



Further information for parents on extra lessons

Dear Parents,

As mentioned in our newsletter of 2nd October, this letter is to provide further information on the use of the 'Catch-up' funding provided by the government to help pupils recover the lost curriculum at the end of the last academic year.

Our primary aim is to extend the school day across the year by 20 hours for each pupil between November and July 2021. This will mean that each pupil will receive 10 additional literacy and maths lessons delivered by their current teachers to ensure that pupils make good progress by the end of the academic year as a result of time lost during the closure of schools. In real terms, this will constitute 20 lessons or two weeks of lost learning in maths and literacy.

By using our own teachers and the child's current subject teacher we are utilising the invaluable knowledge our teachers already have of your child. We aim to start this ambitious process by rolling this out to all of Y6, Y7 (1 Class) and all of Y8 after October half term. Those classes not included below and in Y5 and Y7 will have their extra lessons from February to May 2021.

These sessions will take place after school on a Monday and Wednesday evening straight after school. Lessons will be delivered in the child's usual classroom.

w/b 2nd November – w/b 7th December (6 weeks)

w/b 11th January – w/b 1st February (4 weeks)

	Time	Class
Monday	3:10 – 4:10pm	Y6 Maths
	3:20 – 4:20pm	8D English
	3:20 – 4:20pm	7S English
Wednesday	3:20 – 4:20pm	Y8 Maths
	3:10 – 4:10pm	Y6 English

We will undoubtedly have clashes with clubs after school or clubs that pupils may attend out of school, not to mention a number of transport arrangement difficulties. However, this is a model which will allow the vast majority of our pupils to make up ground from the lost weeks during lockdown. We will simply not be able to pacify everyone, but we urge parents to buy in and go the extra mile to support us on this. If it is really not possible for your child to attend these extra lessons staff will provide a copy of the work covered, but staff will not be asked to mark or offer feedback on any of this work completed at home. We are the first school to be investing so much time and effort into the children after the school day that I know of in the Tyne Valley and I must thank our staff for stepping up and making our children an absolute priority.

Regards.