



Covid-19 Catch Up Funding 2020/21

Following the disruption of school closures due to the global pandemic, the government have awarded two catch up grants for schools to use to support students in catching up on their learning. The 11-16 grant allocated at a fixed cost of £80 per child. Schools are free to spend the Covid grant as they see fit. However, they are accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support students affected by Covid-19.

Funding available: £75,600

During the pandemic leaders at Erdington Academy have ensured both staff and students remain ambitious for the development of the Academy and student outcomes.

Our philosophy has been: *Education through the pandemic is different not inferior.*

Objectives:

1. To raise the aspirations, attainment and improve the progress and life outcomes of those students affected by school closures in March 2020 and January 2021.
2. To ensure students' well-being and mental health are not negatively affected in the short- or long-term due to the impact of a global pandemic.
3. To support students in the transition from the lockdowns to behave positively within a school structure through focusing on restabilising routines, expectations and positive relationships.

Obj.	Action	Cost	Intended Outcome	Indicators from mid-review of impact
1	Library Books and resources	£148.10	Improve students' literacy.	Ave 3 months improvement in reading scores from April analysis.
1	Purchase resources to help teachers to identify the learning gaps of students and close them	£12,391.74	Gaps in learning are closed	Attainment in line with FFT grades across subjects. Based on November mocks year 11 and in year data for all year groups
1	Brilliant Club used for higher prior attaining students in year 8 English to raise their aspirations and attainment.	£2,100	Inspire our year 8 higher prior attaining learners to make aspirational career choices and achieve the highest grades.	Improved English higher prior learners' grades in the Summer assessments.
3	Foundation for the Futures Mentoring Programme	£6,468	Help reduce the 'at risk' of exclusions group of students.	Reduction of termly behavioural points and repeat exclusions of "at risk" group.
1	English mentor	£17,500	Improve students' English attainment	Knowledge and Skills gaps identified closing. Attainment tracking with meeting predicted FFT grades by year end.
3	Parent Engagement support from SENDIA from summer 2021	£3,250	To increase parental participation in school life, leading to improved pupil progress, punctuality, attendance and behaviour.	To be reviewed in Autumn Term 2021.
2	Mental health worker	£23,000	To mentor vulnerable students and support those with additional emotional needs.	Capacity to support students increased to meet need, whole school briefings and staff voice feedback indicates staff aware of signs, support offered and referral methods. Student wellbeing from surveys indicates improvement in students due to PSHE and Form time programmes and opportunities to discuss.,
1	Laptops for vulnerable students in school	£7134.99	To ensure all students have access to the remote learning options.	Knowledge and Skills gaps identified closing. Attainment tracking with meeting predicted FFT grades by year end.
2	September 2021: Staff CPD Tom Bennett Behaviour Training	£2,350	For all staff to be able to build positive relationships with students and to effectively deescalate situations leading to greater use of rewards and reduction of concerns.	To be reviewed.
	Total	£74,375.83		