

Westley Middle School

Catch-Up Premium

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives state-funded schools, including academies, additional funding to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading or maths at the end of key stage 2 (KS2).

Our funding allocation for 2019/20 was £10,720 and was used to provide:

- Focus groups for English and Maths in Year 7 for those pupils working below national expectations
- LSAs supporting in classes, small groups and 1:1 as directed by the Heads of Maths and English
- 1:1 support on carefully chosen literacy interventions i.e. Accelerated reader is used to develop comprehension and understanding
- Heads of Maths and English are funded to track pupil progress
- Local Authority literacy/dyslexia training for LSA's who provided 1:1 tuition and support in school

For the school year 2019/20 our funding allocation of £10,720 represented a reduction of £3,000 on our 2018/19 settlement. Our 2020/21 allocation will form part of the 'Boris money' for covid catch up programmes and will be used to fund interventions as mentioned above and an intensive tutoring programme.

We measure the impact of any catch-up strategies by looking carefully at progress data with our Heads of English and Maths and evaluate our approaches. This is augmented termly via Pupil Progress Meetings with teachers which tracks and aims to overcome barriers to learning. Pupils make good progress in Year 7 and we plan to continue with small class groups.

Impact

Because of the pandemic and subsequent period of remote learning, it is very difficult to measure the impact of the spending of the catch-Up Premium. I am confident that that money has been spent well and that by having focus groups, tracking progress, using LSAs effectively, and offering targeted intervention students in KS3 have been able to make good progress academically.

All of the areas we have used our funding for will continue to be developed in 2020/21.