

## Schools Forum - FAQ

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### 1 Questions?

1.1 Can you please confirm from when the Year 7 Catch up is ceasing from?

*The Year 7 catch up grant is paid to us in March and we are not expecting any further payments. There has been some further guidance from the DfE regarding the summer catch up funding and we are expecting further announcements in July.*

*The introduction of the National Funding Formula provides for schools to attract low prior attainment funding for pupils in year 7 to 11 with lower attainment who need support to catch up. As a result, the year 7 catch-up grant – the Department’s previous mechanism to direct funding to support pupils with lower attainment – will no longer be made available.*

*The Department recognises the unique circumstances surrounding catch-up support for all pupils, and especially the most disadvantaged, this year in light of coronavirus (COVID-19). The government has announced a £1bn support package to support pupils who may have fallen behind due to lost teaching time as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19).*

*This package includes:*

- *£650m for schools over the 2020/21 academic year to help headteachers to provide extra support to children who have fallen behind while out of school*
- *£350m for catch-up tutoring aimed specifically at the most disadvantaged children*
- *This £1bn package is on top of the £14.4bn three-year funding settlement announced last year, recognising the additional work schools will need to do to help students catch up.*