



Summary information					
MAC The Romero Multi Academy Company					
Academic Year	2020-21	Total Catch-Up Premium	£158,000	Number of pupils	2053

Guidance

Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We predict that those from the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds will be among those hardest hit. The aggregate impact of lost time in education will be substantial, and the scale of our response must match the scale of the challenge.

Schools' allocations of catch-up funding will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil in years reception through to 11.

As the catch-up premium has been designed to mitigate the effects of the unique disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), the grant will only be available for the 2020 to 2021 academic year. It will not be added to schools' baselines in calculating future years' funding allocations.

Use of Funds	EEF Recommendations
Schools should use this funding for specific activities to support their pupils to catch up for	The EEF advises the following:
lost teaching over the previous months, in line with the guidance on <u>curriculum</u>	Teaching and whole school strategies
expectations for the next academic year.	Supporting great teaching
	Pupil assessment and feedback
Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way for their cohort and	Transition support
circumstances.	Targeted approaches
	One to one and small group tuition
To support schools to make the best use of this funding, the Education Endowment	Intervention programmes
Foundation (EEF) has published a coronavirus (COVID-19) support guide for schools with	Extended school time
evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students. Schools should use this document	Wider strategies
to help them direct their additional funding in the most effective way.	Supporting parent and carers
	Access to technology
	> Summer support
MAC Strategy	

A working party for the MAC is undertaking the planning and use of the funding. Barriers to learning are being identified at school and MAC wide level. Bespoke support for pupils is being identified by need and planned to ensure measurable impact can be captured. A detailed planning and impact document will be produced to share at Board, Core Committee and LAC levels.

Identified impact of lockdown

All schools identified the impact of the lockdown on our children since March 2020 based on: "A Recovery Curriculum: Loss and Life for our children and schools post pandemic', Carpenter and Carpenter (2020)

The questions below, based on the 5 levers, helped us identify the support our recovery curriculum:

- RELATIONSHIPS "We can't expect our students to return joyfully, and many of the relationships that were thriving, may need to be invested in and restored"
- COMMUNITY "We need to listen to what has happened, and understand the needs of our community and engage them in the transitioning of learning back into school"
- TRANSPARENT CURRICULUM "All will feel like they have lost time in learning and we must show them that we are addressing these gaps... to heal the sense of loss."
- MEGACOGNITION "Students will have been learning in different ways. It is vital that we make the skills for learning in a school environment explicit to our students to reskill and rebuild their confidence as learners"
- SPACE "To be, to rediscover self, and to find their voice on learning. It is only natural that we all work at an incredible pace to make sure this group of learners are not disadvantaged against their peers, providing opportunity and exploration alongside the intensity of our expectations"

Questions:

What have the children enjoyed during lockdown?

What have the challenges been?

How do they feel now?

What are their worries and fears?

What help would they like with their learning?

How can we support their return to school?

How can we support you, as parents?

Do you have any questions? Is there anything else that you feel we should know?

Planned expenditure - The headings below are grouped into the categories outlined in the Education Endowment Foundation's coronavirus support guide for schools)

Desired outcome	Chosen approach and anticipated cost	Impact (once reviewed)	Review date	
Teaching and Learning Detailed planning implemented based on intelligence from assessment. Teachers are fully aware of the needs of all pupils and can evidence impact from the additional planning and measures put in place. Resources support the planning for best practice at class level. Home learning is fully supported	Release time and additional cover will be required to facilitate the additional PPA. (£1,500 x 7 = £10,500) Purchase additional resources to support planning. (£1,000 x 7 = £7,000)	Teachers have a clear understanding of where their children are and of their needs. Teachers have been able to plan and work with support staff to target the gaps of specific children. CGP books have supported home learning and therapy	January 2021 And again April 2021 January 2021	
Identifying and Assessing Teachers have a very clear understanding of what gaps in learning remain and use this to inform assessments of learning that are aligned with standardised norms, giving a greater degree in confidence and accuracy of	PiXL Assessment/ intervention package used for gap analysis for all pupils (£2,700 x 7 = £18,900) Wildly Important Gaols (WIGS) set for each child at annual	Assessments have given teachers a clear and consistent understanding of where the children are.	January 2021 April 2021	
assessments. Gaps in learning are identified through robust assessment of academic levels, plus barriers to learning for targeted pupils are identified and diminished.	WIG meetings in each school. Barriers to learning overview completed for each school to feed into bespoke tailored support on an individual need basis.	Intervention package as enabled both teachers and support staff to lead and deliver interventions across the school.	January 2021	
Leadership of funding The plan for catch-up funding is fully implemented and monitored for consistency of delivery. Analysis of impact of funding is sought and detailed onto the plan by the catch-up champion.	3 term opportunity for a catch-up champion role in each school with a fixed term non-consolidated payment attached to the role. (£2,500 x 7= £17,500)	This role as meant that the correct children have been identified and monitoring of interventions and progress have been carried out. A consistent approach as been followed across the school.	January 2021 – August 2021	

