

COVID-19 Catch-up Premium

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. Further funding has been provided for 2021 to 2022.

Allocation

Beacroft School received £23,240 for the 2020/21 academic year

Beacroft School received £16,600 for the 2021/22 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 Beacroft School we have carefully considered the areas that would most benefit from this additional funding. The key areas of focus are:

Tutor Sessions for students following our Semi-formal and Formal curriculums: Groups of students to receive additional Maths and English lessons delivered by Beacroft Staff (completing two additional days).

Music Therapy and Speech and Language therapy: additional sessions for students following our nurture curriculum as well as our semi-formal and formal curriculums.

Additional TA support across departments to allow for emotional support and some small group work.

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.

Beacroft School will be transparent in tracking and accounting for the funding.