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## COVID-19 Catch Up Premium

2020-21

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.

This funding includes:

### **Funding allocations:**

School allocations are calculated on a per pupil basis.

Alternative provision will receive £240 per place.

Links Academy St Albans has been allocated £9600 for the academic year 2020/21.

Autumn/Spring payment received is £5600.

Schools are to use the funding for specific activities that suit their cohort and circumstances to support their pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months, in line with the curriculum expectations for the next academic year.



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## Spending Plan for 2020/21

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Effectiveness and Focus</b>
Safe Space	<p>Therapeutic Intervention</p> <p>Safe Space provides Counsellors to support students who are displaying a range of Mental health needs.</p>	£3000  (£600 per Counsellor)	<p>Many students have experienced trauma during the Covid pandemic which have had a significant impact on their ability to focus, engagement with learning has caused anxiety.</p> <p>The Safe Space Counsellors offer strategies and support to help students improve anxiety and well-being which has an impact on their ability to engage with learning.</p>
Functional Skills Package	<p>Online Functional Skills Package.</p> <p>This has provided students to access English and Maths resources online to prepare them for passing the qualification.</p>	£320	<p>Students have been able to access Core subject materials within their home environments due to the Functional skills portal.</p> <p>It has also enabled staff to monitor what has been accessed and provide targeted support to the students.</p> <p>One student has completed her Functional skills exam due to these resources being accessible.</p>

Chromebooks	Devices to enable students to access a wider range of learning materials.	12 Chromebooks £3328	Students can access online materials. Engagement and motivation to learn is also improved when students have access to technology.
Literacy Intervention	That Reading Thing (TRT)  Small group work or individual work with students to improve literacy and reading age.	£250 (Staff training)	Students who have been identified as having a significantly low reading age have been offered the TRT intervention to help improve reading age and reading strategies.
Healthy Lifestyle Lead	Healthy lifestyles lead to mentor and advise students on a range of issues that impact mood and ability to access learning	£2400	All students have access to Healthy lifestyles lead. Students can have individual weekly sessions which are personalised to their presenting need or issue.  All have developed positive working relationships and have coping strategies and increased levels of engagement with learning.  Some sessions have also led to further support being provided and led to referrals to external agencies.

Youth Connexions	Summer holiday support club	£2,100	Additional support during post exams to assist with catch up learning, preparing for Further Education or employment.
Total Budget 20.21		£11,398	