

Covid-19 Catch-up premium

Background

In the summer, the Government announced details of funding to support children and young people to catch up following the disruption to their education as a result of COVID-19.

The catch-up premium is funded on a per pupil basis at £80 per pupil, based on the previous year's census, meaning we are in receipt of approximately £12,000. Schools can decide how to allocate the spending of this money.

Our approach at Hampreston First School

All pupils completed baseline assessments in the first half of this term which were compared to assessments carried out earlier in 2020. This has allowed us to identify those children who are especially in need of additional support. All our children will be assessed again before the end of the term to identify further areas for improvement across the school. In addition, we will continue to monitor progress through assessments to be carried out in the Spring and Summer terms.

The main aims for catch-up at Hampreston First School are the mental health needs of pupils and to ensure that attainment outcomes at end of 2020-21 for all year groups will be at least in line with those at the end of 2019-20. Our learning focus continues to be to teach a broad balanced curriculum with renewed emphasis on the key core skills - reading, writing and phonics.

The catch-up premium is being used to provide additional staffing to help those children who have been identified as needing extra support. This has allowed us to expand our teaching resources.

In addition, our SENCo team and our two qualified ELSA teaching assistants are focusing on providing mental health and wellbeing support and social skills development where needed.