

Caldew School

The 16-19 Tuition Fund

What is it?

The 16 to 19 tuition fund is ring-fenced funding for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 institutions who receive annual funding allocations from ESFA for the provision of 16 to 19 education, to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from coronavirus (COVID-19).

The funding is to support small group (up to 5 students) tuition for students aged 16 to 19 in English, maths and other subjects that have been disrupted, including vocational and/or academic learning. All students must be on a 16 to 19 study programme and the funding should be used to support the tuition activity above and beyond the programmes of education already planned. It is for students who:

- have not achieved a grade 4 or 5 in English and/or maths
- have a grade 4 or above in English and/or maths, are from an economically disadvantaged background and would need catch-up support.

The funding should be used to support tuition costs only, that is the actual staff costs of delivering catch-up tuition. This could include essential record keeping complying with the fund requirements. It should not include costs such as diagnostic tools, room hire, equipment, laptops, transport, or stationery.

Tuition at Caldew School

Tuition funding will be used to mitigate against the impact of the pandemic on those of our students who meet the eligibility criteria. Small group tuition will be delivered to identified students and will be above and beyond normal timetabled hours.

Students will be prioritised for small group tuition based on the guidance released by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The full guidance can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-funding-16-to-19-tuition-fund>

Priority will be given to English and Maths tuition for those students who have not achieved a grade 4 or 5. After this subject will be identified based on the individual needs of students.

Support sessions will be prioritised for the following students:

- students who are economically disadvantaged
- Those with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan

- Those who have a grade 4 or below in GCSE Maths and/or English

Examples of some of the Tuition Support on offer will include:

- GCSE exam re-sit preparation
- Bespoke subject support/catch-up
- Tuition Support offered will be based on an individual needs assessment, the identification of an individual starting point, clear learning goals, expectations and outcomes.

Our commitment

The school is committed to ensuring the tuition fund is used in accordance with the Government's guidance on the 16 to 19 tuition fund by:

- producing this statement setting out how the fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students
- publishing this guidance on the school website
- recording the use of the fund, including references to individual students who receive support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered and retain the evidence of the tuition provided
- deliver the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2021/22
- notify the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed