

Coronavirus: catch-up premium

What is it?

The government is providing funding to cover a one-off universal catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

It aims to support pupils to catch up for lost learning so schools can meet the curriculum expectations for the next academic year.

You'll be able to spend the funding in the most effective way for your pupils, which could include accessing the National Tutoring Programme - another part of the government's £1 billion catch-up package. See the 'How should we spend the premium?' section below for more details.

Who's eligible?

This universal catch-up premium funding will be available for:

- Primary, middle, secondary and all through local authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools
- Local authority-maintained special schools
- Special academies and free schools
- Special schools not maintained by a local authority
- Independent special schools - local authorities will receive funding for pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans, based on the number of such pupils in the area
- Pupil referral units (PRUs)
- Alternative provision (AP) academies and free schools
- Local authority-maintained hospital schools and academies

How and when will the funding be allocated?

Mainstream schools

You'll receive a total of **£80 per pupil** (for reception through to year 11), as follows:

- In 3 instalments - in autumn 2020, 'early 2021' and summer 2021
 - You should have received the first payment
- You'll get a total of £46.67 per pupil split across payments 1 and 2
- You'll get £33.33 per pupil for payment 3

Per pupil numbers for each instalment will be based on the latest available data. For the payment in 'early 2021', this'll be your 4-15 pupil headcount from the October 2020 census.

Special, AP and hospital schools

You'll receive a total of **£240 per place**, as follows:

- In 3 instalments - in autumn 2020, 'early 2021' and summer 2021
 - You should have received the first payment

- You'll get a total of £140 per place split across payments 1 and 2
- You'll get £100 per place for payment 3

Per place numbers for each instalment will be based on the latest available data. For the allocation in 'early 2021' this'll be the following data:

- For local authority-maintained schools - 2019 to 2020 academic year place numbers, from your local authority's 2019 to 2020 financial year budget returns
- For academies and special schools not maintained by a local authority - published high needs place numbers for the 2020 to 2021 academic year

How should we spend the funding?

It's up to you to decide:

- **Which pupils need to access the support.** Although you'll receive funding on a per pupil basis, you should use the sum available to you as a single total to prioritise support. There are no specific requirements for who to spend it on. Identify pupils that will benefit most from the funding - see our article to find out which pupil groups this may include
- **The activities that you'll provide.** The DfE recommends the following:
 - Small group or 1-to-1 tuition (particularly through the National Tutoring Programme - see the section below for details)
 - Extra teaching capacity or summer programmes

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has guidance on catch-up approaches you could choose, as well as a planning guide to help you implement these catch-up strategies in this 2020/21 academic year.

What's the National Tutoring Programme?

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) is one of the areas where you can spend your catch-up premium grant outlined above, if suitable for your pupils and context (see the sub-section below on 'Who's eligible?' for more details).

The NTP aims to provide intensive, targeted support for disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils who need the most help to catch up.

Who's eligible?

The NTP will be available for pupils that need the most help to catch up, that are either:

- Reception age in **state-funded** schools (places are limited and, if oversubscribed, will be prioritised based on your school's percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals)
- 5-16 year olds in **state-funded** primary and secondary schools

How will it work?

The NTP will be made up of at least 3 parts in the 2020/21 academic year, including:

1. The Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) for 4-5 year olds. NELI is a 20-week intervention designed to improve the oral language skills of reception-aged pupils. It'll involve individual and small group scripted language teaching sessions delivered by trained school staff (usually teaching assistants).

If your school takes part, you'll receive resources and be able to access online training from the start of the spring term in 2021.

Read these FAQs from the EEF for more information on NELI, including how long it takes to deliver and how pupils are selected.

2. The NTP for 5-16 year olds, which will provide:

- Your school with access to **heavily subsidised tutoring** from an approved list of tuition partners (you could use your catch-up premium funding to cover the rest of the costs)
- Schools in the most disadvantaged areas with trained graduates (called '**academic mentors**') who'll be employed full-time in your school to provide intensive catch-up support to your pupils, so your teachers can focus on their classrooms. Teach First will be supporting the placement and training of mentors and the government will subsidise their salaries

Catch-Up Plan (2020/2021)

