

Inscape House School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details Inscape's use of pupil premium and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 academic year. Inscape House School is a specialist provision for children and young people with tendencies indicative of autism spectrum conditions and related social communication difficulties. We have high aspirations and ambitions for all of our children, and we are determined to ensure that our children are given every chance to realise and fulfil their full potential within the classroom and beyond. Our aim is to ensure that no child is left behind and pupil premium funding is used effectively to improve attainment and to enrich the lives of our most disadvantaged pupils.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Inscape House School
Number of pupils in school	147
Male	106
Female	41
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	45 (30.6%%)
FSM	45 (30.6%)
EAL	5 (3.4%)
Adopted	9 (6%)
CLA	9 (6%)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024/2025
Date this statement was published	November 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2025
Statement authorised by	Hannah Stollar - Headteacher

Pupil premium lead	Richard Nancollis
Governor / Trustee lead	Giles Gaddum

Inscape House School Funding Overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£45,680
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	0
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	£45,680

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Inscape House School Statement of Intent

Our curriculum is enhanced by using Pupil Premium to sustain positive outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils. We employ strategies and interventions to remove barriers which can be caused by complex social, communication and emotional challenges, learning gaps, mental health difficulties and multifaceted personal circumstances including ACEs. We promote full access to additional support, enrichment opportunities and targeted interventions to eliminate barriers to communication and learning and to enable learners to develop the skills and resilience that will enable them to flourish into adult life.

Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged pupils may include:

At Inscape House School, pupils with autism and associated difficulties face unique barriers, including:

Social communication challenges: Which can hinder relationships and engagement.

Emotional regulation issues: Pupils face challenges with anxiety and emotional regulation, which can adversely affect their learning and overall well-being.

Limited access to extracurricular opportunities: Disadvantaged pupils may have restricted access to activities that promote personal development and physical health.

Further barriers may include:

- Adverse Childhood experiences
- Difficulties in reasoning, problem solving, and organisation resulting from a significant cognitive communication need or learning difficulty.
- Mental health difficulties that may cause learners to be socially withdrawn and more difficult to engage.
- Attendance, engagement, and punctuality issues

For our Pupils, these barriers are coupled with the added complexity of being neuro diverse. Challenges are varied within our neuro-diverse learning community and there is no “one size fits all” plan or approach that can be implemented.

Adjustments to strategies and support for our pupils is based on evaluation outcomes to ensure effective use of funding. Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals and our strategy will be determined by the challenges, strengths, and aspirations of each pupil.

We aim to achieve our objectives through:

- **Monitoring of Assessment Data:** We regularly monitor social, emotional behavioural, and academic assessment data to ensure accurate and timely identification of pupils in need of support.
- **Addressing, Academic/Functional Needs:** With a particular focus on reading, writing, language and social communication.
- **Evidence-Based Interventions:** High-quality, evidence-based interventions will be delivered by appropriately trained staff to ensure effectiveness.
- **Nurture Provision:** We are a Nurturing school and have achieved the National Nurturing Schools Award. Adopting a whole school nurture approach will ensure that all staff embed approaches and strategies to develop growth and resilience in our learners. Breakfast and snack services are also provided to ensure that all vulnerable pupils are ready to learn and have access to a varied and healthy diet.
- **Attendance Monitoring:** We monitor attendance and provide bespoke support to increase attendance for vulnerable learners or those struggling with school-based anxiety.
- **Mental Health Support:** Access to high-quality pastoral and mental health support will be facilitated through the use of a mental health tracker and whole-school mental health strategy, to identify needs promptly.
- **Community Engagement:** We ensure access to external provisions and community-based activities that provide high-quality enrichment, work experience, and life skills opportunities. Providing enrichment and community-based activities will improve social opportunities and support disadvantaged learners in developing the requisite skills in preparation for adulthood.
- **A Broad and Balanced Curriculum:** Helping pupils to access a tailored curriculum that focuses not just on academic qualifications, but also on the development of independence, social skills, employability learning and autism-specific areas for development.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our most disadvantaged Pupils encounter extra challenges in achieving their potential and may often perform below their peers. Pupils at Inscape House School frequently face complex circumstances that affect their well-being, self-regulation, academic progress, attendance, and resilience.
2	Our Pupils have limited opportunities to build social relationships, friendships, and cultural capital outside of school. This lack of social engagement can significantly affect their life chances and overall development.