i. Targeted approaches

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Intervention/Therapy programme Pupil needs are identified through individual assessment. A bespoke approach to support is effective in diminishing gaps in learning, through a package of trademarked,	Additional release time and training to support the delivery of the interventions/therapies; PiXL therapies, Times Table rock stars, Boosting Reading at Primary, Nuffield Early Language intervention.	Teachers and support staff feel confident when taking therapy sessions.	February 2021
tailored interventions.	at rimary, ray, icia zarry zarry anguage microemioni	Subscriptions to PiXL therapies and TTRS have provided additional resources to help deliver therapies.	January 2021
	Targeted intervention TA delivery	·	
	$(7,500 \times 7 = £52,500)$	Majority of target children have made progress from Aut to	July 2021
	Subscriptions maths (total all schools = £1158)	Summer term.	
	Reading intervention training (£377 x 7 = £2,639)		
	Purchase additional resources to support planning (£1000 x 7 = £7,000)		
Remote Learning		Children have been able to access	January 2021
	600 Student Licenses for Seesaw for Schools:	their learning on a child friendly	
Remote learning is seamless from school to home and is	12/01/2020 to 11/30/2021	platform. The use of Seesaw has	
linked directly to the curriculum intent	(Total cost all schools = 2,640.00)	enabled teachers and children to remain in contact throughout	
A range of paper based and internet-based learning	CGP Books	lockdown.	
opportunities are available for all pupils to access	Year 1 to Year 6 -variety of Maths and English		
	Bundles	CGP books have allowed children	January 2021
	(Separate charges per school x7 = £17,743)	to continue to access learning at	
		home and at school. They have also	
		been used to close gaps in learning.	
Barriers to Learning		All staff completed.	May 2021
	EAL Teaching Assistants offer support for pupils with	This has helped identify target	
Pupil with English as an additional language have access to	additional language needs.	children and also allowed the Covid	
language support to allow them to fully access the curriculum offer	$(£3,000 \times 7 = £21,000)$	Champion to target specific therapies and interventions.	

Total budgeted cost | £86,937

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Supporting parents and carers Children will have greater opportunities to access learning at home. Home-learning opportunities will not always require parents to engage with the activities, affording the children greater independence and increasing the likelihood that parents can sustain home-learning.	Home-learning curriculum books are purchased and set aside for children to take home when home-learning occurs. (see CGP book costs)	See impact for remote learning section.	January 2023	1
Parents are aware of ways in which they can sort their child's learning at home	Parent support materials produced and distributed to all parents for details on how to support their child's learning compiled by the Catch-up champions. (£115 x 7 = £805)	Parents have had a clear understanding of how to use the home learning resources. Step by step guides have meant that all parents can support their child's learning.	January 202:	1
Access to technology During the catch-up extended school provision, children can access additional devices so that they can rotate through discrete teaching, online intervention packages and independent online activities.	DfE releasing pupil devices during year group closures. IT Team to acquire free SIM cards for families - maximum number allocated per school obtained. Distributed to families without connectivity to the internet for Remote Learning. (FOC)	All children were able to have access to home learning by borrowing a DFE device. The free SIM cards allowed children to access the internet and use the online learning platforms.	January - February 2021	
Total budgeted cost £805				
		Total cost paid through Covid Catch-Up £		