



## **Coronavirus Catch-Up Premium**

### **Background**

In July, the Department for Education announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up lost time during school closures due to the coronavirus.

### **Funding**

The allocation for Codsall Community High School is £57,600 for this academic year, which the school will receive in three termly payments of £14,400.

### **Objectives**

- The Coronavirus Catch-up Premium will be used to provide additional support to improve progress and raise the standard of attainment of Key Stage 4 students who lost teaching time during the school closures.
- We will ensure the additional funding reaches the students who need it most and that it makes a significant impact to their education and lives.

### **Policy**

The Executive Headteacher and Governing Body have agreed a policy for the Coronavirus Catch-Up Premium to ensure it has maximum impact.

### **Accountability**

The Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team will monitor, evaluate and review the strategies put in place and report to the Governing Body on its progress and impact.

## Intervention Lessons

When evaluating similar programmes, we have found that small group tuition is most effective when taught by qualified teachers who know their students, their individual strengths and weaknesses, and the way the curriculum is delivered in our school. For this reason, rather than buying in tutors, who can teach three to six students at a time, we will use qualified teachers from our school who can take larger groups of between eight to twenty students.

We have found the impact to be greatest in the lead up to examinations so priority will be given to students in Year 11, with other year groups benefiting when they reach Year 11 in future years.

As we anticipated the need for Coronavirus Catch-up in March, long before the DfE announcement, by changing the curriculum model and timetable for Year 11 to create more opportunities for students to catch-up.

In 2020/21 we offer all Year 11 students up to four hours a week for intervention or core PE time, with three out of four lessons being in full year blocks, plus six hours of supported study timetabled against option blocks so students who were way behind in an option could, if they wanted to, drop one option to give them more time for their subjects.

In total we timetabled 47 taught intervention sessions this academic year covering the following subjects, with the most popular ones being offered multiple times:

GCSE Art and Design	GCSE French
GCSE Biology	GCSE Geography
GCSE Business	GCSE History
GCSE Chemistry	GCSE Maths: Foundation
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Maths: Higher
GCSE Design Technology	BTEC Music
GCSE Drama	GCSE PE
GCSE English Language	GCSE Physics
GCSE English Literature	GCSE Science
BTEC Enterprise	SEND
GCSE Food and Nutrition	Supported Study

The cost of running these sessions is £127k (2.7k x 47 sessions) so significantly more than the amount we will receive from the government (£58k).

## IT Resources

This year, with students needing to self-isolate when they are a close contact to a student who tests positive for coronavirus, additional IT resources are needed so all students can participate in remote learning. We will use some of our additional funding to purchase a bank of IT equipment that can be used for two-week loans for when students have to self-isolate.

## Planned Expenditure

The table below shows planned expenditure for Coronavirus Catch-Up Premium for this academic year.

Note – Expenditure is greater than the allocation as the school has recognised the importance of providing the support students need to help them catch-up.

Key interventions	Expenditure
Taught Intervention Sessions	£126,900
Resources for individual students	£5,000
IT facilities for students	£10,00
Strategic management of Coronavirus Catch-up Premium	£2,000
Staff training	£2,500
Total	£136,400

## Review of the Coronavirus Catch-Up Premium

The effectiveness of the pupil premium strategy is regularly reviewed and this is recorded in the “Coronavirus Catch-up Premium Update”, which is presented to the Governing Body each term.