

# St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

## Catch up Programme Update March 2021



- The government funded Catch Up Programme will continue to run to support pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months.
- At St Wilfrid's we will be taking a 4 step approach within which all learners will have access to support specific to their needs.

### Initial Assessments

Staff will be conducting assessments in the coming weeks to evaluate the impact that the partial Covid closure has had on children's knowledge within the core subjects. From this your child will be placed into at least one of the 'steps' indicated to move their learning on. Some children will be selected for a 'Catch Up programme.' You will be notified about this within a couple of weeks of returning to school and more details will follow. Your commitment and support with this is greatly appreciated, all learning opportunities must be maximised to ensure the most impact.

### 1. Quality First Teaching

For the majority of children the main area of support will be through high quality teaching provided by the class teacher. The curriculum that was missed during lockdown will be embedded across the rest of the academic year to ensure that all objectives across all subjects are taught. All teaching will take into account the children's ability on their return and planning will be tailored to their needs.

### 2. Classroom Intervention

Additional targeted intervention will be in place with individuals and small groups of pupils, working with teachers or support staff throughout the school day to help close learning gaps. These will range from additional phonics sessions, maths groups or 1:1 reading opportunities. Children benefit from additional focused groups and therefore support staff will be placed where according to need. The impact of all interventions are monitored over time and adapted to suit the needs of the pupils.

### 3. Catch-Up Programme

We will select children at most risk of falling behind to partake in small group targeted 'Catch up' sessions which run before (and in some cases after school). These will begin in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March. As before, these will be led by our own St Wilfrid's staff as this will have the most impact on pupil's learning going forward. The sessions will be fast paced in order to give children the best possible chance of progressing in their current year group.

### 4. Wellbeing, Fitness and Pastoral Support

We believe that the pace of school life needs to be slower in order to support our children in recovering their lost learning. With this approach they will continue to develop the resilience that they have shown during the lockdown period. 'Well being Heroes' have been appointed to promote this across the school and wider community. Fitness will take key priority with a 15min daily session on top of their outdoor time.