

COVID Grant strategy – Elmwood & Penrose Federation

Summary information					
School	Elmwood School & Penrose School			Type of SEN (eg.PMLD/SLD/MLD etc.)	MLD, ASD, SLD, PMLD, SEMH
Academic Year	2020/21	Total COVID Grant	Elmwood £21,120 Penrose £10,560	Date for review	July 2021
Total number of pupils	147				

Context
<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/catch-up-premium-coronavirus-covid-19/catch-up-premium Special Schools' allocation has been calculated on a per pupil basis, providing a total of £240 per pupil.</p> <p>The funding is provided in 3 tranches. An initial part payment arrived in Autumn 2020. A second grant payment in early 2021, based on updated pupil place data.</p> <p>As the Catch up grant has been designed to mitigate the effects of the unique disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), the grant will only be available for the 2020-21 academic year.</p> <p>The DfE have stated that schools should use this funding for specific activities to support pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months. Schools have the flexibility to spend funding in the best way for our cohort and circumstances.</p> <p>As with all government funding, school leaders must be able to account for how this money is being used to achieve the central goal of schools getting back on track and teaching a normal curriculum as quickly as possible.</p>

Priority areas for catch up funding
<p>Intervention – English and Maths</p> <p>Tutoring – focusing on Reading and Maths – calculations and basic number</p> <p>Mentoring – Focusing on preparing to return to school, nurture, wellbeing</p> <p>Reading and Maths resources to support high quality teaching and catch up English and maths</p>

Academic year	2020/21			
Action	Who	How will we identify students	Expected Impact	Funding allocation
<u>Intervention – English and Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess phonics knowledge/ reading retained from previous year and target pupils for intervention 1:1 and groups 	Delivered by senior TA/ Intervention TA Overseen by teachers	Pupils targeted based on baseline assessments	Targeted pupils make good progress to individual targets and expectations.	Elmwood £5500 Penrose £4000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess maths knowledge retained from previous year and target pupils for interventions 				
<u>Tutoring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree service level agreement with recognised tutoring service through the National Tutoring Programme to deliver 1:1 and group intervention 	Delivered by recognised and qualified tutors	Students access both face to face and virtual tutoring sessions identified through baseline testing and those who have not been in attendance in school	Targeted pupils make progress in specific areas in English and Maths	Elmwood £3000 Penrose £1700
<u>Mentoring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide 1:1 mentoring to build pupils self-esteem, develop confidence and reduce anxiety 	Delivered by trained mentors/ alternative providers	Students identified through Thrive data, where regressed in emotional development during lockdown	Targeted students will show progress through attendance, Thrive and/or behaviour data	Elmwood £8000 Penrose £2500

<p><u>Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To ensure appropriate resources in place to scaffold and support children's learning in both Reading, phonics and Maths	<p>Numicon Sounds write Write dance</p>	<p>Resources identified through audit, overseen by Maths and English leads and distributed across the schools</p>	<p>Progress for students will be evident in both assessment data at the end of the year and testing scores</p>	<p>Elmwood £4,620 Penrose £2360</p>
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