

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

Due to a change in the way that Key Stage 2 was assessed in 2016 the DfE confirmed that schools will receive the same total amount of Year 7 catch-up premium funding as they received in 2015/16 and 2016/17 adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of the Year 7 cohort, based on the October 2017 census.

	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

Use of funding and impact in 2016-17

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 All Year 7 Average 53.5 Sept 2016 Catch up Year 7 Average 34.4 Sept 2016 Catch up Year 7 Average 40.2 June 2017</p> <p>30/45 students increased their numeracy by up to 10 skills 8/45 students increased their numeracy by between 11 and 20 skills</p>
Year 7 pupils below expected standard in Reading	Literacy tutor English teachers Pupil premium tutors	Improved reading age Improved spelling scores Progress in Y7 English curriculum in line/better than peers	1-1 and small group literacy lessons In class support for PP students Spelling support in LDD	>£6750	<p>Reading comprehension testing results All Year 7 Average KS2 SAT 105.6 Catch up Year 7 Average KS2 SAT 95.2</p> <p>Catch up Year 7 Average 96.9 Sept 2016 Catch up Year 7 Average 101.6 June 2017</p>

The numeracy support has had a clear impact in increasing the catch up group's numeracy skills.

The literacy support has increased the SAT score average for the catch up cohort from below expected standard to expected standard between September 2016 and June 2017.

Strategy in 2017-18

Quality 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 review of key skills.

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