3	Our assessments, observations, and discussions with Pupils, families, and professionals reveal that disadvantaged pupils with autism require extra support to develop crucial social, communication, and life skills. Additionally, they require tailored assistance to address mental health-related challenges.
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Intended outcomes.

By the end of our current strategy plan, we aim to foster an inclusive, supportive environment that promotes emotional well-being, academic engagement, and a sense of belonging for all pupils.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
<p>Growth and Resilience Through Evidence-Based Practices</p> <p>We aim to foster a growth mindset among Pupils, encouraging them to perceive challenges as opportunities for progress and advancement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils demonstrate an understanding of the growth mindset. • Pupils develop an awareness of their own autism and how this presents for others. • Professional development initiatives will be grounded in research, focusing on systematic instruction to improve pupil independence. • Personalised learning will focus on individual strengths and interests, supporting the development of social and communication skills in our neuro diverse learners. • Nurturing principles are applied to overcome barriers to achievement, promoting engagement and participation. • Therapeutic support and interventions are effectively integrated into a tiered system, addressing sensory, physical, and emotional needs. • A flexible and ambitious curriculum is provided, tailored to the holistic needs of all pupils.

<p>Improved personal progress through our curriculum.</p> <p>Our objective is to improve the attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils across all subjects, with a specific focus on mathematics and English, relative to their starting points.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of teaching and learning will be supported through ongoing staff Continuous Professional Development (CPD). • Continued development and enhancement of the curriculum so that it is more flexible for learners that require a more nurturing and bespoke pathway. • Subject-specific professional development will be facilitated by senior leadership and subject leaders. • Whole-school weekly professional development sessions will continue to be implemented, alongside a CPD library for in-house training. • Improved student performance will be demonstrated in annual assessments and at the conclusion of our strategy 2024-2025. • An increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils entered for GCSEs and external accreditation/awards. • A measurable reduction in behavioural incidents, absenteeism, and the attainment/progress gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.
<p>Holistic Improvement Our objective is to address the interconnected areas of engagement, behaviour, mental health, and attendance, ensuring that our strategies effectively support the holistic development of disadvantaged pupils.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils with emotional school-based nonattendance will experience a measurable increase in engagement, positive behaviour changes, improved mental health, and enhanced attendance. • Positive shifts in mental health, as measured by a mental health tracker and Boxall profiling, with at least 80% of Pupils showing improvement. • Targeted Pupils will show improvement in attendance compared to baseline data. • Pupils that were struggling to engage will actively participate in classroom discussions and extracurricular activities, as recorded by teacher assessments. • A reduction of behavioural incidents related to disengagement, as documented in incident reports. • A higher proportion of pupils and parents will report feeling a greater sense of belonging and support within

	the school, as reflected in engagement surveys.
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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)

£3,500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Implementation of a comprehensive Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program to empower staff to systematically break down tasks, promoting student independence through targeted instruction.	<p>Through this initiative, staff will create visual task chains that guide Pupils, enabling them to complete tasks with greater autonomy. Observations will indicate an increase in student independence, resulting in reduced reliance on adult intervention.</p> <p>Evidence: Research indicates that effective CPD enhances teaching quality and student outcomes.</p> <p>Effective Professional Development EEF</p>	1

<p>Implementation of targeted CPD to focus on all staff understanding the 4 functions of behaviour and the core principles of the PBS approach.</p>	<p>This knowledge will inform staff responses to incidents, ensuring that Pupils' needs are met and improving their quality of life. Feedback from the Positive behaviour Support (PBS) team and multi-disciplinary team meetings will incorporate these functions to enhance staff understanding and response strategies. Staff will also receive training in functional assessment processes, enabling them to better support Pupils in managing their behaviours.</p> <p>Evidence: Staff training on the four functions of behaviour will improve incident responses and student support. Training in functional assessment enhances understanding and strategies for managing behaviour.</p> <p>Center on PBIS</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Understanding Autism through curriculum design to foster Pupils' understanding of their own autism, with a particular emphasis on the experiences of autistic females.</p>	<p>Over time, pupils will develop a strong sense of their autism identity, allowing them to self-advocate effectively.</p> <p>Staff are able to recognise early warning signs and use appropriate strategies to support pupils and use proactive strategies to enable those who mask and experience burnout to unmask and regulate, resulting in less burnout and improved quality of life, mental health and attendance for Pupils.</p> <p>Evidence: Fostering pupils' understanding of their autism helps develop self-advocacy and improves overall mental health and attendance.</p> <p>Helping young people to understand their autistic identity</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 4,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Development of the Nurture, Outreach and EOTAS Curriculum. The curriculum will be refined to provide a more flexible and nurturing environment for Pupils requiring bespoke provision. Staff will assess the current curriculum for relevance and applicability to Pupils' individual needs.	<p>The development of the Nurture, Outreach and EOTAS curriculum will engage Pupils exhibiting patterns of Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) through comprehensive assessment, therapeutic interventions, and tailored educational support. By addressing the specific needs of these Pupils, we anticipate improved engagement, attendance, and a greater sense of belonging within the school community.</p> <p>Evidence: A tailored curriculum for Pupils exhibiting Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) enhances engagement and belonging through targeted support.</p> <p>The impact of a whole-school approach to nurture - nurtureuk</p>	1, 2, 3

