

Covid-19 Catch-up Plan 2021-2



Following the Covid-19 pandemic and partial closure of schools, the government issued an amount of catch-up funding to all schools in the 2020-21 academic year to support closing gaps in learning. The amount of funding allocated was based on pupil numbers.

Our schools strategy is designed to address gaps in children's learning in order for them to make accelerated progress and reach age-related expectations by the end of the year. We want to support all children, including the most disadvantaged within the school and those who have experienced significant barriers to their learning during the disruption caused by COVID-19. Mental health and wellbeing will be at the core of the catch-up work. When deciding how to spend our funding we have considered the needs of our pupils and strategies which have previously had a positive impact. We have also used the government recommended 'Covid-19 Support Guide for Schools' published by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) to identify the most effective strategies.

Total Covid Catch-up Funding: £32,800.

Small group teacher led catch-up

Overview: a teaching team, employed by the school, to provide catch-up support across the school in English and maths. This allows for 'same day' interventions and quickly addresses misconceptions.

Cost: £45,000

Additional TA hours to lead Every Child Counts interventions

Overview: a structured programme of literacy and numeracy interventions which assess gaps in pupil's understanding - closes those rapidly to catch up with their peers

Cost: £14000

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Overview: an individualised intervention to improve emotional literacy and support emotional stability and higher levels of self-esteem.

Cost: £3100



Small group reading tuition

Overview: teacher led reading support for the lowest achieving pupils in lower KS2.

Cost: £4500

Nuffield Early Language Intervention

Overview: DfE funded intervention to improve outcomes in speaking and listening skills for Reception children.

Cost: £2800

Therapeutic Mentor

Overview: a member of staff who is a trained Therapeutic Mentor on our Pastoral Team. Meets pupils regularly to provide time creating a supportive relationship in a space that the child feels safe in. Pupils to be more engaged with learning.

Cost: £11400

Access to technology

Overview: chrome books and tablets available to loan to pupils who are sharing devices at home or who do not have access to a device at home. Online platform training for all staff to support remote learning.

Cost: purchased in previous academic year

Oral language and phonics CPD

Overview: staff CPD and fresh approach to teaching words to improve oral language in Reception and Year 1. Additional phonics sessions for pupils below age-related expectations.

Cost: £6000

Pastoral team support

Overview: led by the SENCo to work together, and with wider professional agencies, to support families who have found it difficult to return to normal school life and routines.

Cost: £28,000