

## **Battledown Covid-19 Recovery Fund Strategy and Review**

### **Background**

Battledown School is Special School in Cheltenham for children aged 3-11 years. 12.5 % in 2019 now at 29.8 % of pupils are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. All pupils have an EHCP and are classed as vulnerable according the Government definition.

Current attendance is 94.7% (over the week as children attending 5 days each week or , 5 days over 2 weeks)

Many families have been negatively impacted by jobs losses and / or a reduction in income due to furlough.

The Senior Management Team have prioritised Covid-19 related barriers to learning as:

- Pupils having been absence from school being unable to re-engage in learning
- Pupils who did attend school during lockdown being unable to adjust to full class groups
- Increased numbers of pupils who are presenting with mental health / anxiety issues either associated with Covid measures, or long periods of time spent at home during lockdown.
- Mental health and well being of pupils and staff has been a noticeable effect of the pandemic and lockdowns.
- Pupils needing increased access to quiet areas to sit, reflect.
- Increased numbers of children whose weight has increased due to inactivity and poor diet
- Staff lacking confidence in their knowledge of / ability to be able to deal effectively the above issues
- Staff mental health and well being to keep them focussed and strong to deliver the curriculum and to support pupils.

### **Covid Catch up money:**

£240 x 57 pupils = £13,680 (figure as of September 2020)

240x40 pupils = £9,600 (figure in Jan – July 2020)

Area of concern	Planned intervention	Impact	Anticipated costs or allocated costs	Anticipated total cost (to end academic year 2020-21)
Mental Health and well being of pupils	Access Gary Music sessions for home as well as school	Pupils will have enjoyment from seeing Gary and being involved in music sessions to lift spirits and virtual	£40 per session x 12	£480
Additional resources to support home learning and in school learning around rearing and maths	To purchase reading schemes and maths equipment to support learning both at home and school to help children to catch up on missed schooling	Children will have access to a wider range of equipment and resources to aid learning in 2 prime areas of education	£1,710	£1,710
Limited ICT resources to support remote learners and in class learners	Additional iPads to be purchased to support pupils in lessons and those learning remotely.	All pupils can access online learning and teachers can link with pupils that are learning remotely.	iPads = £300 x 7 iPad cases = £25.00 x 7	£2,310.00
Family support and mental health of parents and deprivation	Family worker to provide support to parents who are/ have suffered through the lockdown,	Families will feel supported, be sign posted to relevant resources/funds and agencies to support them	£3,000	£3,000
Staff well being and mental health has been negatively affected by the pandemic	Support and positive strategies to help staff mental health and well being	Staff well being improved which impacts on attendance and pupil well being and teaching and learning.	£1,500	£1,500

Review of Spend – September 2021

Area of concern	Planned intervention	Impact Review	Allocated Cost	Actual Spend
Mental Health and well being of pupils	Access Gary Music sessions for home as well as school	Pupils engaged in sessions and allowed accessibility to all.	£480	£480
Additional resources to support home learning and in school learning around reaing and maths	To purchase reading schemes and maths equipment to support learning both at home and school to help children to catch up on missed schooling	Developed reading and phonics knowledge. Relationship of home to school developed	£1,710	£1241 - £463 cfwd to 2021-22
Limited ICT resources to support remote learners and in class learners	Additional iPads to be purchased to support pupils in lessons and those learning remotely.	Access to all pupils and families	£2,310	£1753 - £552 cfwd to 2021-22
Family support and mental health of parents and deprivation	Family worker to provide support to parents who are/ have suffered through the lockdown,	Families have been supported and signed posted to relevant resources/funds and agencies to support them. Completed virtually with no barriers	£3,000	£3000
Staff well being and mental health has been negatively affected by the pandemic	Support and positive strategies to help staff mental health and well being	Staff well being in improved which impacts on attendance and pupil well being and teaching and learning. Circus skills team building exercise took place and boosted moral of staff.	£1,500	£1000 - £500 cfwd to 2021-22

		Counselling offered to staff with anxiety surrounding impact of Covid for improved well being.		
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