

### Year 7 Catch-up premium strategy 2019-2020

The literacy and numeracy 'Catch Up Premium' provides schools an additional £500 funding per Year 7 student who did not achieve the expected standard, as set by the Department for Education, in reading or maths at the end of KS2. As we are a generic special school, this is the case for all our young people who attend Hazelbeck. Our additional funding for the year 2018–2019 was therefore £8,000.

#### What the money has been spent on 2019 -2020.

Catch Up funding was used on additional staffing to enable small group work for Year 7 students in Maths and English.

Assessments took place to identify individual student's strengths and areas for development identifying any misconceptions that were hindering progress. Interventions were then put into place either on a 1:1 basis or in small groups to work on specific skills, for example the ability to apply mathematic skills to real life scenarios or to develop communication skills.

We had a large number of Yr 7 students who joined us who had additional sensory needs and were in need of developing fine motor skills. We invested in training and resources that would support young people to be able to access activities more easily and develop their basic Maths and English skills. Many of the students who joined us were also had communication difficulties. We therefore invested in getting 8 staff Elklan trained. We also appointed an Speech and Language therapist to support staff to develop communication skills.

There has also been a focus on promoting students' ability to apply learning be it basic mathematical skills of functional reading to real life problems. Some funding has therefore been used to provide students with real life opportunities where they can independently put their knowledge into practice, for example through shopping and community trips.

#### Resources purchased to promote the use of Maths and English.

<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>
Education City to support home learning	Speech and Language Therapy time
Practical/sensory maths resources	Education city to support home learning

#### **Plans for 2020 -21**

Our 2018 – 19 funding allocation was £8000 and will be spent during 2019-20. This will allow staff to be further trained in communication strategies that will meet the individual communication needs of all year 7 students as effectively as possible. As communication continues to be a school priority funding will be used to allow trained staff to be released from class responsibilities to deliver timetabled interventions and embed the use of strategies for individuals. We have also allocated some funding to go towards developing staff skills in teaching early writing and reading skills in engaging and creative ways.

In maths we are looking to develop more practical and investigative ways to ensure that students can apply their knowledge of maths.