

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Catch-Up Premium

The government COVID-19 catch-up premium has been established to mitigate the effects of the unique disruption caused by coronavirus. The grant has been made available across the 2020-2021 and 2021-22 academic year.

Schools should use this funding for specific activities to support pupils to catch up for lost teaching time over the previous months. To support schools to make the best use of the funding, the EEF has published a support guide:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-I9-resources/covid-I9-support-guide-for-schools/#nav-covid-I9-supportguide-for-schools |

A summary of their best practice is as follows:

Overall strategy area	Specific strategies
Teaching and whole–school strategies	Supporting great teaching
	Pupil assessment and feedback
	Transition support
Targeted approaches	One to one and small group tuition
	Intervention programmes
	Extended school time
Wider strategies	Supporting parents and carers
	Access to technology
	Summer support

As with all government funding, school leaders and governors must be able to account for how the money is being used. Therefore, the impact and spending strategy for this catch-up premium will be reviewed throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, at each Teaching and Learning Committee meeting. When Ofsted re-commence routine inspections, they will make judgements about the quality of education being provided which will include how you are using the funding to ensure the curriculum has a positive impact on all pupils.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) catch-up premium strategy outline

Reviewed April 2021 / June 2021

School Name:	Eccleston Mere Primary School
Headteacher / Chair of Governors	Mr Ryan Mugan / Mrs Vicky Atherton
Amount of COVID-19 Catch Up Premium Allocated (some to be	£21,333 (2020–21 financial year, allocated Nov '20)
allocated)	£13,060 (2021-22 financial year)

Chosen action / approach	Success Criteria	What is the evidence and rationale for this choice?	Resources / Cost and Training	Impact (Evaluation) Review - April, July,
Frequent low stakes testing to improve pupil assessment and feedback.	-Assessment of 'gaps in learning' to be completed in Autumn I, -Earlier assessment and pupil progress meeting to form individualised 'catch-up strategies in NovemberUse of new FFT curriculum tracker to ensure that assessment data is 'point in time' and more frequently updated.	- EEF (Effective Diagnostic Assessment) 'Planning effective assessment is integral to supporting great teaching. Schools will have to deploy their own assessment approaches to sensitively diagnose the actual impact that Covid-19 school closures may have had on their pupils'.	NFER Tests £3000 FFT Aspire / Curriculum Tracker £1000 NFER Training - Assessment Lead NFER Training- Whole Staff (1 hr 30) (INSET Day time)	Additional element of FFT has enabled teachers to assess individual objectives within one platform, providing detailed evidence as to objectives met / development points. Catch up strategies devised by teachers, shared within pupil progress meetings. Used to identify NTP groups, for I-I / I-3 support. Assessment of gaps has continued and teachers have been provided time for this, through use of some supply cover / TA cover.

Use of staff member to support home learning for children isolating, during Autumn Term (when others are in school). *to be reviewed in other terms.	-Children who are isolating at home to be provided with appropriate work in Autumn TermChildren who are isolated are to be informed of a key contact	- EEF (Supporting Remote Learning) 'School leaders will therefore have to plan for a range of eventualities that will likely involve high-quality remote learning. Focusing on high-quality remote learning will always be valuable for pupils'.	Associated supply costs to release staff. £4000 MS Teams Training-Teachers (Ihr) (Staff Meeting time)	Amount spent on release of staff reduced owing to staff member taking maternity leave earlier due to COVID guidance. Objective partially met through this spend, as when classes were sent home / staff member isolating remote learning was delivered to all and additional adults made available to pupils, ensuring continuation of learning. Since April, school have had to send home further staff members, identified as close contacts of people with COVID-19. Some COVID funding has been spent on external staffing, to ensure that the minimum number of pupils have been sent home, and to support remote learning.
Purchase / renewal of resources to enable rapid catch up in reading.		School data from 2018- 19 indicating a need to boost reading provision in school. (resulting in improvements last year - teacher assessments).	KS2 Reading Scheme - Pandora Books £2900 Renewal of Reading Plus £3700	Within 12 months, KS2 children have made 2.2 yrs of progress on average using Reading Plus (reading for 15 hours each since September). Enabled consistency of reading during lockdown. Reading scheme also purchased for KS1/2 - reading results in the Autumn Term were 66%, which is 10-15%

