

COVID Catch-up document – updated October 2021

What is Catch Up funding? Children and young people from 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 the hardest hit. The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up on their education. 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 students make up for lost face-to-face teaching time.

Schools should use this funding for specific activities to support their students to catch up for lost teaching time over the previous months, in line with 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 TALA we have carefully considered the areas that would most benefit from this additional funding.

Our COVID Catch Up provision started in the Summer Term 2021 with strategies reviewed again in September 2021. The key areas of focus are:

- Small group tuition: Additional subject sessions will be delivered to those students identified as being most in need. This will be done either through using staff available to us in school.
- Provision of devices and internet access: The School continues to ensure that all students have all that they need to access the online learning resources set by their teachers.
- Learning and assessment resources: The School have purchased additional teaching and assessment resources to support great teaching and to track progress.
- Student wellbeing support: Students emotional needs have increased due to the pandemic and the isolation of lockdown. We are constantly looking to enhance wellbeing through opportunities for enrichment activities and visits.
- (September 2021) Year 11 revision provision: A specific programme of support for Year 11 students will be funded including access to resources and after school revision sessions
- (September 2021) Enhanced extra-curricular provision: we will fund access to clubs and visits/journeys to help increase enjoyment, engagement and motivation

The DfE Award 2021-22 for TALA is £40,861.88. The award in 2020-21 was £48,720.

Review of 2020-21:

Intervention	Cost	Detail
Small group tuition	£18,500	Small group tuition sessions for Y10 and Y9 pupils, across the curriculum.
Provision of devices and internet access	£540	Purchase and supply of IT hardware
Learning and assessment resources	£1,640	Funding covered access to subject specific revision materials – both web-based and printed material across different subjects and year groups.
Student wellbeing support	£1,400	The majority of this funding was used to run a day trip for all Year 8 students to visit Brighton and Box Hill
TOTAL SPENT (2020-21)	£22,080	

Plan for 2021-22:

Intervention	Planned Cost	Action
Small group tuition	£15,000	We plan to continue to use staff to deliver additional tuition sessions across year groups and subjects
Wellbeing trips for KS3 years in November, February and July	£10,000	Trips to London venues and , in July, to Kent and Surrey to promote wellbeing
Learning resources	£8,400	Revision guides and other resources to aid catch-up for Y11 and Y10 pupils
Enrichment activities for all Year Groups	£17,800	Range of sporting, artistic and recreational activities to promote personal development and group participation.
TOTAL SPEND (2021-22)	£41,200	

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