



## Year 7 Catch-Up Premium Report 2019-2020

The year 7 literacy and numeracy catch up funding allows school to provide additional interventions, resources and staffing for children in year 7 who are highlighted as needing more support. Therefore, this additional funding relates to all of our year 7 students. The funding is used to support the development of English and maths skills through additional interventions, resources and staffing to work towards an individualised curriculum that meets our students' needs.

Our current year 7 students have a broad range of needs and barriers for learning. These include severe learning difficulties and fine motor difficulties.

We measure progress through the participation of the pupils as well as academic outcomes.

The principles underlying our use of this grant are that we want to:

1. Prioritise the deployment of highly trained and well supported staff that are able to focus on the individual needs of our pupils, based on high quality assessment evidence.
2. Have staff working with our learners who are highly skilled in teaching literacy and numeracy.
3. Provide the best teaching resource that we can.

Allocation 2019-2020: £3335	
Staff training: £500	Contribution towards the school's overall training budget to deliver CPD.  Staff training in phonics and writing to ensure students will make good or better progress in their English targets.  Read Write Inc training for two teachers.
Kickboxing: £1500	Kickboxing sessions are planned to practise phonics or maths while doing kickboxing
Play therapy: £1335	To be able to offer play therapy for pupils to enable them to better regulate their feelings in order to concentrate on learning

Our data shows that our learners do not experience a dip in their progress when moving from year 6 to year 7. However, we do recognise that when children join the school, regardless of the year group, they do need time to adjust to a new routine, new staff and understand the boundaries and expectations in our setting. We also need a period of time to perform assessment in order to determine pupils specific learning requirements and build an individual plan around our learners. For that reason we use some of the Year 7 catch up funding strategically to focus on staff training to ensure our staff are equipped to be in place to minimise the impact on transition for our learners, as they adjust to the new setting.

Each year our subject leaders are allocated a budget to update or purchase new resources for their areas. The year 7 catch-up funding has helped us to deliver kickboxing sessions, where the emphasis has been not only moving and getting fit, but to learn phonics or maths at the same time. Over the coming year we will carry on with kickboxing.

We also recognise that the transition to secondary education can be difficult. Therefore we want to ensure that our pupils get appropriate support from trained staff to support their well being. Year 7 catch-up funding contributes towards play therapy and pupils who meet the threshold will get a period of play therapy intervention.