

Covid Catch-up – Summary of Strategy and Planned Spending, 2021-2022

We are using the grants allocated by central government to part fund the additional interventions and strategies to support children to catch up on lost learning as detailed below. The school has received three grants:

Grant	Brief Summary	Amount
Catch-up Premium 2020-21	Being used to target rapid progress in writing and additional interventions in Early Years	£48,690
Covid Recovery Premium, 2021-2022	NELI Programme for Year 1, maths interventions in Year 6	£11,890
School-led Tutoring Grant, 2021-2022	Targeting maths interventions	£12,636

Catch-up Premium and Covid Recovery Premium

The school received the Catch-up Premium funding in 2020-2021 financial year. We had planned to use it to fund a tuition programme which could not then be implemented due to lockdowns. As previously discussed, we have invested this in additional teaching time. This time is being used to release class teachers to improve marking and feedback for writing. The trial of this programme saw a rapid increase in the rate of progress of children's writing in Year 5 in the last summer term and this has now been rolled out across the school.

In addition to this, this year we have received the Covid Recovery Premium funding of £21,802. We are using this to fund:

- the Nuffield Early Language Intervention Programme in Early Years and Year One
- An additional teaching assistant to work in Year One to support children's learning in class – this in response to the needs of the children at the start of the academic year.
- A class teacher to deliver a small maths group targeted at the most vulnerable mathematics learners in Year Six (this teacher is also delivering the School-led Tuition programme).
- The school contribution to the School-led Tutoring Programme (see below)

This brings the total expenditure to equal funding. However, we are also paying an additional £12,331 to pay the teacher who is delivering the School-led tuition and the Year Six Maths group to work full time. This supported recruitment to the post, has been giving us valuable additional cover when staffing is short due to covid-related issues, some potential management release time, PPA for the teacher and some additional release time to support learning in Year Six.

Item	Value
Catch-up Premium Funding (from 2020-2021)	£48,690
Covid Recovery Premium Funding (2021-2022)	£11,890
Additional Teacher for Writing Feedback, Marking and Intervention	-£35,123
Additional Teacher for Interventions, Early Years	-£12,456
School contribution to National Tutoring Programme	-£3,159
Nuffield Early Language Intervention Programme	-£10,721
Additional Teaching Assistant, Year One (cost for one term)	-£5,400
Additional Year Six Maths Tuition	-£3,802
Balance	-£10,081

One can see from the above that the total amount being spent on additional covid catch-up interventions is well in excess of the grant funding allocated.

School-led Tutoring Programme

Below one can see the maximum amount of funding that St Matthew's could receive if we were able to deliver the full number of hours of tutoring to all children.

The funding is complicated – the school only receives funding for the hours of tutoring it delivers. We understand that any unspent funding will be clawed back in the 2023-2024 financial year. We receive funding for 60% of our pupil premium children in Years 1 to 6. It assumes 15 hours of tuition at a rate of £18 per hour, and the government funds 75% of that tuition. (Note the children who receive the tuition do not necessarily have to be pupil premium themselves. The pupil premium numbers are used as a proxy for the number of vulnerable learners a school is likely to have. The tuition should be targeted at vulnerable learners). One can see the total maximum amount of funding we are entitled to for this academic year in the table below.

Number of Pupil Premium Pupils in Years 1 to 6 on October 2021 Census Day	78
60% of these Pupil Premium pupils	46.8
Total hours (60% of PP pupils times 15 hours)	702
Total cost (at £18 per hour)	£12,636
Government Funding (75% of total cost)	£9,477
School commitment	£3,159

We are using this funding to target mathematics catch-up for targeted children in Years 1 to 6. We are currently targeting 18 children for this support which began just after half term. Support for these children will run for six weeks after which a second group of children will be targeted. The children have been selected on the basis of progress made over the last two years, thereby targeting those children whose level of attainment has been most adversely affected by the pandemic.