



# Gusford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will be aware, all schools across England were allocated an amount of 'catch-up funding' this year, to enable schools to invest in resources to support children in reaching age-related expectations after the unprecedented disruptions of the last sixteen months.

We are pleased to be able to share a summary of how we have spent this additional funding at Gusford and how it is already supporting - and will continue to support - your child's progress and development. So far, our 'catch-up funding' has been used to purchase the following:

- **Whole School Thrive** subscription and training, to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of all children across the school.
- Three year subscription to **Learning By Questions (LbQ)**, along with a total of **132 tablets and four charging trolleys** for use in all Key Stage 2 classes. This will support teachers to identify and close gaps in learning, with the aim of accelerating progress for all pupils in Key Stage 2. These tablets are also being used to support children's learning across the wider curriculum, including ICT, with access to the internet and learning apps.
- Three year subscription to **Big Cat eBooks**, including a one year subscription to the entire ebook library. This will support children's progress in phonics and reading across all year groups.
- **National Tutoring Programme** tutors to work with ten pupils, identified as benefiting from additional learning support to close gaps in learning.
- **Laptops, wifi routers and dongles** purchased to support pupils learning from home during the school closure, as well as enabling children to access Google Classrooms for homework etc. Laptops are now being used to support pupils learning in school.

There is a small amount of money remaining for us to spend and we will be allocating this in the new school year, as we are aware that longer-term consequences of the prolonged school closures may yet emerge.

We have been extremely grateful for this funding and the opportunity it has given us to purchase resources that will benefit children across the school, in both the short and long term.

Yours sincerely,  
Claire Claydon  
Headteacher