

Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium at Ashlawn School

What is the Catch-up Premium?

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium is a government policy which allocates additional funding to schools to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading and/or maths in 2016 at the end of key stage 2 (KS2). All state-funded schools with year 7 pupils receive this funding. The money is to be used by schools to giving pupils valuable support to bring them up to speed so that they are more likely to succeed at secondary school.

It is up to schools to decide how best to use the funding. The DfE guidance, linked to in section 1 of this article, advises schools to only select programmes and approaches that they know are effective. It suggests that the funding could be used for individual tuition, intensive small-group tuition, external services and materials.

Funding allocation

In 2018 to 2019 we have allocated funding to schools on the basis that they receive the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding they received in 2017 to 2018, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their year 7 cohort between the October 2017 and the October 2018 school censuses.

	Number of pupils below expected standard in Maths	Number of pupils below expected standard in Reading	Number of pupils below expected standard in both	Catch up premium allocation
2015-16	23	10	6	£13500
2016-17	48	48	28	£13686
2017-18	45	43	24	£13361
2018-19	33	36	19	£13779

Evaluation of funding and impact in 2017-18

The school received £13361 of Catch-up Premium monies in 2017-18

Target group	Key staff	Success criteria	Activities	Costing	Impact
Year 7 pupils below expected standard in Maths	Numeracy tutor Maths teachers Pupil premium tutors	Improved numeracy screener scores Progress in Y7 Maths curriculum in line/better than peers	1-1 and small group numeracy lessons Numeracy ninjas In class support for PP students	>£6750	<p>Numeracy testing results</p> <p>The group of key students who were assessed and were scoring below 30 on the basic numeracy skills screener test improved their numeracy skills from an average of 21 to an average of 30 skills.</p> <p>Between autumn of Year 7 to the End of Year 7 Exam results the catch up group made 2.3 levels of progress in Maths compared to 1.6 levels of progress in the non catch up group.</p>
Year 7 pupils below expected standard in Reading	Literacy tutor English teachers Pupil premium tutors	Improved reading age Improved spelling scores	1-1 and small group literacy lessons In class support for PP students Spelling support in LDD	>£6680.50	<p>Reading comprehension testing results</p> <p>The cohort of 43 students who were under the standard score of 100 in Reading increased their reading age from 9years11months September 2017 to 10yrs 11 months June 2018</p> <p>A cohort of 19 students within this group of 36 who required more intensive support based on their September 2017 reading age scores increased their reading age from 8years 4months September 2017 to 10years 7months June 2018</p>

The numeracy support has had a clear impact in increasing the catch up group's numeracy skills and their overall Maths scores

The literacy support has improved the reading comprehension for all 36 students by 1 year, but for the 19 students who had much lower reading comprehension age scores at the beginning of Year 7 there has been an increase of 2 years and 3 months.

Strategy in 2018-19

The school has received £13779 of Catch-up Premium monies in 2018-19

Quality first teaching and classroom provision for all students in English and Maths.

Continued literacy and numeracy support for 1-1 and small groups.

Reading curriculum delivered 1 lesson per week. Lessons will be taught by specialists for all year 7 students in English sets 3-5.

Separate Maths Scheme of Learning specifically developed for lower ability students with a focus on mastery of numeracy skills embedding fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

Mathsbox starters in all Year 7 lessons for regular practice and retrieval of key skills.

1-1 numeracy work for key students identified via our numeracy screener.

Maths for parents of Year 7 students run as an evening class to improve the ability of parents to support their students at home.