

CLARIFYING THE DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAMS

Catch-up premium: £1 billion was allocated to schools in 2020/21 to support missed learning. It was separated into 2 pots, a one-off payment of £650 million for a catch-up premium and £350 million for the first year of the National Tutoring Programme. (It also funded free training on the Nuffield early language intervention programme.) Schools received £80 for all pupils on roll from reception to year 6 (£240 for special schools) and it was paid in 3 instalments, Autumn 2020, early 2021, and Summer 2021. School allocations can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-catch-up-premium-provisional-allocations Schools could use funding to suit their circumstances to help pupils catch up on missed learning, focusing on disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils. www.gov.uk/government/publications/catch-up-premium-coronavirus-covid-19 Schools receiving the catch-up premium in 2020/21, should publish how they intend to spend the grant and assess its impact on pupils' attainment. More at: www.gov.uk/guidance/what-academies-free-schools-and-colleges-should-publish-online and www.gov.uk/guidance/what-maintained-schools-must-publish-online Inspectors may discuss catch-up plans with school leaders.

National tutoring programme: The NTP was funded by the catch-up premium, beginning in 2020/21, and is expected to continue for 3 years. In the first year, there was a subsidy towards the costs of tuition partners and academic mentors. Schools received a subsidy of 70% towards tuition partners and the remaining costs were met by schools using, for example, the pupil premium. Unspent money could be carried forward to 2021/22. NTP for 2020/21 onwards: www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-tutoring-programme-ntp/national-tutoring-programme-ntp

The second year of the national tutoring programme, 2021/22, has added a third option of school-led tutoring with a 75% subsidy. It allows schools to choose their own tutors to provide one-to-one or small group support. The priority for school-led tutoring is disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils whose learning was disrupted, but help can be given regardless of pupil premium eligibility. There is an extra grant for schools in 2021/22 towards the costs of school-led tutoring. It is based on £203 for every child from Y1 to Y6 who is eligible for the pupil premium and this total is multiplied by 60%. The first payment to schools is expected during the Autumn term 2021. NTP for 2021/22 nationaltutoring.org.uk/academic-year-2021-22/tutoring-2021-22

- School-led tutoring grant www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-led-tutoring-grant
- Tuition partners information: www.gov.uk/guidance/tuition-partners
- Register for tuition partners tuitionhub.nationaltutoring.org.uk/NTP/s/ntp-school-registration

The recovery premium is a separate grant to the catch-up premium and seeks to provide extra support for disadvantaged children after COVID disruption. At this stage, it is a one-off payment for 2021/22.

Recovery premium: Extra funding was announced by the government as a one-off recovery premium due to COVID. It is being allocated to schools in 2021/22 based on pupil premium numbers. Mainstream schools will get £145 per eligible pupil and £290 for eligible pupils in specialist provision. There is a minimum 'floor' payment for primary schools of £2,000. Funding for looked-after children will be managed by the virtual school head. The premium should be spent on evidence-based approaches which help pupils to overcome barriers to learning whether academic or pastoral. Funding can be used to support a wider cohort of pupils than those eligible for PP. Schools will need to show how they are using the recovery premium by adding details to their PP strategy statement; (i.e. accountability for use of the recovery premium is identical to the current approach for spending the PP and the same DfE template must be used - it can be found at: www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-effective-use-and-accountability Inspectors may discuss the spending plans with schools. www.gov.uk/government/publications/recovery-premium-funding

The recovery premium will be paid in 4 instalments during 2021/22. LAs will be paid at the end of September, December, April and June to pass on to maintained schools; funding cannot be held back if a school is in deficit. Academies will be paid early in October, January, May and July. Unspent funding can be carried forward into 2022/23 but must be spent according to the same terms and conditions. School allocations for 2021/22 and the grant terms are at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-recovery-premium-funding-allocations