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

Budgeted cost: £38,180

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
The Manchester United Foundation partners with Inscape House School to implement innovative projects that enrich student experiences. Activities include enrichment programs, after-school initiatives, work experience, and employability coaching, aimed at uniting the community through football.	<p>The activities delivered and wider strategies of support through this project significantly enhance our Pupil's well-being, social skills, and overall engagement by helping to address the multifaceted challenges that they encounter.</p> <p>Research demonstrates that participation in sports provides numerous benefits that extend beyond physical fitness. Engaging in sports and community activities fosters a sense of belonging, which is particularly crucial for pupils who may feel isolated or disconnected. This sense of belonging will lead to improved self-esteem and mental health, as pupils</p>	2, 3

	<p>develop supportive relationships with peers and mentors through the MUFC partnership.</p> <p>Evidence: Participation in sports and community initiatives fosters social skills and a sense of belonging, significantly improving mental health and self-esteem.</p> <p><u>Manchester United Foundation - Engage. Inspire. Unite.</u></p>	
Drum roots - Tailor-made weekly drumming programme.	<p>Drumming has been shown to enhance individual happiness and well-being by relieving stress and promoting calmness. It aids in addressing various physical and mental challenges and has proven benefits such as boosting the immune system and lowering blood pressure.</p> <p>Evidence: Group drumming enhances well-being and reduces stress, contributing positively to mental health.</p> <p><u>Drumroots West African Drumming foundations</u></p> <p><u>Making music for mental health: how group drumming mediates recovery Psychology of Well-Being Full Text</u></p>	2, 3
Awesome Walls – weekly climbing sessions facilitated with instructor support.	<p>Climbing offers both physical and mental challenges, fostering a sense of accomplishment. It teaches vital life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, exercise, courage, and resilience.</p> <p>Evidence: Climbing fosters resilience and teamwork, providing both physical and mental health benefits.</p> <p><u>The Mental Health Benefits of Rock Climbing</u></p> <p><u>Indoor Climbing In Stockport at Awesome Walls</u></p>	2, 3

<p>Animal Assisted Intervention - goal-oriented activities that incorporate animals into education/therapy.</p>	<p>Research indicates that animal-assisted therapies can significantly improve mental, physical, social, and emotional health. Therapeutic sessions may involve walking, brushing, and caring for animals, with a focus on achieving therapeutic goals.</p> <p>Evidence: Research indicates significant improvements in mental, physical, social, and emotional health through animal-assisted therapies.</p> <p>Animal Therapy Purpose, Benefits, and Types</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Carrington Riding School Carrington Riding Centre</p>	<p>Carrington Equine College collaborates with Trafford College to engage vulnerable young people, fostering positive self-regard and aspirations for the future through equine activities.</p> <p>Evidence: Equine activities foster positive self-regard and aspirations for the future.</p> <p>Riding high • SEN Magazine</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>CERA CYCLOAN - Practical training in a live cycle shop and workshop to equip pupils with the skills and knowledge needed to gain employment in the cycle trade.</p>	<p>CERA Cycloan's Alternative Educational Provisions provide activities and support to re-engage learners through hands-on, practical experiences. These programs empower our pupils to set their own goals within a supportive and structured curriculum, fostering an environment conducive to personal growth.</p> <p>Activities aim to enhance learners' confidence and self-esteem while equipping them with essential life skills that open new pathways for their futures.</p> <p>Research indicates that activities such as bike maintenance and cycling significantly improve outcomes for Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN), contributing to increased physical health, social interaction, and self-efficacy.</p> <p>Evidence: Activities like bike maintenance and cycling improve outcomes for Pupils with SEN.</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p>

