

Coronavirus (Covid19) catch-up premium

During the pandemic, many children have not been able to attend in-school provision. Our school is unusual in the number of children eligible to attend, as we have more than the average number of 'critical workers' amongst the parent body. We had as much as three times as many children attending in the summer term 2020 as the national average.

Remote Learning has greatly evolved over the period March 2020 to March 2021. Despite the daily provision for non-attending children from our own staff, there is a body of evidence that suggests many children have not made the learning progress they would have done if school had been open all year.

The 'catch-up premium' and the national tuition programme is available to help schools help children to catch-up with their projected learning progress.

At our school, we will use the available funding to release our own teachers to provide one to one, and some small group, tuition. This will be mostly focussed on writing skills, and particularly with children in Year 5 and Year 6. Our assessment data on the return of all pupils in autumn term 2020 showed that attainment in reading and maths has stood up well, but writing was not as strong.

We will use all forms of assessment, and our knowledge about engagement in learning processes over the period, to identify children for catch-up and tuition. This tuition will take the recognised effective structure of one or two sessions per week for 10 to 12 weeks.