

COVID 19 Catch Up Funding



What is Catch-up Funding?

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 government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time.

Allocation

School allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil in years reception through to 11.

Wellfield High School will receive £26,080 for the 2020/21 academic year.

Utilisation

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 curriculum expectations for the next academic year. Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way for their cohort and circumstances.

To support schools to make the best use of the funding, the EEF has published a support guide: https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/covid-19-support-guide-for-schools/#nav-covid-19-support-guide-for-schools/

Strategy	Rationale	Action	Total Cost	Assessment of Impact
Additional Staffing	Quality first teaching makes the	Senior Leader responsible for ensuring	£16,950	Staff training for developing
Teaching and Learning Lead	biggest difference to students	quality first teaching within the		remote learning showed an
	learning	classroom		increase in personalisation of
				lessons and student
				engagement
Bedrock Learning Vocabulary	Catch up for Vocabulary and	Deploy package for use within KS3	£2,162	Ongoing impact to be assessed
Package	literacy for all KS3 students	English lessons and homework as part of		
		the Reading Strategy		
Reading Strategy	Students out of school from March	Purchase new English Class Readers	£1,241	Ongoing following staff training
	2020 till September 2020 will need	Staff training for catch up for reluctant		
	to be reintroduced to reading	readers and students reading below age		
		related standard		





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Specific catch up resources	Each student has access to personal copy of resources	Subject work books purchased	£1,262	
Focus on feedback and questioning within Lessons	As teachers are unable to move around the classroom and give personal feedback and directed question other methods have to be employed	Purchase of mini whiteboards and pens for each student	£249	Student engagement in learning remained high as teachers were able to see each student response to questioning and individual working
School Cloud Parents Evening System	Ensuring that Parental communication is continued	Purchase licence Train staff on system Inform Parents Target hard to reach parents	£493	Parents evening attendance has increased on pre 2020 face to face parents' evenings Feedback from parents and staff is that the system is efficient, allows parents to access from different locations and should be maintained post Covid
Improve Remote Learning during January – March 2021	Ensuring students engage with remote learning during second period of national lockdown	Train staff to personalise their lessons Specific resources purchased visualiers and graphic pads	£745	Feedback from students that remote learning lessons had improved and become more personalised Completion rate of remote learning tasks improved over the period