

YEAR 7 CATCH-UP PREMIUM

What is the Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium?

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding to support Year 7 students who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, grammar, spelling or maths at the end of Key Stage 2 (KS2).

Allocation of catch-up premium

The Department for Education allocates funding to schools on the basis that they receive the same overall amount of Year 7 catch-up premium funding they received in the previous year. It is then adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of the Year 7 cohort, based on the October census. Backwell School received £9,450 for the academic year 2019-2020

How the funding will be used at Backwell

Using data obtained from primary schools and initial Year 7 baseline testing, the Education Support team identifies students that need further support in the following areas: reading; spelling; numeracy - the four main computations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Following identification, the Education Support Department offers a variety of support including:

- Literacy intervention (which covers reading, grammar and spelling) is usually offered 1:1 or in very small groups through lesson withdrawal
- Phonics intervention for readers who are significantly out of step with their peers
- Spelling support occurs twice weekly in tutor periods
- Touch type read and spell intervention in tutor periods
- Numeracy support occurs twice weekly in tutor periods and some small group withdrawal lessons
- Support for teachers – advice and resources for pupils below the expected standard
- In exceptional cases, in class support for lessons with high literacy content

During the national lockdown and school closure, intervention was offered online.

Impact and cost

54 students received intervention as part of the Year 7 catch up programme. A small number of these pupils will continue to receive support into Year 8 and beyond, with pupils reassessed when returning to school to ascertain additional challenges due to the lockdown.

Of those who received intervention, all students made progress against their outcomes, however intervention was impacted by school closure. Intervention continued to be offered

online, however it could not be measured in the usual way. Many young people are continuing to receive support into Year 8 to ensure they have adequately caught up with their peers.

Online testing subscription - £350
Touch, Type, Read, Spell subscription - £510
Rapid Plus reading intervention resources - £300
Lexonic Leap phonics intervention training - £750
Intervention and in class support resources - £400
Administration time - £500
Intervention teaching - £5000
In class support - £1700
Maintenance of technology for laptop users - £500