

Summary information	
School	Ditton Park Academy
Academic year	2020-21
Catchup grant	£71,680
Total students on roll in years 7-11	896

Why catchup grant?

Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) children and young people across the country have experienced unparalleled disruption to their learning. Vulnerable children and those from disadvantages backgrounds are the hardest hit. Government announced catchup grant that will be given to schools to use in a best possible way to according to their context to diminish gaps created by the lockdown. This catchup grant is given to schools to mitigate the impact of lockdown hence will only be available for the academic year 2020-21.

Use of grant

Schools should use this funding to support their pupils to catchup for lost learning due to lockdown in line with the guidance provided by the government. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-3-curriculum-behaviour-and-pastoral-support>

Schools have been given autonomy to spend this grant in a way that suits best to the context of their pupils. Ditton Park Academy's response is guided by the evidence-based approach published by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), which can be found using the link below. <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/national-tutoring-programme/covid-19-support-guide-for-schools/#nav-covid-19-support-guide-for-schools1>

DPA's action

During lockdown all teachers at Ditton Park were expected to set work for their classes but due to the lack of face to face teaching and considerable number of students not engaging due to range of factors have created substantial gaps in their learning. As a result, department leads and their teams have worked to adapt their curriculum to suit current climate and help support pupils to diminish gaps in their learning while remaining broad and balanced. To ensure rapid recovery to the lost learning DPA has identified following forms of support -

- Support 1 – Appointment of a Maths tutor
- Support 2 – Small group tutoring and Scholar's program from external provider
- Support 3 – Small group/one to one tutoring (twilight)
- Support 3 – Provision of revision books/workbooks
- Support 4 – Providing SENECA subscription for all students
- Support 5 – Literacy support (TPR)
- Support 6 – Devices for identified students to access online learning

** Cost highlighted are estimation and liable to change in light of strategies after evaluation at different stages of the academic year.

Support	Action	Anticipated cost **	Responsible staff	Review date/month	RAG review		
Appointment of Maths tutor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group tutoring for identified students by Maths department • One to one tutoring for identified students by Maths department 	£24,850	CMC/SKU	WB 15/02/2021	Feb	April	July
Small group tutoring by Brilliant tutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group tutoring by brilliant tutors for identified students by department leads 	£1850	EGR/SKU	WB 15/02/2021			
Scholar's program for identified students from disadvantaged backgrounds		£2000	EGR/SKU	WB 15/02/2021			
Twilight tutoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject specific small group tutoring by subject specialist for identified students • Subject specific one to one tutoring by subject specialist for identified students 	£18,000	EGR/SKU	WB 15/02/2021			
Provision of revision/workbooks for identified students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department leads bid for funds needed to provide required resources for identified students 	£5000	SKU	WB 15/02/2021			
SENECA subscription for all students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students for all subjects will have access to content and graded questions 	£6000	CMC/SKU	Yearly subscription			
Literacy support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small groups literacy support 	£11,000	TPR				
Devices for identified students to access online learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptops/ipads provided to students (who identified themselves in need) to support/access online learning 	3500	SKU	Ongoing			