



Catch-up Premium Action Plan 2020/2021

Background

Children and young people 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 those hardest hit. The aggregate impact of lost time in education will be substantial, and the scale of our response must match the scale of the challenge.

We know that we have the professional knowledge and expertise in the education system to ensure that children and young people recover and get back on track. Returning to normal educational routines as quickly as possible will be critical to our national recovery, and the government intends for schools and colleges to fully open in September.

The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. 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 pupils make up for lost teaching time.

Total Annual 'Catch Up' Budget - £2,400

As The Axis Academy is only in its first year of operation, with lower numbers than it will have when full, the Academy only received £2,400 of Covid 19 catch up funding. This funding was used towards employing an additional member of support staff to support pupils in lessons and also to deliver additional 1:1 interventions. The cost of employing this staff member was much more than we received in funding and therefore was also funded by our normal revenue funding. The school also took other measure to ensure pupils did not suffer as a consequence of the pandemic.

Other actions taken to support learning

To set up home learning platform for pupils.

To enable pupils to access learning including catching up on lost learning throughout the pandemic. This also allowed us to provide learning for those pupils having to self-isolate or shield during the last 12 months.

Solution - Office 365 hub

1:1 catch up sessions and holiday club.

The catch up funding has enabled us put on school holiday sessions for all pupils and also 1:1 sessions to ensure pupils have not lost out due to the pandemic.

ICT software for better tracking of Maths and English progress. This has allowed us to better identify any gaps in learning due to the pandemic.