

## Covid Catch-up Funding 2021/22

### Intention

To set-up Google Classroom VLE for home-learning, remote-learning and supporting work in the classrooms, using modern ICT technology to help pupils develop better skills and access to education at home and in school.

### Decision

To purchase each pupil a Google Chromebook and to install Google Classroom Platform to use as an academy-wide strategy to close gaps in learning caused by absence due to Covid-19 and to help all pupils catch up wherever and as quickly as possible.

To support other areas of the curriculum, particularly to shore-up reading we invested in the purchase of the Lexia Software Platform for a 3-year licence period.

To further develop our pupil's creative development and support the Art & Design curriculum and provide a more motivational homework provision during the pandemic 'a set of complete artists kits were purchased which pupils could own and take home and use in class.

Through the National Tutoring Programme (the DfE government scheme) the academy has funded additional catch-up lessons for a group of pupils most affected by the Covid pandemic.

In addition to the above, funds were spent on cases, folders, identification keyrings and computer mice to further improve the utilisation and safe keeping of the purchased resources.

### Outcome

This has had a significant impact on improving the culture of our provision offer. All pupils now have access to and ownership of high quality, state-of-the-art digital devices, a digital remote learning platform and appropriate peripheral resources through which to complement and supplement their work both in classrooms and at home. The pupils' attitudes towards homework and self-study have been significantly improved and any gaps in learning caused by the COVID pandemic period have been significantly mitigated and addressed.

## Funding

Details	£
Covid catch-up grant	17,760
Chrome books	5,789
Chromebook – accessories	495
Artist Kits	1,145
Lexia – 3 year licence	3,869
National Tutoring Programme	6,462

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At Cloughwood we have enjoyed a highly successful post-Covid recovery period in which the previous grant provided funding for invaluable resources that supported the development of a new VLE via the chromebook and Google platforms. This made a real impact on promoting working from home and keeping absent pupils in touch with their teachers and coursework. We also invested a significant amount of the first grant in providing external tutors for those pupils we determined had had the most time missing from school due to the pandemic restrictions and those pupils in Year10 and 11 who were preparing for external examinations.

This year we intend to spend the current allocation of £16,530 on largely developing further the Futures vocational training provision to further benefit those Year 10 and 11 pupils in their preparation for leaving school or staying on at Year 12 next academic year.

The benefit of this strategy, however, will reach further into the Academy's population, as more, younger pupils are able to be introduced to the vocational learning environment through our enrichment programme.

Resources            £8,000

Tutors                £8,530