

COVID 19 Catch Up Premium

The first tranche of catch up funding, to pay for interventions to help students catch up with learning missed during the closures in the year, has been received. Interventions are being implemented.

Ada Lovelace received c.£36,000.

Areas identified where pupil progress has been impacted:

Lock down impact on reading:

- Very able readers no impact
- High ability - decrease of 6 months
- Mid ability readers decrease of 6 - 12 months
- Low ability readers – decrease of 12 – 24 months
- Impacts greater on boys and more significantly EAL boys

Proposed use of catch up funding:

- Reading booster strategy including changes to literacy curriculum/setting in Years 7 and 8, increased literacy groups, interventions for EAL/SEN. Reviewing a programme called Optima. Repeat reading assessments in December.
- Plan to recruit a High Level Teaching Assistant to provide some 1-1, in class support, small group teaching of Year 7 literacy groups. Study club support for targeted groups and groups of students in Year 9 who did not engage with online learning.
- Volunteer reading support teams.
- Create a reading room.

The effect of this expenditure will be monitored through our standard pupil progress monitoring systems, with particular attention being paid to reading ages.