

Covid-19 – Catch–Up Premium Statement of Intent 2020 /21



The following information aims to provide a clear statement of intention on how Denton Community College intends to allocate Catch—Up Premium funding. It details how the catch-up premium will be allocated, what we can use the funding to aide student catch up programmes following closure of schools in March due to COVID-19. OFSTED will hold the school accountable for its spending.

CATCH-UP PREMIUM CONTEXT

The government is providing funding to cover a one-off universal catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year. It aims to support pupils to catch up for lost learning so schools can meet the curriculum expectations for the next academic year. Denton Community College will be able to spend the funding in the most effective way for our pupils; this will include accessing the National Tutoring Programme, which is part of the government's £1 billion catch-up package.

Who is eligible?

This universal catch-up premium funding will be available for:

Primary, middle, secondary and all through local authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools Local authority-maintained special schools

Special academies and free schools

Special schools not maintained by a local authority

Independent special schools - local authorities will receive funding for pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans, based on the number of such pupils in the area

Pupil referral units (PRUs)

Alternative provision (AP) academies and free schools

Local authority-maintained hospital schools and academies

Mainstream schools will receive a total of £80 per pupil (for Year 7 through to year 11), as follows:

The money will be paid in 3 instalments - in autumn 2020, 'early 2021' and summer 2021

Denton Community College will receive a total of £107,760 in academic Year 2020/21. This equates to £80 per pupil.

The first instalment will be made in Autumn 2020 and be £26,940

WHICH PUPILS WILL BE SUPPORTED AND HOW WILL THEY BE SUPPORTED

Although Denton Community college will receive funding on a per pupil basis, we will use the sum available to us as a single total to prioritise support. There are no specific requirements for who to spend it on. Pupils will be Identified by who will benefit most from the funding

The DFE recommends the following activities:

- Small group or 1-to-1 tuition
 (particularly through the National Tutoring Programme see the section below for details)
- Extra teaching capacity or summer programmes

The college will also use Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) guidance on catch-up approaches and implement these catch-up strategies in this 2020/21 academic year.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) is one of the areas where Denton Community college will spend our catch-up premium grant outlined above.

The NTP aims to provide intensive, targeted support for disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils who need the most help to catch up.

Who's eligible?

The NTP will be available for pupils that need the most help to catch up, that are either:

Reception age in state-funded schools (places are limited and, if oversubscribed, will be prioritised based on your school's percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals)

5-16 year olds in state-funded primary and secondary schools

16-19 year olds in any 16-19 provider (including school sixth forms and colleges)

The NTP for 5-16 year olds, will provide:

Denton Community College with access to heavily subsidised tutoring from an approved list of tuition partners supplied by the DFe (we will use catch-up premium funding to cover a proportion of the costs)

Denton Community College will also have access to 'academic mentors' who'll be employed full-time in school to provide intensive catch-up support to your pupils, so your teachers can focus on their classrooms. Teach First will be supporting the placement and training of mentors and the government will subsidise their salaries.

According to the DFe details of the 'academic mentors' will be released to schools in before 2021. In addition to this a list of approved Partners will be announced on 31st October and subsidised tutoring will begin in schools in November 2020

Some details of the programme can be found here:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/national-tutoring-programme/

A summary of the evidence that supports this can be found here:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition/

The website for the National Tutoring Programme can be found here:

https://nationaltutoring.org.uk/

FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21

Denton Community College currently allocates Pupil Premium Funding in line with DFE and EEF guidance.

The spending overview and analysis can be found on the college website (Here)

The school has initially allocated funding for the Catch-Up Premium to the following Projects:

- City in the Community
- EWO support for Vulnerable and Looked After Students
- Strategies that were implemented for 2020/21 that were not completed due to School Closure in March
- We are currently in contact with Teach First, My Tutor and the Tutor Trust about developing a package of tutoring for KS3 and KS4 using the National Tutoring Programme criteria and funding.