

## **Plans for the use of the 16 to 19 tuition fund 2021/22**

### Supporting students

The extra funding for St Bede's is to support small group tuition for students aged 16 to 19 in English, Maths and other subjects that have been disrupted. 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. These are defined as students from the 27% most economically deprived areas of the country based on the index of multiple deprivation

St Bede's will take regard to the needs of students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), particularly where they have experienced additional disruption to learning because of their specific needs and disabilities.

When identifying who needs support through the tuition fund on the basis of low prior attainment, St Bede's will prioritise tuition for those students who have not achieved a grade 4 in Maths and/or English in the first instance. Institutions may subsequently provide tuition on the basis of a student not having received a grade 5 in Maths and/or English.

When identifying who needs support from the tuition fund on the basis of economic disadvantage, St Bede's will have regard for the individual needs of students, for example, providing tuition to assist high achieving disadvantaged students to reach their full potential, in addition to supporting other students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

St Bede's will consider what will be most effective for their eligible students, taking into account students' needs and local circumstances including students:

- who have had disrupted learning, for example on vocational courses where assessment has been deferred because of lockdown
- who may benefit from small group tuition to reach their full potential

### Small group tuition

The funding will 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 will not include costs such as diagnostic tools, room hire, equipment, laptops, transport, or stationery.

## Group sizes

In 2021 to 2022 (including the use of any funding carried over from 2020 to 2021)

- small groups of up to 5 students, in exceptional circumstances this may be extended to up to 7 students.

for example:

- where workshop space is at a premium
- if the absence of a member of staff requires the merger of 2 existing groups on a temporary basis
- where a specialist staff member has limited availability

St Bede's will be mindful of quality of provision when extending group size as set out in the section below.

## Delivery

St Bede's will decide how to resource the delivery of small group tuition supported through the fund. This will include a mix of both teaching and learning support staff as appropriate. St Bede's will ensure that anyone delivering small group tuition has the appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience, and has received appropriate training where necessary.

Resourcing could be through paying for more hours from existing staff, hiring new staff, or buying in a service from a third-party provider.

## Quality of provision

St Bede's will have regard for the quality of their tutoring provision, considering evidence which suggests that small group tuition works better with the smallest groups and when the tuition is focused on students' specific needs. Training and tutor support are also likely to increase the effectiveness of small group tutoring, providing the best possible outcomes for students.