



Covid-19 Catch Up Premium

During the COVID pandemic the government has provided additional funding to support children. This is especially important for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds. This funding includes:

- At St Mary's additional catch up funding has been provided 2022 to 2023 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time

COVID-19 catch-up premium spending: summary

STRATEGY STATEMENT

At St Mary's, we have identified a need for specific and focussed phonics interventions for many of our children across all classes, as without being secure and confident readers, a child's progress and attainment in all other subjects is severely impacted.

We have used part of our Catch Up funding therefore to purchase a new phonics scheme including resources for the classrooms, decodable books to be read at home. To ensure that the scheme is used to the best of its capacity we have also trained all staff within the scheme as well as understanding the phonic development of children. This training took place on 10th October 2022.

Additionally, assessment is used to review how support can be best used to impact change for the children. To support this a new assessment scheme will be purchased to support identifying the gaps in spelling and grammar.

During lockdown absence has affected the fluency in which children have in their handwriting. To quickly address this need to to ensure consistency across the school the Nelson Handwriting scheme has be purchased to be employed.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Total catch-up premium budget:

£4205

Training Costs - £959

Subscription - £298

Books & Resources - £1537

Handwriting Scheme - £700

Gaps assessment scheme £500

(£3994 – additional £211 was used to buy additional books for the scheme)

Impact

The school will look to see the impact of this Catch Up funding in the Outcomes of the pupils. In particular this will be seen in the resources being employed fully and appropriately within the pupils learning school offer.