



Catch-Up Premium Plan Saint Thomas' CE Academy

Summary information

School	Saint Thomas' CE Academy				
Academic Year	2020-21	Total Catch-Up Premium	£16,880	Number of pupils	209

Guidance

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 aggregate impact of lost time in education will be substantial, and the scale of our response must match the scale of the challenge.

Schools' allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil from Reception through to 11. At Saint Thomas' CE Academy pupils from Reception to Year 6 are funded.

As the catch-up premium has been designed to mitigate the effects of the unique disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), the grant will only be available for the 2020 to 2021 academic year. It will not be added to schools' baselines in calculating future years' funding allocations.

Use of Funds

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 this funding, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has published a [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) support guide for schools](#) with evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students. Schools should use this document to help them direct their additional funding in the most effective way.

EEF Recommendations

The EEF advises the following:

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 parent and carers
- Access to technology
- Summer support



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Identified impact of lockdown

Maths	<p>Specific content has been missed, leading to gaps in learning and stalled sequencing of journeys. Children still have an appetite for maths and lockdown has not affected their attitudes however they are quite simply, 'behind'.</p> <p>Recall of basic skills has suffered – children are not able to recall addition facts, times tables and have forgotten once taught calculation strategies. This is reflected in arithmetic assessments.</p>
Writing	<p>Children haven't necessarily missed 'units' of learning in the same way as Maths, however they have lost essential practising of writing skills. Gaps specific knowledge has suffered, leading to lack of fluency in writing. Those who have maintained writing throughout lockdown are less affected, however those who evidently didn't write much have had to work additionally hard on writing stamina and improving their motivation due to the lack of fluency in their ability to write.</p>
Reading	<p>Children accessed reading during lockdown more than any other subject. This is something that was more accessible for families and required less teacher input. However, children are less fluent in their reading and the gap between those children that read widely and those children who don't is now increasingly wide. The bottom 20% of readers have been disproportionately affected and it is this group of spotlight children that will need the most support.</p>
Non-core Subjects /Science and RE.	<p>There are now significant gaps in knowledge – whole units of work have not been taught meaning that children are less able to access pre-requisite knowledge when learning something new and they are less likely to make connections between concepts and themes throughout the curriculum. Children have also missed out on the curriculum experiences e.g. trips, visitors and powerful curriculum moments which create Cultural Capital for them.</p>



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Planned expenditure – The headings below are grouped into the categories outlined in the Education Endowment Foundation's coronavirus support guide for schools)

i. Teaching and whole-school strategies

Desired outcome	Chosen approach and anticipated cost	Impact (once reviewed)	Staff lead	Review date?
<p><u>Supporting great teaching:</u></p> <p>The Foundation subject/ RE and Science will be planned with increasing detail and consideration for how pre-requisite knowledge will be taught alongside new learning so that knowledge gaps can be reduced.</p> <p>Despite the limitations placed on schools in terms of use of physical resources and the sharing of them, manipulatives are accessed regularly in Maths and this supports children's learning and the acquisition of new skills.</p>	<p><i>Additional time for teachers to research and plan non-core subjects. Release time and additional cover will be required to facilitate the additional PPA.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(£1000)</i></p> <p><i>Purchase additional manipulatives for EYFS/KSI initially.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(£1000)</i></p>		<p>EB/WK</p> <p>EB</p>	<p>Feb 21</p> <p>Feb 21</p>
<p><u>Teaching assessment and feedback</u></p> <p>Teachers have a very clear understanding of what gaps in learning remain and use this to inform assessments of learning that are aligned with standardised norms, giving a greater degree in confidence and accuracy of assessments.</p>	<p><i>Purchase and implement the Rising Stars National Test-style Standardised Assessments suite. Complete termly tests and record assessments on MARK to identify gaps and on Insight to track performance.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(£1500)</i></p>		HM	July 21
<p><u>Transition support</u></p> <p>Children who are joining school from different settings or who are beginning their schooling with Saint Thomas' CE Academy have an opportunity to become familiar and confident with the setting before they arrive.</p>	<p><i>A 360 interactive virtual tour of Saint Thomas' CE Academy is available on our school website and new starters are signposted to it. Additional time is made to cover a member of staff so that they can have a virtual meeting with their new starter so that the child is confident in joining Saint Thomas' CE Academy.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(£600 from School Budget)</i></p>		HM	Ongoing
Total budgeted cost				£ 4100



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ii. Targeted approaches				
Desired outcome	Chosen action/approach	Impact (once reviewed)	Staff lead	Review date?
<u>1 to 1 and small group tuition</u> Identified children will have significantly increased rates of reading fluency and prosody. Additional phonics intervention will enable children to more confidently decode words. They will be able to comprehend reading better as a result of being able to read at pace without spending their working memory decoding. They will be confident readers and dips in reading attainment will be negated.	<i>A Reading Fluency Champion will be appointed (TA level 2) to support children with the acquisition of these skills. Screening of children will need to take place and regular reading programmes initiated.</i> <i>(£5600)</i>		HM	Feb 21 Feb 21
<u>Intervention programme</u> An appropriate numeracy intervention, such as Catch-Up Numeracy, supports those identified children in reinforcing their understanding of basic maths skills and application of number.	<i>Regular intervention programmes are set-up Staff within phases are trained and they are able to deliver the intervention confidently (inclusive of entry and exit data).</i> <i>(£1000)</i>		HM/EB	July 21
<u>Extended school time</u> Identified children are able to access a weekly catch-up club (1 hour per night). The attainment of those identified children improves and effect of lockdown is becoming negated. Parents are supportive of the additional learning time and the identification process will be made clear to everyone.	<i>This club will enable children to have additional learning time with a qualified teacher and TA to accelerate the catch-up process.</i> <i>(£4,000)</i>		HM	Ongoing
Total budgeted cost				£10,600



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iii. Wider Strategies				
Desired outcome	Chosen action/approach	Impact (once reviewed)	Staff lead	Review date?
<u>Supporting parents and carers</u> Children will have greater opportunities to access learning at home. Home-learning opportunities will not always require parents to engage with the activities, affording the children greater independence and increasing the likelihood that parents can sustain home-learning. Children have access to appropriate stationery and paper-based home-learning if required so that all can access learning irrespective of ability of child/parent to navigate the online learning.	<i>Additional online learning resources will be purchased, such as TT Rock Stars to support children reading at home. Likewise, Spelling Shed will be purchased so that children can practise spellings at home.</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>£500</i></div>		AR	Feb 21
	<i>2-day home-learning paper packs are printed and ready to distribute for all children. Stationery packs are to be purchased and set aside for children to take home when home-learning occurs.</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>£500</i></div>		HM/EB	Feb 21
<u>Access to technology</u> During the catch-up extended school provision, children can access additional devices so that they can rotate through discrete teaching, reading fluency and independent online activities. Teachers have appropriate training to use laptops that are equipped with webcams and allow the teachers to access school-based resources from home. Teachers facilitate effective home-learning with increased capacity to share resources and communicate learning to children.	<i>School will purchase 2 additional note books to be shared amongst pupils who need access to technological support. The assistant Head teacher will dedicate time to support parents who are struggling to access home-learning.</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>£1280</i></div>		HM/EB	Feb 21
	<i>Additional planning and meeting time to ensure staff are confident in the delivery of effective Home-Learning.</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>£500</i></div>		HM/EB/NB	Feb 21
<u>Summer Support</u> NA				
Total budgeted cost				<i>£2780</i>
		Cost paid through Covid Catch-Up	<i>£16,880</i>	
		Cost paid through charitable donations		
		Cost paid through school budget	<i>£600</i>	