

Larches High School

Covid 19 Catch up Funding

In November 2020 the government announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure. This is especially important for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Larches High School has been allocated £240 per pupil, approximately £26k to be received by the end of the academic year 2020-21.

Using the guidance outlined by the EEF (Education Endowment Foundation) Larches High School has used the additional funding to support a high quality provision for all pupils and have focussed on the three identified areas – Teaching, Targeted Academic Support and Wider Strategies.

Teaching

The provision of high quality teaching and learning is essential to ensure positive pupils outcomes. All lessons are delivered by specialist teachers.

Teaching staff have worked to ensure that those pupils not attending on site provision still have access to high quality learning opportunities. Additional CPD has been provided to all staff around the use of IT / digital platforms.

Targeted Academic Support

A personalised approach to intervention at Larches ensures that academic gaps are identified and specific work is completed with pupils to ensure progress and outcomes.

As all pupils at Larches have barriers to learning, school has made some internal staffing changes so that an identified member of staff can provide 1:1 support for those pupils needing SEMH / behaviour support.

Wider Strategies

Covid 19 has served to highlight the issues our cohort of pupils and their families have in relation to digital poverty, school meals, IT skills and safeguarding. The Larches family – pupils, parents/ carers, staff and Governors have worked hard to ensure that these have been minimised during this time. Relationships between all stakeholders have improved as a result of school having widened its remit from purely education during this time.

Teaching	Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff CPD – Larches has joined the DfE Ed Tech demonstrator programme and is linked with a local secondary school 	£0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff CPD – training for staff around the use of Teams 	£0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources – ensuring all staff have access to a laptop, additional IT equipment such as visualisers, software 	Equipment and Resources £800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – all guidance around accessing remote learning has been placed on the school website 	£0 as within remit of staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching staff absence – appropriate staff cover to ensure continuity of teaching and learning for all pupils 	Additional Staff Costs £6300 (Spring Term)

Targeted Academic Support	Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention support for pupils in core subjects 	Staff cost £8500 (Spring Term) Additional resources £450
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalised SEMH intervention support to manage additional pupil need 	Staff Cost £8000 (Spring Term) Additional resources £100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils have access to onsite education or remote provisions – live lessons / work set via Teams 	

Wider Strategies	Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Wellbeing – increased PPA time has been allocated by reducing staff meetings 	£0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding: Pupils accessing remote learning have key worker support / welfare calls 	£0 as within remit of staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Poverty – ensuring pupils have access to laptops and Wifi 	£6250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Meals –ensuring that all eligible FSM pupils have had access to school vouchers at earliest point 	£300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Well- being – access to an onsite counsellor 	£50 per hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance, Engagement and Safeguarding – additional support and contact with parents / carers to ensure all pupils are kept safe 	£0 as within remit of staff
Total Costs	£30,600 +counsellor support
Total Catch up Funding Received	£26000