EYFS / KS1			
Catch-Up Plan	Details	Resources	Cost
ELKLAN	<p>Speech and Language</p> <p>A lead specialist teacher appointed from current staff for Speech and Language - currently qualifying as a National Communication Tutor (a National accreditation) who can then train all EYFS staff and others to give Carr Mill a National ELKLAN Award. Level 3 award in ELKLAN was achieved and the school is now working towards level 4 in Communication.</p>	<p>ELKLAN LEVEL 4 Training</p> <p>Five 1 hour sessions for all EYFS staff</p>	<p>£635 (for training from ELKLAN)</p> <p>Cover costs to release Lead Specialist Teacher (3 days) - £500 (approx.)</p> <p>Total - £1,135 (approx.)</p>
NELI	<p>Speech and Language</p> <p>The Reception Nuffield Early Language Intervention Programme (NELI) is a 20-week targeted programme designed to improve the oral language skills of children aged 4-5 in need of support in this area. The programme can be delivered by a trained teaching assistant (TA), or early years educator, through small group and one-to-one sessions.</p> <p>The programme has an initial focus on expressive and receptive vocabulary, listening and narrative skills through discussion of key thematic images and the retelling, creating and summarising of stories. During the latter half of the programme, phonological awareness and letter-sound knowledge activities are also introduced as a foundation for early literacy skills.</p>	<p>A set of materials from Oxford University Press, which includes two manual (Part A and Part B) for delivering the NELI sessions to pupils and the resources used during the sessions (puppet and picture cards)</p> <p>Additional Learning Assistant</p>	<p>The DfE has made up to £9 million available for NELI and are inviting all state funded schools with a reception class to apply, but places are limited. If places are over-subscribed, schools will be prioritised based on their percentage of free school meals (FSM) eligibility.</p> <p>Cost of Learning Assistant (2 terms) – £8,000 (approx.)</p> <p>Total - £8,000 (approx.)</p>

KS2			
Catch-Up Plan	Details	Resources	Cost
National Tutoring Program	<p>The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) provides additional support to schools to help disadvantaged pupils whose education has been most affected by school closures.</p> <p>The partner we are using is 'Third Space Learning' to remotely support 15 Year 4 and 5 pupils who have falling behind with their Maths during the pandemic.</p>	<p>Laptops (already available) Head Sets (provided by company)</p>	Total - £2,062
Learning by Questions	<p>Learning by Questions (LbQ) is a cloud-based educational classroom tool and App that saves teachers time and increases their efficiency by highlighting which students need their help and which concepts need teaching during lessons.</p> <p>Students' use devices such as tablets and progress at their own pace and level through high quality Question Sets and receive immediate automatic feedback as they answer. Teachers receive live analysis and results are saved to support assessment and planning. Data is stored automatically to support lesson planning.</p> <p>LbQ covers KS2 and KS3 maths mastery, English and science. With more than 1,800 Question Sets and 60,000 questions (growing by 3,000 per month).</p> <p>Funded and owned by the Bowland Charitable Trust and led by the founder of Promethean Tony Cann CBE, the team behind Learning by Questions have an established reputation for changing classrooms around the world. Further independent testing of the programme by the Institute for Effective Education confirms that pupils using Learning by</p>	<p>Software subscription Resource Books Training Tablets (optional)</p>	<p>£500 for 3 years £75 £295 £3300</p> <p>Total - £4,170</p>

	Questions could advance by an additional term over a school year.		
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Remote Learning			
Catch-Up Plan	Details	Resources	Cost
Access to technology for communication	Use of See-Saw Program for online learning	Laptops (10 from DfE) See-Saw Subscription	Free £500 (approx.)
	Paper packs for those who cannot access online learning	CGP Books	£3,000 (approx.) Total - £3,500

NELI Timetable (EYFS/Year 1)	
Event	Dates
Register your interest via the DfE form.	24 August – 30 October 2020
DfE will contact schools who have registered an interest during the sign-up window with further information on next steps	September – November 2020
Schools will be contacted to express an interest in taking part in the evaluation aspects of the project	TBC
Receive details of how to sign up for the online course and the <i>LanguageScreen</i> assessment	November-January 2020
Receive the physical resources needed for the intervention from <i>Oxford University Press</i>	December 2020
Complete <i>LanguageScreen</i> assessments with all Reception pupils	December 2020– January 2021
Undertake online training on <i>FutureLearn</i> platform	January 2021
Deliver the 20-week programme to targeted children	January – July 2021
Remote support provided through <i>FutureLearn</i> platform	January – July 2021
Complete <i>LanguageScreen</i> assessments with targeted children to review their progress	July 2021