Pupil premium strategy 2020 /21 North Durham Academy

Review of spend: September 2021

1. Sum	nmary information									
Academic Year		2020/2021	Total PP budget No catch up funding 2020/21 COVID Catch up funding strategy can be requested from the Academy		in be	£451,590	Date of most recent PP Review			September 2021
Total number of pupils955Number			Number o	f pupils eligible for PP		501	Date for next internal	review of this strategy		September 2022
2. Curre	ent attainment									
Progress	8 score average			Not applicable due to Tea	acher Ass	sessed Grad	ing system 2021	(84/148 students in V	Yr 11 we	ere PP)
Attainme	ent 8 score average			Not applicable due to Tea	acher Ass	sessed Grad	ing system 2021			
	on spending has been Currently, evidence departments. Students' robustnes	amended to re demonstrating ss and capacity	flect the cho g that teacher to learn fro	rior to the pandemic, as h anging landscape of educe ers develop, consolidate a m mistakes and become l cicularly reading and read	ation acro and deep keen lear	oss 2021/21 pen students rners who w) ' knowledge, understan ant to find out more, al	iding and skills, is not cor though improving, is still	nsistent under d	across all leveloped.
	cognitive activities a	and therefore li	imiting their	learning.						•
Additiona D.		ents' attendand	•	<i>tion outside school, such</i> han that of their non-disa			·	are issued to disadvantag	ged stud	ents is
4. Inter	nded outcomes (specij	fic outcomes ar	nd how they	will be measured)	Success criteria					
Α.	Improve the quality students.	of teaching thr	oughout the	e Academy for all		advantaged antaged pee		ast the same rate of prog	ress as t	heir non-
В.	Ensure that disadvan and resilient attitude	-	s develop a	consistently positive	The behaviour ratio for disadvantaged students is in line with that of their non- disadvantaged peers. The attendance of disadvantaged students at enrichment is in line with that of their non-disadvantaged peers.					

D. Support issues with non- attendance and poor attitudes to behaviour Attendance		. The reading ages of disadvantaged student will improve so that they are at least at age related expectation. Improved mathematical performance.
D.	Support issues with non- attendance and poor attitude	es to behaviour Attendance and FTE figures for disadvantaged students are in line with those of their non-disadvantaged peers.
5. Plar	nned expenditure	
Academ	ic year Pupil Premium Income £451,590	Total Planned Expenditure £572,420
	Total Income £451,590	
		Actual Spend August 2021 £833,752

Overview of Last Academic Year (2020-2010):

North Durham Academy has a Pupil Premium cohort significantly above the national average. The priority of PP spending has, and will always be on quality first teaching. The subsequent evaluation of our PP spend should be considered in the context that all our initiatives and strategies apply to all of our children. We know, from research, that many of our families who do not fall in to the definition of PP, are still financially and socially disadvantaged. Over the course of the pandemic we saw a significant increase in families applying for Free School Meals.

Quality first teaching was, and still is our main priority; to ensure all of our children's future life chances are secure. The curriculum plan for 2021/22 has acknowledged a need to over-staff in some subject areas to support effective planning and improved implementation.

Investments in additional non- teaching members of the Deep Support team have been appointed to support the increase in safeguarding incidents and general social and emotional needs created by the challenges of social deprivation. Over the 2020/21 academic year we appointed an apprentice to support the admin requirements of our Educational Welfare Officer; appointed an additional member of SLT (Deputy Principal) to lead Deep Support to ensure that safeguarding, positive attitudes to learning, mental health and wellbeing, attendance and any barrier to learning were addressed strategically and effectively. We continued to develop wave 2 and 3 intervention strategies for our most vulnerable by introducing a Personalised Learning Centre and continued to build capacity in our Harbour provision which supports SEMH and ASD students. Both of these provisions were open throughout the lockdown and provided much needed support for children and families.

The three areas of Quality Teaching, Targeted Support and Other Approaches, provides the detail of specific impact that each initiative has had on our PP cohorts and illustrates how we redirected expenditure to respond to the needs of the pandemic.

