

Sudbourne Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to explain some important information about the work that the school is undertaking this academic year.

Recovery Premium

The recovery premium is funding provided to schools to support schools to help pupils recover from lost learning during the pandemic. It can be used to support activities that:

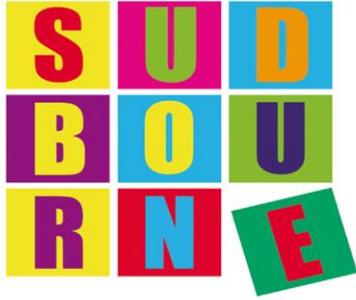
- support the quality of teaching, such as staff professional development
- provide targeted academic support, such as tutoring
- deal with non-academic barriers to success in school, such as attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support

The amount a school receives is based on the number of pupils eligible for the pupil premium. Schools can spend the recovery premium on a wider cohort of pupils than those who attract the funding. The amount of recovery premium for Sudbourne for the whole academic year is £17,545 and in October we received the first instalment of £4,386. As a school we are going to supplement this funding to ensure that we maximise the impact and number of pupils that can benefit either directly or indirectly.

Sudbourne will be spending the recovery premium on a range of support for pupils that we identify as having been most significantly disadvantaged during the pandemic. The support to be provided will include:

- One to one and small group tuition by subject specialists
- Specific interventions to focus on gaps in pupils' learning
- Additional one to one reading aloud opportunities
- Focus groups on other aspects of learning, such as behaviour or pupils' social and emotional needs
- Structured interventions to cover a range of subjects within and beyond core subjects
- Specific targeted groups for vocabulary development





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- Teachers to be released to provide bespoke ability-related support in core subjects
- Smaller class groupings when pupils attend support sessions

We would like to hear from any parents who may be able to volunteer from January onwards. This would be to support one of our drives of hearing as many pupils as possible to read aloud. Please complete this very short online form [HERE](#) if you can spare a few minutes each week.

School Improvement Plan

We have two key school priorities. They are:

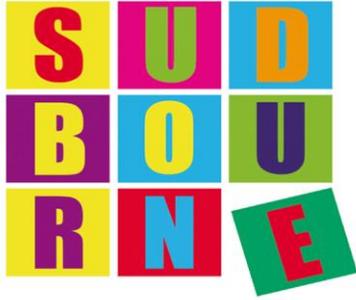
- To ensure that our practices and curriculum celebrate diversity, promote equity and are anti-racist
- To ensure that all pupils make very rapid progress and catch up to where they should be

The school has a team of staff from all roles within the school working to address the first key priority. Colleagues are meeting regularly to consider the curriculum design, shape and sequencing to make sure that it celebrates diversity and promotes equity. Senior leaders are making sure that policies and practice are anti-racist.

We will ensure that those educational strategies detailed above as part of our approach to address gaps in learning and knowledge caused by the arrangements during the pandemic will be carefully assessed. This is to make sure that they are having the desired impact and at the rate at which we anticipate the catch up to be.

I am planning to have a meeting early in January to discuss this information in more detail for any parent who would like to talk about this further and to hear about the next steps. In the meantime, please find attached two videos from our reading and mathematics lead teachers, Ms MacLean and Ms Clement. In the videos they explain some of the work that the staff have been undertaking this term.





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Mathematics

<https://www.loom.com/share/b6d5600845e34027af28efcaba910ae0>

Reading

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The published test results in 2019 were some time ago now. In these tests the proportion of Sudbourne pupils meeting the expected standard and greater depth in reading, writing and maths combined were slightly above the national proportions. However, they were not as high as we would have wanted them. The school improvement plan and the recovery strategy will also support pupils to achieve more highly.

If you have any questions relating to the above information, please contact me at admin@sudbourne.com

Yours sincerely,

Richard Blackmore - Headteacher

