COVID Catch-up Premium Plan



Debden Primary Academy

School	Debden Primary Academy
Academic year	2020-2021
Total Catch-Up Premium	£7360
Number of pupils	103 (initial funding is based on October 19 census, when the NOR was 92).

In August 2020, the Government announced additional funding for schools to deliver Catch- Up funding following the COVID 19 lockdown measures. This amounted to £80 per pupil.

Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). Those from the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds will be among those hardest hit. The aggregate impact of lost time in education will be substantial.

Guidance

As the catch-up premium has been designed to mitigate the effects of the unique disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), the grant will only be available for the 2020 to 2021 academic year. It will not be added to schools' baselines in calculating future years' funding allocations. Schools' allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil.

Schools should use this funding for specific activities to support their pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months, in line with the guidance on <u>curriculum expectations for the next academic year</u>. Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way for their cohort and circumstances.

EEF recommendations

To support schools to make the best use of this funding, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has published a <u>coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> support guide <u>for schools</u> with evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students. Schools should use this document to help them direct their additional funding in the most effective way.

In summary, the EEF projections for the impact of widespread school closures identify;

- The disadvantaged attainment gap widens
- · Assessment of lost learning is crucial
- Targeted support in addition to wider school initiatives are required
- Absence rates upon return are crucial.

Teaching and whole school strategies

- Supporting great teaching
- Pupil assessment and feedback
- Transition support

Targeted approaches

- One to one and small group tuition
- Intervention programmes
- Extended school time

Wider strategies

- Supporting parent and carers
- Access to technology
- Summer support

Identified areas for catch up

- -Reading fluency and comprehension
- -Communication and language
- -Social and emotional health and wellbeing
- -Extended writing

Planned expenditure

We have opted to use the bulk of our premium to employ an Interventions LSA. The Intervention LSA will have skills, knowledge and experience in enabling student progress in at least one of the above identified areas, in order to lead targeted interventions for children identified with this learning need. The Intervention LSA will also provide in-class support across the school, allowing us to release other specified staff to implement interventions in the other identified areas.

Teaching and whole-school strategies					
Objective	Chosen approach	Staff lead	Impact – once reviewed	Resources	Cost
Supporting great teaching	-Research and adopt EEF approaches for effective classroom support/ making best use of teaching assistants. Lanyard pyramid resourceProvide time for CPD and feedback session for TAs with SENCOContinue the whole school monitoring cycle in order to gauge teaching quality across subjects and alter approach accordingly. Including external T+L advisor -Overhaul the reading bands scheme to align with the phonics programme and ensure that we have an accurate view of children's reading fluency upon their return (basis for reading interventions)Investment in Zoom/SeeSaw/ Tapestry training for periods of remote learning.	Head of School: MH SENCO: SB Joint English Lead: HM	-Teaching and learning support effectiveness is maximisedIn-class approach is tailored to help individual students to close gapsTeachers and support staff have an accurate view of children's reading fluency in line with age-related expectations.	CPD resources Laminated effective support resource in lanyards T+L advisor feedback notes Subject monitoring feedback notes	£150 (cover costs for CPD and teacher release organising reading bands scheme) £150 (external T+L advisor)
Pupil assessment and feedback/ Transition Support	-Children assessed in all core subjects (PIRA, PUMA etc.) upon reopening and teacher judgement of all other subjectsInsight tracking system used to track children's strengths and development areasTeachers use this to inform planning and identify areas for interventionsContinue whole-class feedback approach to gauge student understanding and minimise marking risk of transmission -Use all of the information above to plot interventions programme.	Head of School: MH Joint Assessment Lead: GB SENCO: SB	-Areas for development identified -Individual student strengths and weaknesses assessed -Identified children for targeted interventions	Insight Tracking System Interventions Overview/ Timetable	£300 (for Insigh Tracking system
	interventions programme.		l	Total costs	£600

Targeted approaches					
Objective	Chosen approach	Staff lead	Impact – once reviewed	Resources	Cost
One to one and small	-Teaching, assessment and feedback interventions	Head of School: MH	-Attainment/ progress gaps	Interventions Overview/	
group tuition/	above utilised in order to identify children for	SENCO: SB	closed between identified	Timetable, including	£100
intervention programmes	interventions.	Office Manager: SD	children and other children;	interventions in:	(advertising/
	 -Audit existing staff skillset in identified areas for 	_	-Interventions meet pre-	-Reading fluency and	recruitment
	catch-up.		identified targets and inform	comprehension	costs).

				Total costs	£6556
	assessment years.				commitments
	and maths catch-up, particularly for children in	Lead: GB	extended writing and maths.	-Insight data	club
	of School and Senior teachers, in extended writing	Joint Assessment	children with identified gaps in	Timetable	staff meeting or
Extended school time	-Before/ after school interventions offered by Head	Head of School: MH	-Attainment gaps closed for	-Interventions Overview/	n/a – replace
	-Regular assessment of interventions				
	-Plan and implement interventions			Job Advertisement	contributions)
	-Training of appointed staff			language	week, plus
	-Recruitment process – shortlisting/ interviews		impact of interventions.	-Communication &	– 12 hours per
	least one of identified areas for catch-up.		 -Assessment demonstrates 	pastoral	Intervention LSA
	hours per week. Required skill and knowledge in at		interventions.	-Learning mentoring/	£6456 (wages of
	-Formulate advertisement for Interventions LSA: 12		future planning and	-Phonics	

School-wide approaches					
Objective	Chosen approach	Staff lead	Impact – once reviewed	Resources	Cost
Supporting parent and	-Parent handbook provided at the start of each term	Head of School: MH	-Parent feedback and surveys	-Parent handbook	n/a
carers	to enable parents to understand the school's risk	Office Staff: JA, SD	show that they feel confident in	-Remote learning policy	
	assessment/ policies in easy-to-comprehend	SENCO: SB	the school's approaches to	-Record of parent	
	language		enhancing children's learning/	communications	
	-Remote learning policy details the school's		supported in facilitating remote	-Remote learning	
	approach should lockdown be reinforced.		learning throughout the	expectations letters	
	-Expectations letters show time/ content		pandemic.	-Parent survey/ feedback	
	expectations of remote learning.		-Attainment gaps throughout		
	-Bi-weekly phone calls home to all households by		periods of remote learning are		
	the Head of School (SENCO to EHCP children)		minimised.		
Access to technology	-Communicate with local businesses and individuals	Head of School: MH	-Children have access to high-	-Laptops/tablets	£266 (cost of
	in order to acquire donations of additional	Office Staff: JA and	quality technology in school and	-Chargers	laptop chargers
	technology, to support children with in-school and	SD	at home, enabling them to	-Home/School agreement	
	remote learning.	Finance Manager: BB	partake in remote learning and	for borrowing technology	
	-19 laptops in excellent condition have been	ICT Technician: JM	independent research/ enquiry.		
	acquired from Lowell Financial – they just need		-Gaps between disadvantaged		
	chargers.		and advantaged children are		
	-ICT technician to wipe computers/ set-up with		narrowed.		
	school systems etc.				
	-Thank you communications to all who support the				
	school/ children with the access to technology.				
				Total costs	£266

TOTAL SPEND: £7422