



Dysart Y7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up Premium: impact statement 2018-19

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).

Y7 cohort number: 7

Number meeting expected standard in Y6: 0

Total allocation received: £2000

The very limited amount of funding contributed primarily to the following initiatives:

- Developing an Augmentative and Additional Communication (AAC) specialist to support with the high quality implementation of assistive technologies in order to personalise communication strategies
- NEST project – developing emotional and mental health, resilience and wellbeing to help pupils deepen their understanding of their own emotions and how they can effect change in themselves.
- Staff training to develop knowledge and skill in the areas of – Getting Ready for Learning, Mental Health and Wellbeing, How to create a learning enrich environment and Understanding sensory Impairments

As a result:

- 100% of Y7 students were at least 'meeting target' at the end of the academic year in both Literacy and Maths, with almost half of these pupils making better than expected progress. This cohort also includes pupils who have complex medical needs. Their achievement improved as the year progressed as a result of the bespoke interventions on offer
- The year-end attendance figure for the Y7 cohort was above the national average figure. It is reasonable to assume that this was in part due to the high level of intervention and support that was in place during the academic year to facilitate high quality emotional wellbeing and engagement, resulting in positive progress and achievements.
- 86% of this cohort had zero 'high' level behaviour incidents reported during Y7, and 14% just three recorded incidents. Given the complexity of needs it is not unreasonable to assume that this is a result of the bespoke interventions focused on developing positive mental health and wellbeing.