	Schools & Local Authorities – Cycloan Education And Restorative Approaches	
Boxall Profiling used to identify and address hidden issues, ensuring that every pupil gets the support they need to engage fully with their learning.	<p>Rolling out whole-school training on Boxall profiling and prioritising disadvantaged Pupils to enable staff to focus on social, emotional and behavioural areas for development.</p> <p>Evidence: Focus on social, emotional, and behavioural areas for development enhances staff understanding.</p> <p>Why Boxall Profile? - Boxall Profile Online®</p>	2, 3
Residential Outward-Bound Trip	<p>We are taking students to The Lake District Calvert Trust to provide them with the unique opportunity to experience the transformative benefits of outdoor activities in a safe and inclusive environment. Calvert Lakes specialises in delivering adventure breaks for individuals with disabilities, helping them overcome challenges, build confidence, and develop new skills. Their highly-trained staff ensure all activities are tailored to individual needs, enabling our pupils to fully engage and thrive. This experience aligns perfectly with our commitment to fostering personal growth and resilience among disadvantaged students, offering them an unforgettable opportunity to connect with nature, build friendships, and expand their horizons.</p> <p>Evidence: https://learningaway.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Learning-Away-Comparative-Research-Report.pdf Outdoor Adventure Learning might provide opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to participate in activities that they otherwise might not be able to access. Through participation in these</p>	

	challenging physical and emotional activities, outdoor adventure learning interventions can support pupils to develop non-cognitive skills such as resilience, self-confidence and motivation.	
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Total budgeted cost: £45,680

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

The implementation of targeted interventions across 2023-2024 at Inscape House School has significantly enhanced the progress, development, and well-being of our Pupils with special educational needs (SEN), particularly those who are neurodiverse.

The Resilient Teams Training program has improved staff self-awareness, rooted in principles of neuroscience and psychology. By equipping educators to respond more effectively to challenging behaviours, this training has fostered a culture of reflection among staff, increasing their awareness of compassion fatigue. Consequently, there has been a marked improvement in staff confidence and their ability to support neurodiverse learners.

Our Nurture UK Training initiative has provided valuable insights into the social, emotional, and mental development of our pupils through the use of the Boxall Profile. This assessment tool has informed tailored support strategies for Pupils with autism and social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs, enabling more personalised and effective interventions that have demonstrably improved outcomes for these learners.

The Read Write Inc Program has been instrumental in enhancing phonemic awareness, a critical skill for successful reading. Supported by Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and ongoing Continuous Professional Development (CPD), this program has improved the teaching of reading and literacy outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils, thereby fostering their academic and functional progress.

Drumming sessions, facilitated by the Drum Roots initiative, have positively impacted mental well-being by providing a creative outlet for emotional expression. These sessions promote collaboration and communication within our diverse learning community while simultaneously enhancing motor skills for Pupils facing physical challenges.

Engagement in Awesome Walls climbing activities has contributed to the development of resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving skills among our diverse learners. Participating in these physically and mentally challenging activities has fostered positive outcomes for pupils' overall mental and physical well-being.

The recent investment in new playground equipment has been essential in supporting the physical development and active play of our younger children. This equipment facilitates crucial growth opportunities, promoting health and engagement in physical activities while supporting therapeutic goals for many pupils.

Our school-based animal intervention program has successfully enhanced the social, emotional, and physical health of pupils who have struggled to engage with peers or participate

in classroom activities. Animal-assisted interventions have provided Pupils with opportunities to partake in therapeutic activities that promote overall well-being, thereby creating a nurturing environment that addresses the diverse needs of our pupils.

Equine activities offered through Carrington Equine College have played a vital role in raising aspirations and fostering positive self-esteem among our vulnerable Pupils, including those with an SEMH profile. These experiences have been instrumental in building confidence and enhancing personal development, while also focusing on potential routes to employment.

The partnership with the Manchester United Foundation has provided a variety of enrichment activities that have improved community engagement. This collaboration has offered opportunities for employability coaching and teamwork, significantly contributing to the holistic development of our neurodiverse pupils.

In summary, these activities and interventions have collectively enriched Inscape's curriculum, creating an environment that enhances the academic, social, and emotional development of disadvantaged children. By addressing their unique challenges, we have continued to promote meaningful progress and growth across various domains, demonstrating our commitment to the success and well-being of all our Pupils.