

Year 7 Catch Up Premium 2016/17

In 2015/16 Sharples School was allocated £12,500 in funding as part of the Year 7 Catch Up initiative.

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve standard in reading or maths at the end of key stage 2 (KS2). In 2016 this is defined as a scaled score of 100 in Reading and Maths.

This funding aims to help these students to 'catch up' with their peers during their first year in the school.

In 2016 to 2017 schools will receive the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding they received in 2015 to 2016, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their year 7 cohort, based on the October 2016 census.

We received funding for 25 students in 2015/16.

However in 2016/17 the number of pupils not achieving the scaled score or 100 in English and/or Maths is 70.

This means that the funding per pupil is reduced from £500 to £178.57. The funding will be allocated to our school as an academy on 1st March 2017.

In 2016/17 we intend to use the Year 7 Catch-up premium for the following strategies to ensure maximum progress for these pupils;

Funding staffing support to enable;

- Two Intervention forms in Year 7 (only one intervention form in 2015/16 that was highly successful) – smaller class sizes across the curriculum and led by a Maths and an English teacher to allow intervention during form time each day
- Employment of a phonics trained KS2 teacher from January 2016 to work with Year 7 and 8 pupils
- KS3 HLTA Support for small groups in English and Maths

Funding resources for intervention;

- Accelerated Reader Programme from September 2016 for all KS3 pupils

Pupils will be tracked in the following ways to measure impact;

- Termly assessments in English and Maths with information collected based on our own Assessment without Levels 1-9 grading system
- Accelerated Reader ongoing assessments