

Catch-Up Premium Plan

Castlebar School



Summary information

School	Castlebar School				
Academic Year	2020-21	Total Catch-Up Premium	£ 37,920	Number of pupils (R to Year 6)	164

Guidance

Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). Those from the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds will be among the 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.

Special Schools' allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each special school with a total of £2400 for each pupil.

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

Schools should use this funding for specific activities to support their pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months, in line with the guidance on [curriculum expectations for the next academic year](#).

Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way for their cohort and circumstances.

To support schools to make the best use of this funding, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has published a [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) support guide for schools](#) with evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students. Schools should use this document to help them direct their additional funding in the most effective way.

EEF Recommendations

The EEF advises the following:

Teaching and whole school strategies

- Supporting great teaching
- Pupil assessment and feedback
- Transition support

Targeted approaches

- One to one and small group tuition
- Intervention programmes
- Extended school time

Wider strategies

- Supporting parent and carers
- Access to technology
- Summer support

Identified impact of lockdown			
Area	Purpose	Cost	Desired Impact
Training			
Remote learning Platform	<p>Pupils to access remote learning and live lessons while self-isolating or in event of a class closure.</p> <p>Staff to be able to hold virtual meetings with parents/professionals.</p> <p>To enable staff/parent training to be carried out virtually</p>		<p>There will be un-interrupted learning opportunities and face to face (virtual) contact with Class.</p> <p>Social contact will not be disrupted and there will be safety for all.</p>
Mental Health Awareness	To promote awareness of difficulties faced and provide tools for staff to support themselves/each other/pupils.	£3,000	Staff will feel safe and supported in the working environment. They will have a sense of the importance and value of their work with the children and families in the school.
Technology			
G Suite	Pupils to access remote learning and live lessons while self-isolating or in event of a class closure.	£ 1,575	<p>Pupils when working from home will still feel part of their class group at Castlebar and will continue to build/maintain the relationships with their staff impacting on the development of their social and academic progress.</p> <p>Staff will be able to maintain contact with pupils and families in order to provide social and academic support.</p> <p>DFE Funded installation – school upgraded version at a cost of £1575.</p>
Support for ICT leads within school	<p>Staff to be able to hold virtual meetings with parents/professionals.</p> <p>To enable staff/parent training to be carried out virtually.</p>		Regular systems /events will not be disrupted but alternative meeting methods will ensure safety for all.
Cameras purchased for all PC's	To allow meetings to take place virtually with parents/professionals.	£541	<p>Regular systems /events will not be disrupted but alternative meeting methods will ensure safety for all.</p> <p>Training events within school and externally will continue to be available to all staff and parents.</p>
Zoom installed on computers	To allow pupils who did not previously have access to a device, to access remote learning.	£119	All pupils will have access to remote learning.
Chromebooks	A bank of Chromebook to be used to support pupils both at home and in school.	£6420	<p>Pupils having to self-isolate can attend lessons remotely/access work through google classroom and directed study.</p> <p>Pupils without access to IT at home can be loaned a device to support home learning/to provide opportunities to catch up.</p>

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Resources			
Additional resources purchased for classes for playtimes.	To ensure access for all pupils to resources, while maintaining class bubble system.	£6,918	Pupil will have an enhanced 'social interaction experience' which we develop their play and social skills
Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional SMSA to support class staff at lunchtimes 	Pupils able to play outside in different areas while maintaining class bubbles.	£9,640	Pupil will have an enhanced 'social interaction experience' which we develop their play and social skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance support for transitions into secondary provision/new starters to Castlebar 	To ensure pupils transitions to new settings are not compromised by lack of opportunities for visits & information sharing.	£2,887	Pupils will confidently make transitions between relevant sessions. Information sharing will not be disrupted due to restrictions for meetings & visits. Parents will feel supported through the process and confident about the changes for their child.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional support where needed to support some pupils returning to setting, requiring extra input. 	Where necessary, to support pupils settling back into routines/learning following extended periods of time at home.	£7,000	Where needed pupils will be enabled to settle into school routines/structure and regain lost learning/confidence/self esteem