

LITTLE HEATH SCHOOL

16-19 Tuition Fund Statement



What is it?

The ESFA has made funding available to post-16 educational providers to support students who have had their learning affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Tuition Fund is ring-fenced for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus.

Who can be supported by this fund?

Eligibility has been broadened for 2021-22 to include disadvantaged students who have been impacted by the pandemic, as well as those students with low prior attainment. The fund is for learners aged 16-19 who:

- Have not already achieved a grade 4 or 5 in English and/or Mathematics;
- Have a grade 4 or above in English and/or Mathematics, are from an economically disadvantaged background and would need catch-up support.
- Have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning because of their specific needs and disabilities.

How is Little Heath School using the fund?

Little Heath School will be using the fund in accordance with the conditions laid out by the Education and Skills Funding Agency including (but not limited to):

- Deploying learning mentors to work with students on an individual or small group basis to support teaching, learning and organisation which has been disrupted.
- Providing 'catch up resources' to recap and revise units that have been missed due to Covid related absence.
- Providing 'catch up resources' to support GCSE resit preparation with a learning mentor, in addition to class teachers, where appropriate.
- Support for SEND and high needs students with a learning mentor, where appropriate.
- Support learning through individual and small group (not exceeding 7) sessions of tutoring and academic mentoring.
- Vocational sessions for knowledge and practical skills development which have been disrupted due to the Covid-19 lockdown.
- Workshops in key literacy and numeracy skills.
- Online tuition in specific modules to support learners in closing knowledge gaps.

This tuition and small group support will be in addition to students' normal timetable allocation. All support will be based on an individual needs assessment with identification of an individual starting point, clear learning goals, expectations and outcomes.

Little Heath School's Commitment

The Sixth Form is committed to ensuring that the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 Tuition Fund by:

- producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students.
- publishing this statement on the school website.
- recording the use of the fund, including references to individual students who receive support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered and retaining the evidence of the tuition provided.
- delivering the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2021/22
- notifying the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.