

COVID-19 Catch up Premium

In June, the government announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure. 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.

Funding Allocation

Schools' allocations are calculated on a pupil by pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil in Years reception through to 11. Although all children have had their education disrupted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, it is likely that disadvantaged and vulnerable groups will have been hardest hit. Though funding has been calculated on a per pupil or per place basis, the guidance states that schools should use the sum available to them as a single total from which to prioritise support for pupils according to their need.

As a school, Saint John Wall have been allocated funding based on the last school census, meaning a total of £49,400 to be broken down into 3 payments.

Proposed Spending of Funds

St John Wall Catholic School have allocated the funding to help cover the costs of ensuring pupils have the opportunity to catch up on lost time towards their education and to ensure as little further time is lost whilst doing our utmost to ensure pupils and staff remain as safe as possible while accessing the education.

Money has been allocated to cover staffing costs to co-ordinate and teach extra catch up and "Masterclass" lessons outside of the normal school day on weekday evenings, on Saturdays and during the school holidays.

Money is also allocated to provide IT equipment for pupils and staff to enable distance learning to take place for these catch up lessons and "Masterclasses", as well as software and licenses for the programmes to function correctly. This has also allowed for quality teaching to happen with pupils being able to access lessons taking place in school even when at home isolating.