with** 2022 national KS2 results for PP children in reading but was **below** 2022 national KS2 results for PP children in writing (-12%), in maths (-15%) and in combined RWM (-19%).

Averaged across the school, the gap between school PP children and 2023 national KS2 results for Non PP children.

Average Points Progress, July 2022 to July 2023

| | Reading | | Writing | | Mathematics | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | PP | Non PP | PP | Non PP | PP | Non PP |
| All | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| Y6 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 5.8 |
| Y5 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.5 |
| Y4 | 10.0 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 9.0 | 7.3 |
| Y3 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| Y2 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| Y1 | 3.7 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 6.2 |

Benchmark annual progress is 6 points. This is equivalent to all children remaining on the same assessment grade or 'flightpath' in July 2023 as in July 2022.

Averaged across the school, progress this year for Pupil Premium children was slightly above the benchmark in reading and in writing but was slightly below the benchmark in maths.

IMPACT of the PP strategy is measured by analysis of:

- ✓ School assessment information
- ✓ Information gathered during school improvement cycle, for example feedback from learning walks, pupil conferencing, book looks
- ✓ Education Endowment Foundation information
- ✓ Devon and Cornwall Maths Hub training
- ✓ Dandelion Learning training/expertise
- ✓ Kernow English Hub training/expertise
- ✓ Child, staff, parent and governor voice
- ✓ Comments from Year 6 pupil Exit Survey
- ✓ Comments from Ofsted
- ✓ Child participation in extra-curricular activities
- ✓ Children accessing 'exit routes'
- ✓ Pupil participation in sporting events, festivals and fixtures
- ✓ Attendance at Breakfast Club
- ✓ Case Studies.

Ofsted's Views:

Leaders and staff are ambitious for all pupils. They are determined for pupils to achieve well, particularly pupils with SEND or those who are disadvantaged

A focus on kindness starts in the early years and continues through the school to Year 6.

Staff know pupils well

*Pupils enjoy the lunchtime and after-school clubs on offer.
School life is further enriched by engaging visits. These prepare pupils to be independent and resilient*

Pupils have opportunities to learn and try out new skills across a wide range of exciting activities

The culture of inclusion is strong. Leaders work closely with parents, carers and teachers to identify the support each pupil needs

Leaders have carefully considered how to support pupils' wider development

Pupils talk about respecting difference and embracing everyone for who they are. This means that pupils can understand and appreciate the unique qualities they all have

Leaders work with outside agencies to follow up any concerns with tenacity and rigour. This means that pupils and their families get the support they need.

Parents' Views:

My child really wanted to come to one-to-one sessions as he knew that it was helping in his maths lessons

My child has loved her 'FFT' sessions and her reading has really come on

One to one sessions do an amazing job for my child

Breakfast Club provides a great start to the day for my children and it has also supported me in making sure that we get to school on time

Breakfast Club is free and this makes a real difference to us - my child now always has a meal at the start of each school day

Children's Views:

Residential visits taught me that I can be independent and that I love noodles!

I now know how to stay safe and take risks

Going on a residential, I found out that I can be independent and organised and that I am a good friend

London gave me a big insight on what the rest of the country was like

Progress Meetings help you keep track of ALL your work and show that you know how to do things on your own

When is it Thursday? Because I want to do one-to-one maths

We are so lucky to have school counsellors to talk too. This helps me and my family

Thank you for all the clubs! We love Rock Band and Mechanics!

Staff Views:

A focused and robust approach to teaching phonics as an established early intervention programme has contributed to consistent effective outcomes in reading

Progress Meetings allow quality time for reflection and an opportunity to teach children how to use feedback well

One to one tuition provides a focused session, which aims to accelerate progress and promote self-critique and resilience

Governors' Views:

The pupil premium allocation is used efficiently to provide learning support that targets focus pupils effectively

Early targeted academic support accounts for over half of the allocation because it works!

Our one to one tuition programme has been in place for 5 years and was further developed during COVID. Both EEF and national research shows that a one to one tuition programme delivers very effective progress

Our allocation also focuses on mental health, the healthy active child and our broad, creative curriculum, supporting whole child.