

COVID-19 'Catch-up'

The government announced a £1 billion fund for education to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure.

Further guidance can be found at –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/catch-up-premium-coronavirus-covid-19/catch-up-premium>

The catch-up premium is funded on a per pupil basis at £80 per pupil from Reception to Year 11 inclusive. The figures will be taken from the October 2020 census. Schools should use the sum available to them as a single total even though funding is calculated on a per pupil or per place basis. Funding will only be available for the 2020 to 2021 academic year and will not be added to schools' baselines in calculating future years' funding allocations.

The spending of this money will be down to the individual school's discretion but they are expected to use this funding for specific activities which will help pupils catch up on missed education.