

Covid 19 Catch up Premium 2020-21 Summary

Chelsea Academy reopened for all students in September 2020. Significant time and expertise was used to ensure that Academy could reopen and be as Covid-secure as possible. The original Risk Assessment (summer 202) is reviewed as guidance is issued from the DfE, PHE or the H&S Executive. Amendments are then made.

Funding has been allocated to schools in 2020-21 from the Department for Education to meet the additional costs of a catch up approach and actions as a result of 4 months lost learning whilst students were at home during 2019-20. At Chelsea Academy we have been allocated a Covid-19 catch up premium of £72,000 for the academic year 2020/2021. To date for Autumn 2020 we have received £18,020 of that funding.

This funding has been deployed to ensure that we are able to best support all our students and deliver a high-quality education for all. The impact of learning loss from March 2020 to the full return of all schools in March 2021 (at the earliest) is not yet known. Therefore Leaders will be looking at how to spend or redeploy the remainder of the funding once it is clear where support and intervention is most needed. It is to be noted that some intended use of the funding has had to be changed. For example the Academy applied for an (TeachFirst) Academic Mentor in October 2020, but the offer was withdrawn due to the unsuitability of the candidate. In addition, our intention to fund February intervention for Year 11 and Year 13 could not be actioned due to partial school closure and the cancellation of public examinations.

Currently funding will continue to be used to support the following:

Covid-19 Expenditure

CV19 Expenditure tracking overview Item	Amount spent so far (2 Dec 2020)	Annual spend forecast
Student related		
Yr 11 before and after school catch up	400	4,500
Half term catch up (x3)	3,000	9,000
Easter catch	-	6,000
Mentoring		5,000
Action Tutoring	1,765	5,000
Isolating vulnerable student meal vouchers	5,000	5,000
Agency Cover staff	<i>On budget</i>	<i>To be monitored</i>
Student related total	10,165	34,500
Site related		
Disinfectant wipes	9,000	10,000
Additional deep cleans and cleaning supplies	2,000	10,000
Site Covid secure items	3,000	5,000

<i>Site related total</i>	14,000	25,000
Total	24,165	59,500

- Once the detail of adjustments to exams is published, we will review planned interventions to ensure they are still appropriate and have maximum impact on closing any predicted gaps. In addition we will be considering how to support Y11 & Y13 students so that they are prepared for further and higher education, having missed significant course content since 2020
- It is intended that there will be an intensive focus on Y10 and Y12. We will plan for this, and use of the Catch Up Premium once we have accurate progress data and are informed of any adjustments to the GCSEs and A Levels in 2022
- We are planning to do some intensive literacy intervention focusing on reading in response to an expected drop in the reading ages of KS3 students.
- Spend will change according to need. For example staffing costs. Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff are still required to shield and will need covering, or if we were to have high numbers of staff self isolating once again, then staffing costs will increase
- The effect of expenditure on educational attainment will be assessed through: diagnostic testing e.g. reading ages and both formative and summative assessments. These will be done as part of our Academy assessment cycle but with adjusted dates and will also reflect remote learning that was in place during the spring of 2021