Covid Catch Up Premium Funding

In July 2020, the government announced a one-off universal catch-up premium of £80 per pupil (counted from the October 2019 census) for the 2020-2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help pupils make up for lost teaching time.

Fritwell C of E Primary School (the school) was allocated at total of £9520. The first allocation of £5554 was received in September 2020. A further 1/3 of the total amount will be received within the 20/21 financial year with the remaining 1/3 to be received between April and July 2021.

How it is intended that the grant will be spent

The deployment of funds from the 'Catch-up Premium' grant will be spent in a number of ways to close any attainment gap that exists following the reduced provision (March to July 2020). These include, but are not exclusive to the following:

- The school has increased its teaching total time by 0.2FTE. The full increase has been allocated to support pupil catch-up over this academic year. Whilst it is not clear whether there will be further funding available to continue this, we are committed to improving the outcome for children who have lost out during the pandemic.
- Funding for increased support staff hours to provide individual and small group interventions and boosters.
- Increased time for HSLW (Home School Link Worker) to support wellbeing of pupils and families.
- Paying for staff CPD (both teachers and support staff) in order to increase the effectiveness of planning and catch-up programmes.
- Purchase of resources (e.g. Read Write Inc reading material) to support curriculum provision.

How the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those pupils at the school will be assessed

- As part of our whole-school monitoring programme, including assessment information analysis, teaching and learning monitoring and subject scrutinies, any 'gaps' will be identified, and progress towards them monitored, by the class teachers and Senior Leadership Team.

Further information can be found here.