

Catch-up Funding at SMSP Sept 2021-22

This money will be used to:

- Pay the top up fee (30%) to access the government's subsidised, National Tutoring Programme (NTP), for disadvantaged/ vulnerable pupils and those who the school has identified through assessment as needing "catch up" in their learning. This will be provided by qualified teachers, within the classroom environment to ensure quality teaching first.
- Support children's wellbeing, through the ELSA programme.
- Purchase curriculum resources to support learning.

The broad aims for 'Catch up' are:

- To assess gaps in learning using formative and summative assessments.
- To narrow gaps in learning and consolidate key skills and concepts missed due to lockdown.
- For each child to achieve/exceed the expected outcomes predicted at the start of the academic year.
- To promote children's mental health and support their access to learning.

Catch Up for all children includes:

- **A focus on consolidation of basic skills.** The core skills which enable successful learning will require increased curriculum time across all year groups. These include: handwriting, spelling of high frequency words, basic sentence punctuation, times tables recall, basic addition & subtraction fact recall and reading skills relevant to age.
- **A particular focus on early reading and phonics.** This is always a focus in the school and will continue to be so in order to develop children's vocabulary and ensure every child can read.
- **Assessment of learning and of basic skills to identify major gaps.** Teachers will work to identify gaps in learning and adapt teaching accordingly.
- **Quality teaching first.**