

Coronavirus (COVID-19): catch-up funding plan

The government is providing schools with £650 million of universal catch-up premium funding for the 2020/2021 academic year. Unfortunately, our school already suffers from chronic underfunding, partly due to the grossly unfair system of funding schools by pupils attending rather than by the number of classes (so that a school with say, 25 children in year 5 is funded c.£20, 000 less than a school with 30 children in that year group although the costs are exactly the same in terms of resources).

The school's finances have been further negatively impacted by school closures so there has been a significant loss (approximately £72, 000) of income from:

- Breakfast club
- After school club
- Nursery fees
- Lettings
- Out of school hours clubs run by external providers that make a contribution to the school.

The result of this is that the 'catch up' funding falls far short of any amount that can realistically be used to provide any additional provision and must be used to safeguard the existing staffing structure so that there is no further deterioration of the offer that children receive. We are working at full capacity and have no surplus staff that could be made redundant, to be forced to do so would be calamitous at this point.

Catch-up plan

School name:	Hollickwood School					
Academic year:	2020-21					
Total number of pupils on roll:	196					
Total catch-up budget:		First installment:	£8, 450	Second installment:		Third installment:
Date of review:	12.02.21					

Teaching and whole-school strategies

Action	Intended outcome	Estimated impact	Cost	Staff lead	Comments
Maintain current staffing, avoid redundancies	Deliver quality remote learning while maintaining support for learners in school	Minimising lost learning due to partial closure	£24, 000 (approximate cost of one role)	Deputy Head	Essential that staffing level is maintained at current levels
Mitigate against income loss due to Covid closures negatively impacting on learning.	Maintain high quality offer by ensuring sufficient staff available	Educational offer is maintained	£71, 997 (income loss due to partial closures)	Business Manager	School would have had a small surplus but will now have a substantial deficit to carry forward
Total spend:			£ 95, 997		

Targeted support

Action	Intended outcome	Estimated impact	Cost	Staff lead	Comments
Support for all learners	Maintenance of existing staffing structures so that all pupils can be supported as currently	Continuity of educational offer	£ no new funding	SLT	This section is not relevant as the sums received for 'catch up' cannot be accessed to the budget deficit.
Total spend:			£ n/a		

Wider strategies

Action	Intended outcome	Estimated impact	Cost	Staff lead	Comments
Write to parents and carers via newsletter	Communicate spending plans to parents	Greater understanding of school underfunding in wider community	£ 0	Head teacher	
Total spend:			£ 0		

Summary report

What is the overall impact of spending?	
The spending will be absorbed into the school's budget and used to offset the significant loss of income that the school has incurred. The aim is to reduce the risk of redundancies to staff who are engaged in educating the children.	
How will changes be communicated to parents and stakeholders?	
There are no changes to communicate but the issue will be communicated to parents via the school's newsletter.	
Final comments	
It would be great if there was funding to offset the loss of income incurred. If there was, then the school could engage in additional 'catch up' provision.	
Final spend:	£ 95, 997