

Coronavirus (COVID-19) catch-up premium

The government is providing schools with funds during the 2020/21 academic year to ensure that schools have the support needed to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The funding equates to £80 per pupil from Reception to Year 11.

This document sets out:

- How it is intended that the grant will be spent
- How the effect on educational attainment will be assessed

How is the grant being spent?

Magna Learning Partnership has pooled the catch-up premium across the academies in the Trust in order to maximise the potential outcomes. This has enabled the Trust to appoint qualified and experienced staff on fixed-term contracts, thus securing high quality, consistent and well planned support for children and young people.

	£000
Appointment of nine fixed-term staff	185
Specific expenditure allocated in academies:	
• Amesbury Archer Primary School	5
• Sarum Academy	28
• The Trafalgar School	27
• Wyvern St Edmund's learning Campus	37
Total premium awarded	282

The primary schools in the Trust pooled all resources, apart from £5,000 allocated by Amesbury Archer prior to joining the Trust, whilst the secondary schools retained some funds to allocate to specific projects. The staff appointed will support English, Maths and pastoral needs.

The focus is on English and Maths as these core subjects enable pupils to unlock the wider curriculum. The schools are also using the funding to ensure that the curriculum has a positive impact on all pupils and students and to ensure that any barriers to learning are removed.

How will the effect on educational attainment be assessed?

The academies in the Trust have assessed the predicted progress of the pupils in the Trust in Autumn 2020; this includes consideration of those with specific characteristics (those eligible for pupil premium funding, special educational needs, girls and boys).

Each academy will track the change in predicted progress, with an expectation that there will be an improvement during the course of the year.