The three headi	The three headings demonstrate how we used the Pupil Premium to improve classroom pedagogy, provide targeted support and support whole school strategies.						
i. Quality of te	aching for all		_				
Action	Rationale for this choice?	Evaluation	Budgeted				
CPD opportunities – all staff	The move to remote education in March and subsequently in February, meant that we had to heavily invest in professional development. Training was provided continually to improve and develop remote delivery due to student absence and a further lockdown situation in February. CPD was developed on line for all staff.	A remote provision audit was conducted in February that highlighted the strengths of the remote provision and highlighted that the needs of SEN students needed to be addressed – this was done through specific SEN CPD throughout lockdown. The audit evaluated all aspects of our provision as embedded or sustained. All staff fully trained on Teams – Classnote book, break out rooms and the curriculum was aligned exactly with what they would receive in school.	£7,800 (PP% of whole budget)				
Accelerated Reader Licence + Books	The EEF funded an evaluation to see if it could have an impact in English secondary schools. The study found that Year 7 pupils who were offered Accelerated Reader made 3 months' additional progress in reading compared to other similar pupils. For pupils eligible for free school meals the figure was 5 months' additional progress. For weaker readers, the approach appears to contribute towards catch-up at the start of secondary school, although pupils at very low levels of reading may need initial support from teachers to benefit, if they are not independent readers. The catch up premium is also used to support this area. There is a growing body of evidence that increasing reading skills leads to improvements in both English and Maths KS4 outcomes.	Reading Age Data: Sep 20 – June '21 STAR Reading Test Yr7: 50% (60/120) PP students made overall progress 13% (15/120) PP students made 6-11 months progress 21% (25/120) PP students made 11+ months progress Yr8: 50% (59/119) PP students made overall progress 9% (11/119) PP students made 6-11 months progress 26% (31/119) PP students made 11+ months progress 13% (47/92) PP students made overall progress 13% (12/92) PP students made 6-11 months progress 29% (27/92) PP students made 11+ months progress 29% (27/92) PP students made 11+ months progress	£4,499				

Learning Resource Centre Provision and Manager	Coupled with the Accelerated Reader scheme, we have focused on reading for pleasure interventions designed to promote children's enjoyment of books and encourage them to see reading as a pastime rather than a chore. There is some research evidence which suggests that reading for pleasure is important for both personal and academic development, the LRC has been developed to do this. Interventions in this area tend to be cheap and easy to administer, so even small effects may be enough to make the approach attractive.	love of rea The LRC was groups to s used for re and purcha enable stu In total 265 down as fo Year 7 – 11 Year 8 – 87	 Internet internager of one is to support diastroom protected and detectop a love of reading. The LRC was used as a teaching base during the pandemic to enable yea groups to stay on zones. As a consequence, the LRC was unable to be used for reading. The LRC manager developed a mobile library system and purchased MyON (a personalised digital library) was launched to enable students with low reading ages to access reading on-line. In total 265 PP students accessed this provision over lockdown broken down as follows: Year 7 – 118 PP students Year 8 – 87 PP students Year 9 - 60 PP students Due to COVID and the removal of exams, revision guides were not 				
Learning Resources	Learning materials are purchased for disadvantaged students this includes revision guides, and text books as well as subsidised academic visits. Due to the pandemic visits could not go ahead until the 3 rd term, when some visits to colleges were arranged for Year 11 students. In response to lockdowns and a continued need for a blended learning approach, all PP students are to be offered a laptop/internet access. Remote Learning was delivered effectively by the teachers of NDA. The Remote Learning SEF supports the evaluation of a highly successful remote provision.	required an provision. DFE laptop provision t Year 7 Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 13 We receive Approxima replace the	nd therefore s were late o deploy in Total 163 179 122 145 122 13 744 ed officially tely 185 de ese devices	re this cost e in arriving hternal lapt PP 97 102 58 75 61 0 393 v 235 DfE do evices were s would be	was moved g and the aca ops to famil 60% 57% 48% 52% 50% 0% 53% evices for No e returned to	to support remote ademy had already made ies.	£24,000 originally allocated. New cost £37,000 to cover the cost of un- returned laptops

