



St Michael's C of E Primary School

Covid-19 Catch-Up Funding

For the school year 2020-21, the Government has provided additional funding to support children to catch up on missed learning caused by the coronavirus. In line with other schools, St Michael's has been allocated £80 a child, based on the number of children in the school in October 2020. This is a total of £15,520.

Schools can use this funding in a way that suits their cohort and circumstances and for specific activities which will help children catch up on missed learning. The government states that there should be a particular focus on disadvantaged and vulnerable children who will have been most affected.

At St Michael's we are using existing school funds to continue to ensure our staff have the training and resources they need to provide the best support possible for the children in our care. We have also continued with the emotional support services we provide in school.

Significant additional expenditure from existing school funds since the start of the pandemic includes:

- Investment in the reading scheme, ensuring all children on the reading scheme continued to be provided with a selection of new reading books throughout lockdown in January and February 2021.
- Set up costs and training for staff in Google Classroom, so that children at home for Covid related reasons could access a full day of live lessons from September 2020 and throughout the 2021 lockdown.
- Use of funds raised by the PTA, especially for this purpose, to purchase more than 30 Chromebooks, ensuring that all children working at home from January 2021, had access to a dedicated device to allow them to join in live on-line learning.

Since the return to school in September 2020, we have tracked our children's academic progress in detail. Focused classroom teaching, 1:1 and small group interventions and live on-line lessons all day during January and February 2021, have allowed the majority of our children to make up a lot of the learning lost between April and July 2020.

The majority of catch-up funding is therefore being used for the children whose learning has been most disrupted by the pandemic. We will continue to use the full range of assessment tools already in place in school to track their progress and the impact of these dedicated interventions.

Catch-up funding expenditure 2021	
£8,300	£8,300 – Teacher led 1:1 and small group interventions based on the specific needs of each child. The main focus will be on reading, writing and maths. This is for children across the school.
£2,600	Teaching Assistant leading the Nuffield Early Language Intervention for children in the Reception class. We plan to continue with this support in subsequent years using normally allocated funds.
£3,300	£3,300 – Support staff led 1:1 and small group interventions in reading and writing for upper Key Stage 2 children, based on their specific needs.
£1,000	Increase the range of reading scheme books for children in Key Stage 2.
£500	Additional resources required to deliver catch-up interventions, including practical maths resources.