

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 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. Currently Backwell is in receipt of circa £9,500 per annum.

How the funding is used at Backwell

Using data obtained from primary schools and initial Year 7 baseline testing at Backwell 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 then offers a variety of support including:

- Reading comprehension (which covers reading, grammar and spelling) is usually offered 1:1 or in very small groups through lesson withdrawal
- Spelling support occurs twice weekly in tutor periods
- Numeracy support occurs twice weekly in tutor periods and some small group withdrawal lessons

Impact and cost

2018/19:

Online testing subscription : 1/3 of cost £350

Reading: 20 students received intervention, all students made progress, with 3 students catching up with their peers Cost - £6250

Spelling: 28 students completed intervention, all students made progress, with 2 students catching up with their peers. Cost – £1500

Numeracy: 35 students completed intervention, all students made progress, with 2 students catching up with their peers. Cost - £1500