1:1 tutor support for weakest Y7	A Deeps Role (additional responsibility given to support a specific whole academy based project). £1500 was provided as an honorarium payment for a member of staff to lead on providing catch up provision for the weakest students in Years 7 and 8. 1:1 tutors were deployed to support small group work, this group were given a base line test, intervention was specific to need and impact was monitored.	The project was led well and demonstrated the following impact: Out of students with a 1-1 tutor: Year 7 – 68% of the PP students have increased their reading age over the period of the intervention up to the last reading age test in March. The average increase is 4 months, considering that these students were identified as being significantly below, in most cases more than 2 years below in September. 7 students made gains of 6 or more months progress while working with their 1-1 tutor.	£1,500
Curriculum Support Workers	Evidence suggests that CSW can have a positive impact on academic achievement. The most effective use of CSW is where the CSW support small groups of students within the classroom or alternative setting, which on average show moderate positive benefits. On average this can account for one additional month's progress over the period of an academic year. CSW support is provided in: Harbour x3 PLC x2 In class support FTE x5.5	All Year 11 SEN and PP students made on average 3.7 grades of progress throughout the year. Year 11 had a dedicated CSW to support that year group.	£82,249 (PP % of all CSW salaries)
Personalised Learning Centre and behaviour support	The PLC was developed at the end of the 2019 academic year to support students with any barriers to learning whether that be social, emotional, academic or health related. Due to the pandemic, the nature of this provision was changed to support intervention of all students but specifically provided behaviour support and interventions to improve attainment by reducing challenging behaviour. Detentions and the Choices room were disbanded to avoid bursting of bubbles and the enable staff and students to leave at a timely manner at the end of the day. The PLC area was divided up into specific year groups to support the bubbles. The Personalised Learning Centre supported the development of coping skills when struggling with anxiety or stress for example. It is also an area where students received more support and be able to reflect on their behaviours to make better choices in the future.	In total 193 students were supported over the academic year. 110 (56.9%) were PP students. The PLC was open throughout the lockdown and supported our most vulnerable students and families. The following interventions were provided:	£76,962 (PLC manager and CSW x2 support % of salary)
		Total spend	231,753

Action	Rational for Choice?	Evaluation	Budget
One to One	Evidence indicates that one to one tuition can be effective,	1:1 Maths Summary	£65K was
Tutors	delivering approximately five additional months' progress on	As of the end of term 1b there have been 260 hours of 1:1 maths sessions	allocated for
	average. Short, regular sessions (about 30 minutes, three to	completed. 24 students have been allocated 1:1 maths sessions. 10 of the 24	I:I tuition for
	five times a week) over a set period of time (six to twelve	students were disadvantaged students. The first round of allocating 1:1 tutors	the academic
	weeks) appear to result in optimum impact. Evidence also	looked at "quick wins" in terms of moving children from a 3 to a 4 or a 4 to a	year
	suggests tuition should be additional to, but explicitly linked	5; we know that this has the biggest impact in terms of improving their life	
	with, normal teaching, and that teachers should monitor	chances. 13 of the students have already improve by at least one full grade	£34,078 is the
	progress to ensure the tutoring is beneficial.	how many 9 of these are PP.	% for PP students.
	We had already allocated £65k to employ our own 1:1	1:1 English Summary	students.
	tutors prior to the National Tutoring Programme.	The English team have identified clear areas for the 1:1 tutors to work on with	
		each students. As of term 1b there have been 459 hours of 1:1 English	
	Tutor were employed form September 2021. 25% of this	sessions completed. 56 students have been allocated 1:1 English sessions	
	cost was then taken from the overall allocation to support	across this period. 25 of the students were disadvantaged; similarly, to the	
	the National Tutoring Programme.	maths 1:1 allocation the English tutors were allocated students that were	
		deeded only to need a short burst of tutoring this would leave more time for	
	The NTP did not start until February 2021. We had already	the 1:1 tutors to work with disadvantaged students for longer and at a more	
	provided 1:1 provision for up to 35% of our Y11 cohort in	optimal time.	
	either maths, English or both from September due to		
	appointing our own.	Overall Impact of 1:1	
		All 35 disadvantaged students who accesses 1:1 support made more progress	
		in comparison to those that did not have support.	
		1-1 tutors were allocated to support students around the 3-4 and 4-5	
		borderline this has made a significant to the number of students in maths that	
		are predicted to gain a 4+ from 38.1% to 57.1%.	
		21 PP students actually achieve the higher grade. Those that had 1-1	
		provision made on average an improvement of 0.41 to their average pts score	
		while those without 1-1 only saw an increase of 0.31 to their average pts	
		score. This also highlights the importance of maths and English as enabling	
		subjects, those that have received support in maths or English have, on the	
		whole, been less affected across all their subjects by the COVID crisis.	
		This led to the Year 11 PP cohort increasing 5+ English and maths to 14.1%	
		from 7.7% between Year 10 and Year 11. Along with an increase to 32.1%	
		from 20.5% in 4+ English and maths in the same period.	

