

Policy for Year 7 catch-up premium

The Year 7 catch-up premium was first allocated to pupils in 2012-13. This Premium is allocated to local authorities and delegated to schools during the summer term. The premium is focussed on pupils not achieving the nationally identified 'normal' levels of pupil attainment.

2017/18	£6,152
2016/17	£5,000
2015/16	£4,500

Schools will have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils. The targeted and strategic use of the premium will support us in achieving our vision.

Principles

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of pupils are adequately assessed and addressed
- In making provision for pupils, we recognise that no Castle pupils will make the nationally expected progress.
- We reserve the right to allocate the funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as not making nationally expected progress.
- Catch-up premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children will be in receipt of the premium / interventions at one time

Provision

The range of provision the *Governors* consider making for this group could include:

- Providing small group work with an experienced staff member focussed on overcoming gaps in learning
- 1-1 support
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through learning mentors, trained TAs or external agencies
- All our work through the premium will be aimed at accelerating progress and improving social opportunities. Initially this will be in communication, English, maths and life skills/ independence.
- Premium resources may also be used to target able children on Free School Meals.

Reporting

- It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher, or a delegated member of staff, to produce regular reports for the Governing Body
- the progress made towards narrowing the gap, by year group, for socially disadvantaged pupils
- an outline of the provision that was made since the last meeting
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support
- The Governors of the school will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the Premium funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap', for pupils unable to attain the nationally expected levels of progress. This task will be carried out within the requirements published by the Department for Education and will appear on our school website

Appeal

Any appeals against this policy will be through the governor's complaints procedure

Catch up Premium Report for 2017-18

Our allocation for Catch-up Premium 2017-2018 is £ 6,152

This expenditure is planned to be used for more RWI resources to support the pupil's progress in reading and phonics. Numicon resources to support progress in mathematics and a range of team building activities.

Catch up Premium Report for 2016-17

Our allocation for Catch-up Premium 2016-2017 was £ 5,000.

This expenditure was used for a range of team building events and visits to develop pupil's confidence, communication and 'working together' skills.

Catch up Premium Report for 2015-16

Our allocation for Catch-up Premium 2015-2016 was £ 4,500.

This expenditure was used for additional speech and language and behaviour support to support pupils in their 'readiness' for learning.