

Southfields Academy: COVID-19 Catch-up Premium

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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.

We know that we have the professional knowledge and expertise in the education system to ensure that children and young people recover and get back on track. Returning to normal educational routines as quickly as possible will be critical to our national recovery.

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.

Southfields Academy will receive £67,400 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.

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

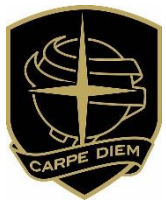
Year 11 Revision & Support Sessions: The whole year group to receive targeted sessions designed to improve their revision and independent study skills. Year group given access to a range of support and wellbeing sessions and services.

Year 10 Homework and Study Support Sessions: Before school study support and homework sessions run during breakfast club.

Key Stage Three – Disadvantage support: Access to support, counselling and mentoring and extra sessions for homework and study skills.

Assessment: The school have purchased additional assessment resources to identify student levels and track progress.

Student Services: Students emotional needs have increased due to the pandemic and 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 to achieve the goal of schools getting back on track and teaching a normal curriculum as quickly as possible.

Southfields Academy will be transparent in tracking and accounting for the funding.