



Y7 Catch-up premium 2016/17

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding to support Year 7 pupils who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading and/or maths at the end of key stage 2 (KS2).

Ponteland Middle School is committed to ensuring a smooth transfer and transition from Year 6 to Year 7. We work closely with our school staff to ensure children are 'secondary ready' both academically and socially.

We use this premium to provide strategies and interventions which are specifically aimed at pupils who are behind in literacy and numeracy.

How it made a difference to the attainment of pupils

Booster sessions begin in June to consolidate the pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding in Maths and English. Most pupils achieved the expected grade by the end of the following year. Additional interventions have continued for these children in Year 8 and for those receiving personalised interventions.

Catch-up premium for Academic Year 2015/16 - Total amount of Catch-Up Premium: £4,000
Catch-up premium Academic Year 2016/17 - Total amount of Catch-Up Premium: £9,000

How we will use the catch-up premium?

Spending plans include booster classes, TA interventions, resources and activities which are implemented through the catch-up premium funding:

- Mathematics intervention and licenses
- Interventions with Mrs Blackburn [SENCO], Mrs Calvert [Head of Maths] and Mrs Quigley [TA] re Maths
- Smaller class sizes in English and Maths lower sets in Year 7 & Year 8
- Children are tested before and after interventions to identify progress and impact
- Those reaching age related expectations return to normal timetable; those who do not remain on intervention programme.

English

We work to remove barriers to learning for our catch up students through a Year 7 Secure literacy programme in the first term. This programme involves guided writing, supported reading and spelling/phonics as appropriate and is delivered by English teachers. Pupils may follow a personalised programme that is designed around their individual needs based on diagnostic reading and grammar tests taken at the beginning and end of their programme, alongside guidance from each pupil's teacher.

Maths

An intensive catch up maths programme [Mathletics] is offered to identified catch-up students. These students are given 10 hours of 1:1 Maths tuition, taken in the form of two half hour sessions per week.

Smaller class sizes in the lower set classes in Year 7 also help to provide the extra support and attention these students benefit from.