Alternative	Good alternative provision is that which appropriately	15/18 (83%) of students accessed alternative provision are pupil premium.	£200k was
Provision	meets the needs of pupils which required its use and		allocated for
	enables them to achieve good educational attainment on	13 of the 18 students were at risk of permanent exclusion.	alternative
	par with their mainstream peers. All pupils must receive a	9 of the 13 students were pupil premium.	provision.
	good education, regardless of their circumstances or the		
	settings in which they find themselves. Provision will	2 x Y8 students both PP	£166K has been
	differ from pupil to pupil, but there are some common	2 x Y9 students both PP	allocated to
	elements that alternative provision should aim to achieve,	6 x Y10 students, 5 were PP	support PP
	including:	8 x Y11 students, 4 were PP	students.
	•good academic attainment on par with mainstream schools		
	– particularly in English, maths and science	Alternative provision was deemed the most appropriate provision to ensure	
l	(including IT) – with appropriate accreditation and	these students were successful in gaining some qualifications and that they	
l	qualifications;	were not permanently excluded from NDA which would have been	
	•that the specific personal, social and academic needs of	detrimental to their future life chances.	
	pupils are properly identified and met in order to help them		
	to overcome any	All alternative provision is tracked and monitored by the Academy and	
	barriers to attainment;	provision is agreed with the full support of parents.	
	•improved pupil motivation and self-confidence, attendance		
	and engagement with education; and		
	•clearly defined objectives, including the next steps following the placement such as reintegration into		
	mainstream education, further education, training or employment.		
School	The school counsellor guides students with social and	177 students were supported by our school counsellor Mrs Rayson. They have	£11 070
Counsellor	emotional development. The counsellor works with parents,	been supported via small group work or 1:1 counselling sessions.	(PP% of overall
counsenor	teachers, nurses, psychologists, and community groups to	87 students were pupil premium.	salary)
	identify the students' developmental needs. Together they	39 cases of the 87 are now closed and the students do not require further	Salar y
	design prevention and intervention activities in order to	support.	
	guide students on a healthy path to adulthood.	Support.	
Deep	Allocated budget to support all aspects of Deep Support	This was spent on educational materials and stationary for the PLC, which	£4,718
Support	such as:	supported 193 students 110 of these were PP.	
Budget	PLC learning materials	Taxi's were also provided for parents and children if they required a visit to	
	Harbour learning materials	another school or provider.	
	Transport for visits to Alternative Education/Managed		
	moves		
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Harbour Provision	The Harbour supports 21 students full time and 8 part time. It provides therapeutic support for the most vulnerable students. Over the lockdown period, the provision provided support for children and families. 20 /29 (69%) students are Pupil Premium. The provision supports any children who require regulation or drop in support from Occupational Therapy. For those 21 full time children, bespoke learning is provided which includes OT, regulation, intervention support for literacy, numeracy and emotional issues. The provision is staffed by a Harbour Manager, x3 CSW and is supported by a SEN	The two y11 students left with 7 GCSEs between them and obtaining grades1-4. This was higher than predicted at the beginning of the year. Exclusions have significantly reduced for all Harbour PP students. Future Steps has been used to support a significant amount of children to successfully regulate their behaviour.	£23,681 (PP % 18k of Harbour manager and £5,681 of CSW support)
Free School Meals	In school, all FSM children were provided with a hot meal throughout the pandemic. During the February lockdown, hot food was provided in school for the most vulnerable students. Food packs and/or vouchers were provided weekly for those who chose not to attend school. Food was served to children in bubbles.	We issued food vouchers in 2021 except for £1438 spent on food. In terms of overall FSM budget the master budget was £100,000 this was increased during the year and the actual spend was £161,680.32.	£161,680
Attendance Manager and additional apprentice.	The Attendance Manager is vital to tackling unauthorised absence. Some example of the strategies employed by the attendance manager are cited below: set high expectations for attendance; communicate these expectations to pupils, parents, governors and all staff constantly and consistently; ensure governors and staff are communicating the same expectations around absence frequently to parents and pupils; take a 'zero tolerance' approach to unauthorised absence in all cases, ensuring that all absences are followed up rigorously through first day calling Attendance is a standing item on weekly meetings of the senior leadership team, to ensure that it is being monitored constantly. All cohorts are tracked and monitored by the SLT link and attendance team. The reporting of attendance over the pandemic, increased administration workload.	Out of 289 letters sent re attendance 216 were to PP students (75%) Parents invited in for meetings were 68 parents of which 59 (87%) were PP families. During the January 2021 lockdown 100 (60%) of the 167 students who came in were PP students. In May we appointed an attendance apprentice to support the EWO during the pandemic. The apprentice tracked cases of Covid and liaised with the Blended Learning Manager to ensure work was available and accessible to all.	£15,646 – PP% of AM salary. £10k additional apprentice employed to support during covid crisis.
Enrichment	Supporting disadvantaged students to take part in activities beyond the curriculum. Wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported.	Due to the pandemic this was cancelled for the majority of sessions, however the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme continued and worked around the constraints of	£630

