



Narrowing the Gap- Including allocation of DfE catch-up funding

The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up.

Schools' allocations are calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil in years reception through to 6. This means we will receive £42,000 this year to help us support our pupils. Schools have to use this funding for specific activities to support their pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months. Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way for their cohort and circumstances. To support us to make the best use of this funding, the Education Endowment Foundation has published a support guide for schools with evidence-based approaches to catch up for all pupils. We have considered this when planning our approach for the use of this funding.

The barriers we need to address to help pupils catch up

Many of our children will be returning to school for the first time in 6 months. During this time there has been a varied degree of engagement in home learning for a range of reasons. This will have led to gaps in learning, especially in reading, writing, speaking and listening and maths. We also have children who need support with transition back into school and children who are new to our school who have not had the usual opportunities to visit and get to know us before they join us. Some of these children need social and emotional support to allow them to fully access their learning.

What we plan to do

To address the aspects outlined above, we have carefully considered the guidance document from the Education Endowment Foundation. We have used a proportion of our funding to employ an additional newly qualified teacher. This allows us to redeploy other staff in school to support groups of children who have been identified through our assessments as needing additional support. This targeted support will be

given in small groups. The primary focus of these support groups will be to address gaps in reading, writing and maths. The Enquire Learning Trust have retained 20% of the funding. This funding will be used to provide high quality training for support staff so that they can effectively support groups of children and enable them to catch up swiftly.

We have also identified that some of our children need support with communication skills to allow them to access their learning. We plan to use an amount of our funding to employ a speech and language professional to support these children in school for a dedicated amount of time each week. We will be participating in the DFE reception year early language programme to deliver the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). We will use some of the funding to train 4 members of reception staff to deliver the programme.

How we will check that our plan is making a difference

Initially we will use our assessments to identify where each child is in reading, writing and maths. Having identified where pupils need additional support, we will be able to deploy staff to deliver targeted interventions to enable the children to catch up. Each intervention will be for a planned period of time. We will use ongoing assessments and teacher observations in classrooms to check that our plan is making a difference. Teachers, support staff and senior leaders will work together to communicate how each child is progressing and evaluate our plans.

Funding:

<u>Academy Catch up funding spend.</u>	
Funding £64 per pupil after 20% ELT retained funding. 495 children eligible for funding.	£31680
0.5 of 1 year NQT plus on costs @30%	£16159
1 day additional Speech and language therapist (SALT)	£9300
Training NELI intervention staff release time for training.	£1000
Deployment of staff for interventions.	£5000

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Retained catch up funding planned expenditure

	Planned activity	Allocation
1.	Trust priorities – EY and curriculum implementation	£30,000
2.	School catch up contingencies	£40,000
3.	Phonics and early reading development	£15,000
4.	TA development programme – teaching and learning	£20,000
5.	Online learning resources	£20,000
6.	Online pedagogy - CPD	£10,000