

## COVID-19 Catch-Up Funding Grant

In June, a £1 billion fund for education was announced by the government. The catch-up premium is funded on a per pupil basis at £80 per pupil. This will be based on the previous year's census and will not include Nursery numbers meaning that St Thomas' could be in receipt of approximately £18,480. Early spring 2021, we have received £4,600. The spending of this money will be down to schools to allocate as they see best. To support schools to make the best use of this funding, the Education Foundation has published a support guide for schools with evidence – based approaches to catch up for all students.

St Thomas's will spend this money:

- Purchasing curriculum resources and materials that support pupils to get 'back on track'.
- Funding additional staff to develop the outcomes of children who have been identified as need 'catch-up' in their learning.
- Supporting children with well-being issues including poor mental health and anxiety associated with COVID-19 e.g. resources and staff training.
- Training current staff in teaching and learning strategies that will support 'catch-up' e.g. precision teaching, emotional resilience etc.

The broad aims for 'catch-up' at St Thomas's is that attainment outcomes at the end of 2020-21 for all year groups will be at least in line with those at the point of lockdown in March 2020. This means that if a child was working at age-related in a subject in March, they will be working at age related in the same subject by the end of the year.

We also aim to ensure that the mental health needs of pupils that have arisen as a result of the pandemic are met and supported by the school.