the pandemic. In 2020-21:	
Year 10 – Bronze-Silver: 20 students achieved Bronze, 8	
PP 12 NON-PP (2 SEN)	
Year 9 – Bronze: 14 students working towards Bronze, 6	
PP 8 NON-PP (1 SEN)	
Total budgeted cost	£428,403
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iii. Other approa			
Action	Intended outcome and rationale for this choice?	Evaluation	Budget
Student Uniforms	There are cultural issues about how a school uniform is	108 pairs of shoes were purchased.	£720
	perceived which play an important role in determining its	68 pairs were given out to students, 45 of these were pupil	Allocated
	acceptability and pupils' compliance.	premium students and shoes were given to these families. This	
	There is some evidence that free school uniforms improve	was at a cost of £540.	
	attendance in areas of very high poverty.		Actual
		100 black sweatshirts were bought, during the pandemic to	spend
	Over the course of the pandemic, we allowed students to attend		£1932
	school in PE uniform. To ensure standards were maintained and all students had access to a clean uniform, uniform was	were given to pupil premium students at a cost of £520.	
	purchased to support families comply with our expectations.	36 other items of uniform were given to pupil premium students	
		across all 5-year groups. At a cost of £80	
		163 PE kits were given out to students, 88 of these students were	
		pupil premium. At a cost of £792	
Year Managers	The Year Managers' work is an attempt to create and maintain a	The year managers provide pastoral support to their full year	£110,817
	supportive environment that encourages and stimulates	group, thus to ensure their safeguarding & welfare alongside their	(PP% of x5
	learning. The emphasis on pastoral care is to remove barriers to	academic progress. This is in the form of parental meetings,	salaries)
	learning to increase attainment.	telephone calls, support around the academy and appropriate	
		intervention.	
	Increasing number of students are suffering from poor mental		
	health and the think-tank, 2020 health, has recently suggested	Year 7 – 55.4% PP	
	that heads of well-being may help schools to combat poor	Year 8 – 56.1% PP	
	physical and mental health among students.	Year 9 – 49.7% PP	
		Year 10 – 43.6% PP	
	The pastoral system will be aligned with what happens in the classroom, and it will focus on the progress that students are	Year 11 – 42.5% PP	
	making. During the pandemic, Year Manager's supported their	During lockdown, all students received weekly telephone calls	
	year group zone and were directly on hand to support children	from their Year Manager to discuss their engagement with online	

