



Ark John Archer Primary Academy

CATCH UP FUNDING

2021 / 2022



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In June 2020, the government announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up.

Further guidance has now been released (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-catch-up-premium>) showing that the money is to be split between a catch-up premium and a national tutoring scheme.

The money for the catch-up premium is designed to ensure that schools have the support they need for all pupils make up for lost teaching time, and the money for the national tutoring school is designed to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help.

The catch-up premium is funded on a per pupil basis at £80 per pupil. This will be based on the previous year's census, meaning we are predicting Ark John Archer will be in receipt of approximately £17,600 (220 x £80). It is not expected, however, that there will be a spend of £80 on each and every pupil in schools. The government has made it clear that the spending of this money will be down to schools to allocate as they see fit. To support schools to make the best use of this funding, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has published a support guide for schools with evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students.

There are two broad aims for “catch up” at Ark John Archer:

- The mental health needs of pupils are well met and supported by the school.
- Attainment outcomes at end of 2021-212 for all year groups will be at least in line with or better than those at the end of 2020-21.

At Ark John Archer, following the advice from the EEF the Covid-19 ‘Catch up’ money will be used in order to provide:

- curriculum resources and materials that support mental health and well-being of pupils
- the purchase of curriculum resources and materials that support “catch up” e.g. additional phonics resources to allow 1:1 phonics “catch up” to take place
- employment of experienced teachers 5 afternoons a week to tutor small groups of children who have been identified as needing “catch up” in their learning.
- to fund the participation in the DfE’s Nuffield Early Language Intervention in Foundation Stage. This is an evidence based 20-week oral language intervention programme for children in their first year of primary school who

may need additional support in developing their oral language skills.

Catch Up at Ark John Archer is...

For all of our children...

- Time spent on mental health, wellbeing and social skills development. This will be at the core of all catch up work as many children will have not been in formal school setting for a number of months. We will continue to use our bespoke scheme of work to deliver our PSCHE curriculum. Alongside this, additional time will be spent focusing on mental health and well-being, for example taking part in daily reflection which uses a solution focused approach to talking about the day. We will also be encouraging a lot of discussions in our lessons and using strategies to build confidence in all of our pupils to value their opinions... Let's get Ark John Archer Talking!
- Working through well sequenced, purposeful planning. For example, teachers have adapted planning in order to focus on missed objectives and to consolidate the basics.
- Focus on consolidation of basic skills. The core skills, which enable successful learning, will require increased curriculum time across all year groups. These include: handwriting, spelling of high frequency words, basic sentence punctuation, times tables recall, basic addition & subtraction fact recall and reading skills relevant to age.
- Particular focus on early reading and phonics. This is always a focus in the school and will continue to be so in order to develop children's reading ability and vocabulary. Over the course of this academic year, Year 2 will continue with daily phonics lessons during the term to ensure all children are confident with their phonic sounds. Our aim is to ensure all of the Year 2 children complete the program by the end of the Summer Term.
- Assessment of learning and of basic skills to identify major gaps. Teachers will work to identify gaps in learning and adapt teaching accordingly.
- Home learning giving opportunities for pupils to practice and consolidate basic skills in spellings, reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as opportunities for pupils to engage with research and reading on the wider curriculum.

For some children...

- Additional support and focus on basic core skills. Supported by an experienced teacher utilising catch up premium – dependent on need as identified through ongoing assessment.
- Additional time to practice basic skills. This again will be dependent on need of children in order to re-establish good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics, motor skills). This additional support will be provided by our dedicated team of co-teachers: Ms Abdisalam, Ms Belstonyeva, Ms Thorpe, Ms Jones, Mr McCormick, Ms Thompson & Ms Ahmed.
- Additional targeted language support for Foundation children. Teachers will work to identify children who will benefit from small group and one-to-one language support. This will be delivered over a 20-week period as part of the Nuffield Early Language Intervention. Our dedicated Reception Team led by

Ms Anujah will implement this program.

Catch up at Ark John Archer IS NOT:

- Cramming missed learning
- Pressuring children and families into rapid learning
- Teachers time spent highlighting missed objectives
- Teachers time spent ticking off assessment points and extra tracking

Here at Ark John Archer Primary Academy, we aspire for all of our pupils to reach their full potential both academically and socially and, with this in mind, aim to develop highly aspirational, emotionally literate and knowledgeable individuals who have a genuine passion and excitement for learning.

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all”

Aristotle