

COVID 19 catch-up premium funding

Use of COVID-19 Catch Up Funding 2020-21

“Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus (COVID19). Those from the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds will be among those hardest-hit. The aggregate impact of lost time in education will be substantial, and the scale of our response must match the scale of the challenge. We know that we have the professional knowledge and expertise in the education system to ensure that children and young people recover and get back on track. The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time.” *Department for Education website, 2020*

COVID 19 catch-up premium funding and AST schools

The total allocation of funds to AST was just over £300,000. To ensure that we could ensure that our schools could make the most of this funding we:

- Pooled the funding across the MAT which allowed us to recruit at least one HLTA per school on a twelve month, TTO (0.84) fixed term contract. HLTAs have been trained by school staff to deliver a planned catch up programme that has been informed by the latest EEF guidance, overseen, and monitored by each principal.
- We retained a small percentage of the total funding to support the creation and implementation of ‘hardship’ fund for eligible pupils and families. To date this has provided over 100 devices for disadvantaged students and helped fund household internet connections.
- The AST Board approved this strategy at its December 2020 meeting and received an interim report on the impact of this additional funding in March 2021.

Allocation per school

London Hub (5 schools £155,694)

School	Allocation
Avanti Court	£25,949

KAPS Croydon	£25,949
KAPS Harrow	£25,949
AHPP	£25,949
AHSS	£51,898

Leicester Hub (2 schools £45,424)

School	Allocation
KAPS Leicester	£22,712
Avanti Fields	£22,712

SW Hub (3 schools £68,136)

School	Allocation
Avanti Gardens	£22,712
Avanti Park	£22,712
Avanti Hall	£22,712

Allocation to schools	£269,254
IT hardship fund (pupils)	£22,746