	and families with emotional and academic support.	learning and any welfare concerns. Priority calls were given to PP, SEN and vulnerable students who were not in attendance in the academy. The DSL and DDSL worked closely with YMs and social services to ensure all students with agency involvement were closely monitored. Letters were written to parents of students whose engagement has been weak and support offered – including inviting students in to work at the Academy. YMs also supported in school provision during lockdown.	
CEAIG Lead	 To develop, monitor and measure the impact of a whole academy strategy for CEIAG in line with the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks and work towards the Careers award through: A stable careers programme; learning from career and labour market information; addressing the needs of each pupil; linking curriculum learning to careers; encounters with employers and employees; experiences of workplaces; encounters with further and higher education; personal guidance. 	 57% of PP students had formal interviews which were conducted by an external expert the rest were interviewed by the CEIAG lead. 86% of PP students in Year 10 visited Colleges. If students did not attend this it was due to absence on the day of the visit as there was only one visit arranged due to COVID. 100% of PP students received careers information in some form. Either full guidance interview; destinations talk; destinations assembly. NEETs 2021 Leavers cohort 98% of the Year 11 leavers have successfully moved on to further education, employment or training. The students that do need support to find education, employment or training are currently 	
Student Travel	Due to the nature of the catchment area transport is provided for all new students in Year 7 so that they can partake in the variety of enrichment opportunities available as part of the extended Academy day.	working with Durham Works. Although enrichment opportunities for Year 7 were limited the transport funding was utilised to enable Year 11 and Year 10 students to stay at the Academy for intervention sessions. This eliminated the barrier caused due to the size and nature of our large rural catchment.	£41,942
Student resources	Students are provided with a study pack and planner so they have the equipment to learn. The planner aids their organisation and their learning. Exam packs are provided so students do not need to worry about having the equipment needed for their exams.	100% of PP students were provided with a study pack and planner at the start of September. As a result, they were able to access their learning without unnecessary barriers. All students were able to use the planner as a learning tool in lessons and at home so that they could develop independent learning skills. All resources for Teacher Assessments were provided.	£3,003
Christmas lunch	Students are given a free Christmas lunch as not all students get a Christmas lunch either at home or at the academy and all children should have the opportunity to have this cultural	All children, including every FSM and PP child received a free Christmas meal.	£1,049

	experience.						
Intervention and	Students may have gaps in their knowledge due to lower	5 weeks o	of catch u	p offered t	to the who	le of Year 10 in June/ July	£3,266
food for sessions	attendance or homework not completed for example so students are given additional support sessions to help them	2021 to support catch up and prepare them for Year 11.					allocated for Y11
	close the gaps. Staff also offer additional support sessions at	Incentive	s were pr	ovided suc	ch as hot c	hocolate and snacks were	only
	weekends and evenings and stop food being a barrier food is					ed full attendance at every	
	provided.				lonald's m		
		Attendan	ce at sess	sions were	as follows	:	
			English	Maths	Science		
		Week 1	Week 1 57	25	42		
		Week 2	76	36	68		
		Week 3	59	46	64	_	
		Week 4	55	43	43		
All other marginal	SISRA, ClassCharts, rewards are all used to monitor and	SISRA and ClassCharts enables all staff to monitor the academic					£4,798
coasts	motivate.	and behavioural progress of all students and to track specific cohorts. Rewards – such as postcards home, Facebook recognition were					
		prevalent throughout the pandemic.					
Academy Leaders	TLRs are provided to support staff to lead on whole academy	1:1 interv	ention was key in supporting students achieve a				£3,137
	initiatives such as 1:1 intervention, enrichment and personal	successful TAG grade.					(PP% or All
	development, resilience in learning and transition.	Enrichment and PD, ensured rewards were provided to					TLRs)
		recongnise an support home learning. Resilience and mental health was assessed and supported virtually through mental health ambassadors. Transition was successfully done remotely in July. Funding was					
				•		ortunities, a virtual open	
		evening and reading books for all Y6 students.					
	Total spend						£173,596
				Potential s	spend at th	e start of the 2020/21 year	-
						Adjusted spend	£833,752