

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – ST MATTHEW’S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026-27

Strategic Objective 1: Improve quality of teaching by securing foundational knowledge and adaptive practice, improving outcomes for priority learners

Improve outcomes for pupils with complex additional needs by implementing rigorous assessment processes, strengthening provision mapping, and improving the quality and consistency of adult-pupil interactions.

Accelerate progress for priority learners, including disadvantaged pupils and pupils with EAL, through adaptive classroom practice and targeted evidence-informed intervention programmes

Embed the consistent use of foundational knowledge and skills trackers to inform planning, assessment and feedback, ensuring teaching is precisely matched to pupils' needs.

Strategic Objective 2: Raise attainment and improve outcomes for pupils in phonics, Early Years and Key Stage Two

Strengthen assessment practices in Early Years, particularly in phonics and the Early Learning Goals, to ensure children are well prepared for transition into Key Stage 1.

Embed securely the teaching of high-quality phonics in Early Years, Years 1 and 2, and in KS2 where appropriate, ensuring high levels of engagement and rapid identification of learning gaps.

Raise attainment across the curriculum, particularly at the end of Key Stage 2, through stronger curriculum planning, responsive feedback and robust use of assessment information.

Strategic Objective 3: Improve attendance and punctuality, particularly in EYFS, to maximise learning opportunities

Reduce persistent absence through personalised support plans that strengthen pupils' sense of belonging, engagement and readiness to learn.

Use insight from pupil voice to identify barriers to attendance and punctuality, implementing timely, responsive strategies.

Strengthen partnerships with families to improve attendance through proactive communication, targeted support and effective use of external agencies and early-help services, such as EMHS, family support worker support and Early Help