

Briefing Paper: COVID Catch Up Premium 2020/21

The DfE have provided further details regarding the amount of catch up funding available to schools. £80 per pupil will be provided for the 2020/21 academic year, giving a total of £57,680. This funding replaces the year 7 catch up funding of £11,395.

Schools have been advised to use this funding for specific activities to support their pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months. The EEF have provided a guide to support school planning which suggests a tiered approach, focusing on a small number of strategies, is likely to make the biggest difference.

The first tier identified is teaching, stressing the need for a high quality CPD programme to equip teachers with improved skills to deliver effective lessons focusing on skills such as questioning and scaffolding. The CPD strategy planned by the AHT T&L for this academic year focuses on six key elements of teaching practice, with the overall aim of improving provision for all students.

The second tier focuses on targeted academic support, providing small group and one to one interventions. We know that students join us with skills in literacy and numeracy below that found nationally, and that school closure will have added to this skills deficit.

The third and final tier encapsulates other strategies, such as improving parental engagement.

Proposed Strategies:

Tier 1: Improving the quality of teaching and learning

- Powerful Action Steps: an online tool to support coaching & teacher development that correlates with the 6 strands of our internal CDP offer = **£2000**
- Iris Connect: to provide live coaching during lesson observation and develop a bank of best practice, improving the quality of teacher reflection = from **£3500 (per annum, budget for three years from catch up funding = £10,500)**
- CPD Library: to provide a resource within school to promote wider professional reading = **£250**
- Visualisers: in each classroom to support modelling @ £197 per visualiser x 30 = **£5910**

Tier 2: Academic Support

- Year 11 maths intervention: Rob Sherington will be providing 1-1 and small group provision at a cost of £350 per day, 30 days across the school year commencing 24th September = **£10,500**
- Create additional staffing capacity to deliver one to one and small group intervention. Advertise for one year positions for English / maths tutors, grade 3 (£9.36 per hour, 30 hours per week, 39 weeks per year) **Cost £21,902**

Tier 3: Other strategies

- Maintaining our strong parental engagement through virtual parents' evenings. Create more time for these events by spreading them over 3 evenings per year group.

TOTAL COST: £51,062