

COVID-19 Catch Up Premium

What is catch up funding?

Children and young people from 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 the hardest hit.

The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up on their education. 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 students make up for lost face-to-face teaching time.

Utilisation

Schools should use this funding for specific activities to support their students to catch up for lost teaching time over the previous months, in line with 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.

At Darrick Wood we have carefully considered the areas that would most benefit from this additional funding. The key areas of focus are:

Year 11 Intervention Programme: Groups of Year 11 students who have been identified as needing additional support will be invited to targeted sessions ran by teaching staff.

Small Group Tuition: Additional subject sessions will be delivered to those students identified as being most in need. This will be done either through using the National Tutoring Programme or through staff available to us in school.

Devices and Internet Access: The school continues to ensure that all students have all that they need to access the online learning resources set by their teachers.

Assessment: The school have purchased additional teaching and assessment resources to support great teaching and to track progress.

Student Services: Students emotional needs have increased due to the pandemic and the isolation of lockdown. Extra staffing has been assigned to focus on students' emotional needs and general well-being.

Accountability and Monitoring

As with all government funding, school leaders must be able to account for how this money is being used. All money will be used to achieve the goal of helping Darrick Wood get back on track and return to teaching a normal curriculum as quickly as possible.

Darrick Wood will be transparent in tracking and accounting for the catch up premium.