

Year 7 Pupil Catch-up Group Report 2017

For pupils who were in Year 7 in September 2016

The Year 7 Catch-Up premium, £500 per eligible pupil, provides additional funding to schools.

The funding is aimed at those Year 7 pupils who did not achieve the expected benchmark level in the Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests in reading and/or mathematics. The funding is expected to accelerate the progress of identified pupils in English and Mathematics by allowing the school to deliver additional support, such as individual tuition or intensive support in small groups, for those pupils who most need it, so that they catch up with their peers.

14 pupils were identified for the support. 5 pupils were given support in Literacy, 6 in Numeracy and 3 in both Literacy and Numeracy.

Funding and expenditure

The Year 7 literacy and Numeracy catch-up premium in February 2017 was £9000. Total expenditure (details below) was £9024

Literacy

Literacy catch-up used the Sound Training system. Two staff (JS, PA) were trained initially at a cost of £2000 each. This included the resources (which are now used school wide) and the analysis tools.

They had an extra non -contact period each week to deliver the course to a total of 8 pupils (4 each). Total cost of the extra nct was £1440.

A TA (CH) was employed to take on the administration of the scheme which cost £2740.

Impact:

- All 8 pupils who followed the Sound Training raised their reading age on average by 3.6 years. The actual data has been shared with Governors.
- The resources were successful therefore the curriculum was changed so every other Monday, the form time was used for literacy by each form tutor so the Sound Training is having an impact on all pupils across both Key Stages. The response from staff has been very positive.
- The Sound Training is being expanded so two more teachers have been trained and with current year 7 pupils 4 staff are now implementing the system.
- Other schools have shown interest and one school, based on the impact with our pupils, is adopting the Sound Training.

Numeracy

A maths specialist was employed to deliver 2 numeracy lessons per week to individual or small groups of numeracy catch up pupils.

There were 9 numeracy catchup pupils.

In house resources and Springboard units were used.

Cost for specialist maths teacher for catch up sessions. £900

A Numeracy Co-ordinator continues to be employed.

Support is also given in the form of Maths Ambassadors Club, delivering peer tutoring to selected pupils. Maths equipment is also provided.

Impact:

- Each session started with a progress check from the last session. All but one pupil for all sessions was able to move from one “level” in the session to the next “level” in the subsequent sessions.
- Flight path analysis for the year showed that from the first data capture point to the last, 3 pupils had moved up one increment which was the equivalent to having moved close to 1 full GCSE grade.
- Numeracy has a much higher profile in the school.
- Pupil voice interviews with 3 pupils chosen at random showed impact. One pupil (AB) said he felt it had helped him make progress in his maths. The others agreed and all said they felt more confident in doing their maths and were still benefitting from the sessions in their year 8 maths lessons. They all felt that other pupils would gain from the catch-up sessions.

A report for the current catch up group (year 7 from September 2017) will be published in January 2018.