

Priority schools must meet at least 2 of the criteria below:

- lower than average percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in the Phonics Screening Check (2019 PSC expected standard is 82%)
- a higher than average proportion of pupils reading below age-related expectations
- a higher than average proportion of children eligible for pupil premium (2018/19 the pupil premium national average is 22.9%)
- Ofsted judgement of Requires Improvement or Inadequate
- a high proportion of groups considered hard to reach, such as EAL, FSM, travellers, etc.
- schools referred by local partners (e.g. NLEs, RSCs, LAs, Opportunity Area teams).