

11-16 COVID catch-up premium

The Department of Education announced funding to support students whose learning has been disrupted as a result of the COVID pandemic.

This 11-16 Catch Up Premium Funding is available to all secondary schools.

The government announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure. This is especially important for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds. School allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis. Mainstream school will get £80 for each pupil in from reception to year 11 inclusive. Although the funding has been calculated on a per pupil basis, schools have been advised that we should use the sum available to us as a single total from which we need to prioritise support for pupils according to their need.

The funding is due to be given to schools in three tranches; Autumn 2020, Early 2021 and Summer 2021. Caistor Yarborough Academy will receive £31,680.

The overall aims of the Caistor Yarborough Academy catch-up premium strategy are to:

- reduce the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers
- raise the attainment of all pupils to close the gap created by COVID-19 school closures

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 curriculum expectations for the next academic year in actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak.

Schools can use their funding in a way that suits their cohort and circumstances, and we at Caistor Yarborough Academy are using this funding for specific activities which will help pupils catch up on missed education.

Examples

- Purchase of extra textbooks to provide more in class support while teachers have to socially distance
- Purchase of GL assessments to test all new year 7 pupils on entry due to them missing Key Stage 2 SATS during lockdown, to enable a starting point to be determined and progress to be measured
- Appointment of a cover supervisor to undertake small group intervention work and whole school cover to maintain consistency in times of staff absence

- Purchase of visualisers to support the delivery of live marking of books and explicit modelling to support metacognitive and retrieval practice approaches, and to enable and support the process of in-class intervention and feedback at a safe social distance.
- Purchase of tablets and headphones to allow individual intervention work in lessons
- Provision of extra resources due to restrictions in place due to the COVID risk assessment to allow all students to engage with lessons both in the academy and during on-line learning
- Provision of high quality and appropriate PPE to ensure the academy was safe for all students to return to learning
- Purchase of e-platform online library to allow all students to have access to reading books during any lockdown and for moving forwards

The full guidance can be accessed

here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/catch-up-premium-coronavirus-covid-19/catch-up-premium>