

George Stephenson High School Catch-Up Statement 2019-2020

Introduction to the Year 7 Catch-Up Funding

In 2013 the Government made a commitment to provide additional educational funding to schools for each Year 7 student who had not achieved Level 4 in reading and/or Mathematics at Key Stage 2.

In 2016 the eligibility criteria for catch up funding changed to reflect the changes to end of KS2 assessments. Students are now eligible for catch up funding if they scored less than 100 in Reading and/or Mathematics.

Our Vision

At George Stephenson High School we believe in narrowing the educational attainment gap and want all of our students to achieve highly and fulfil their potential. We believe that the fully inclusive learning environment we provide allows students to grow and develop academically, socially and personally into responsible, caring and confident young people.

Allocation of Catch up Funding Financial Year 2018-2019

Total number of pupils in Year 7	228
Total number of pupils eligible for Year 7 catch up funding.	31
Total amount of Year 7 catch – up funding received.	£12,000

How we spent the allocation of funds during 2018-2019

The strategies employed during the last academic year included staffing support to enable small group teaching, one on one support, mentoring, literacy and numeracy intervention, extra TA support, the purchase of additional resources and the Accelerated Reader Programme.

Impact Statement

We believe that successful spending should lead to rising standards, the narrowing of the achievement gap and the broadening of opportunities for the most disadvantaged students at George Stephenson High School. It is important that we consider how well we are spending our allocation of the Year 7 catch up funding and also consider how we could spend it more effectively so that achievement gaps are narrowed and indeed ultimately closed.

English

In English, 78% of students identified in this group are now working at or above their expected target.

Maths

In Maths, 72% of students identified in this group are now working at or above their expected target.

Allocation of Catch up Funding Financial Year 2019-2020

Total number of pupils in Year 7	228
Total number of pupils eligible for Year 7 catch up funding.	51
Estimated total amount of Year 7 catch – up funding received	£12, 000

How we plan to spend the current academic year's allocation

It is intended that alongside the interventions of last year we will also increase the focus on Year 7 one to one and small group tuition. The Accelerated Reader Programme will continue to run. We will also purchase new assessment materials for group intervention session and further target the use of TAs to support catch up students in lessons. Other interventions will be implemented over the course of the year to meet the needs of the targeted group.

George Stephenson High School is accountable for how we use the additional funding to support these students. The Headteacher or delegated member of staff will provide feedback at each governor's meeting around progress and the use of catch up funding.