		This was exacerbated during closure by the disruption of new reading routines, along with difficulties in maintaining home reading, in a COVID safe way. More books / Reading plus renewal needed to maintain reading strategies that were previously proven to be having an impact.	identified gaps in KS2 (reluctant readers), re) reading.	lower than usual- expectant that this 'gap' will decrease following successful participation in the schools home learning offer. Purchase of ORT materials, to provide more variety for reluctant readers, to address identified 'gaps' (focus particularly on LA readers).
Purchase of resources to consolidate learning in Maths, addressing gaps from previous year. (This action did not happen -was not deemed useful- replaced in Year 2, by homework action)	- All families to receive these additional workbooks to address gaps in learning, during Summer term, 2021 All children to complete workbooks at home and in class (alongside classwork), to consolidate gaps from previous yearTeaching assistants will provide intervention to children as required.	-School Data / Context During Summer Term, children received home learning to ensure Maths provision continued. To consolidate this learning, from identified 'gaps' (from initial assessments), additional resources to be purchased and interventions delivered.	White Rose Maths Workbooks - Summer £3600 (£600 per year group, from YI-6) *to be purchased in Summer Term, when available.	Not yet purchased, owing to resources not yet being published for the elements missed in the previous year - published after the Spring Term. Materials due to arrive. These materials will support the NCETM ready to progress materials, used to support catch up in the Summer Term.

Enrolment in the	-Pupils identified during	EEE (Targeted Academic	£4000	Enrolment in this programme
	,	EEF (Targeted Academic	14000	has now happened (Spring
national tutoring	Autumn term, using	Support)		Term) and will begin following
programme for	diagnostic assessments,	'The evidence indicates		the Easter holidays (delay due
identified pupils.	as well as earlier NFER	that small group and		to 2 nd lockdown).
	assessments.	one to one intervention		
	-Liaise with National	can be a powerful tool		45 children will have access to
	Tutoring Programme	for supporting pupils.		Tutoring at this stage
	provider in Autumn.	High-quality teaching		Tutoring has been positively
	-Begin programme of	should reduce the need		received, consistent and pre-
	tutoring for identified	for extra support, but it		assessments completed. At
	children in Spring term.	is likely that some pupils		the end of the term, there will
		will require high quality,		be term, all pupils involved in the NTP had made progress
		structured, targeted		against targets – school hold
		interventions to make		data illustrating this, as a
				case study.
		progress.'		
Provision of pastoral	-Continue to develop the	EEF (Supporting Pupils	Jigsaw for additional	Additional Jigsaw package
support / resources	PSHE provision within	' Social and	year groups	purchased.
throughout the year, for	school, resourcing	behavioural needs)	£1000	Promotion of mental health
identified pupils.	additional mindfulness	'Providing support for		work / wellbeing has taken
	sessions.	pupils' social,	Additional Pastoral	place - timetabled explicitly in
		emotional and	Support	Autumn and reflected in
	-Utilise a further	behavioural needs.	£2000	timetable adjustments in
	member of staff in a	Understandably, the		Spring.
	pastoral capacity, to	impact of Covid-19		Additional pastoral support
	1 '	· •		proved invaluable in Autumn
	provide support, post-	closures means many		Term, where an increasing
	Covid.	schools are revisiting		number of pupils were added
		their approach.'		to our vulnerability matrix
				within school.

	reduced, but additional
	pastoral support has enable the pastoral mentor to focus
	on most vulnerable (families at
	level 3 and CP, which have
	increased).

Additional Actions (September 2021-22)

Support in identified	-SC identified to	EEF (Targeted Academic	Staffing Costs	
year groups, for pupils	support small groups	Support)	£8000	
identified as being in	within Y3.	'The evidence indicates		
need of additional		that small group and		
support.	-Additional day of	one to one intervention		
	support across Y4 to	can be a powerful tool		
	deliver interventions.	for supporting pupils.		
		High-quality teaching		
		should reduce the need		
		for extra support, but it		
		is likely that some pupils		
		will require high quality,		
		structured, targeted		
		interventions to make		
		progress.'		
Purchase of additional	-Y6 Revision Books to be	Y6 identified as a year	Allocated budget	
homework resources, to	purchased.	group in need of	£2000	
provide additional,	-WRM workbooks to be	additional support:		
targeted work for year	used in other year	revision books to be		
groups.	groups, alongside any	used alongside targeted		
	identified Literacy	booster sessions, to		
	materials (as required)	prepare children for		
		EOKS assessments.		
		Additional learning time		
		(in terms of booster		
		sessions).		

Recurring Actions (2021–22, as previous year)

Frequent low stakes	-Assessment of 'gaps	- EEF (Effective	NFER Tests	
testing to improve pupil	in learning' to be	Diagnostic Assessment)	£3000	
assessment and	completed in Autumn I,	'Planning effective		
feedback.	-Earlier assessment and	assessment is integral	FFT Aspire / Curriculum	
	pupil progress meeting	to supporting great	Tracker	
	to form individualised '	teaching. Schools will	£1000	
	catch-up strategies in	have to deploy their own		
	November.	assessment approaches		
	-Use of new FFT	to sensitively diagnose		
	curriculum tracker to	the actual impact that		
	ensure that assessment	Covid-19 school		
	data is 'point in time'	closures may have had		
	and more frequently	on their pupils' .		
	updated.			