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Guidance

Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium: guide for schools

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How much year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium funding schools receive, and advice on how to spend it.

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The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives state-funded schools, including special schools and alternative provision settings, additional funding to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve [the expected standard](#) in reading or maths at the end of key stage 2 (KS2).

Allocations for the financial year 2017 to 2018

In 2017 to 2018, we will allocate funding to schools on the basis that they receive the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding they received in 2016 to 2017. It will be adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their year 7 cohort, based on the October 2017 census.

See how much [year 7 catch-up premium funding you received for the 2016-17 financial year](#).

Payments

Local-authority-maintained schools (including special schools and PRUs)

Local-authority-maintained schools do not receive funding directly from DfE. We give your year 7 catch-up premium funding to your local authority and they pass it on to you.

Your local authority received your funding for the 2017 to 2018 academic year on 28 February 2018.

Academies and free schools (including special and alternative provision)

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) sends academies and free schools their year 7 catch-up premium funding.

You will receive your funding for the 2017 to 2018 academic year on 1 March 2018.

How to use your year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium

You should identify pupils who need extra support from the year 7 catch-up premium, so you can decide the best way to use the funding.

From 31 July, secondary schools can use the question level analysis function (QLA) in the Analyse School Performance (ASP) service, formerly RAISEonline, to identify specific areas to focus on with new year 7s who haven't reached the expected standard in key stage 2 tests.

QLA gives a breakdown of individual pupils' performance in each question and element of the three KS2 tests:

- mathematics
- reading
- grammar, punctuation and spelling

You should only select programmes and approaches that you know are effective. For example, you could use the funding to pay for:

- individual tuition
- intensive small-group tuition
- external services and materials
- summer schools that help students catch up over a short period of time

You can find examples of effective approaches and programmes in our summary of [research into literacy and numeracy catch-up strategies](#).

The Education Endowment Foundation also provides [evidence-based information on Reading at the Transition](#).

Accountability

You must publish details of how you spend your year 7 catch-up premium funding on your website.

Guidance on what [specific information you need to publish on your website](#) is available.

Ofsted inspectors will also consider how your school is using the premium.

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