



DfE Catch-Up at St. Vincent's RC Primary School

In June, a £1 billion fund for education was announced by the government. Further guidance has now been released:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/catch-up-premium-coronavirus-covid-19>.

The catch-up premium is funded on a per pupil basis at £80 per pupil based on the previous year's census. It is up to schools to allocate this money as they see best. At St. Vincent's this money will be used in order to provide:

- Curriculum resources and materials that support academic 'catch up' and the mental well-being of pupils
- Staff to develop the outcomes of children who have been identified as needing 'catch-up' in their learning

There are two broad aims for 'catch up'

- Attainment outcomes at the end of 2020-21 for all year groups will be in-line with pre-lockdown progress predictions.
- The mental health needs of children are met and supported by the school.

We will use targeted and meaningful assessments and analysis of all children's attainment and progress to ensure any gaps in learning are addressed through well sequenced, purposeful learning. For example, reading, writing and maths lessons will be adapted to focus on missed objectives and to consolidate the basics.

We will schedule increased curriculum time to focus on the core skills which enable successful learning to occur. This will include handwriting, spelling of high frequency words, punctuation, times tables recall, basic addition & subtraction fact recall and reading skills relevant to age.

We will focus on early reading and phonics: scheduling additional small group intervention to facilitate this.

We will continue our robust schedule of half-termly assessment of learning to identify gaps. Where assessment shows individuals have not caught up, these children will continue to receive targeted interventions throughout the summer term.

We will dedicate additional time to support pupils' mental health, wellbeing and social skills development.