

Literacy funding

Between April 2019 - March 2020, the School received a total of £16,720 It was received from the Local Authority in March 2020.

Highlands School understands that fluent reading is a 'master skill'.¹ Without it students are unable to access the curriculum. The measures set out in the table below were designed to identify and address students who were significantly below their reading ages.

Action taken.	Cost.	Evidence of impact.
Director of English appointed, September 2020.	£9,000 (contribution towards cost of this role).	Under the DoE several strategies were put in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● EAL testing (including those had fallen behind due to school lockdowns)● ART testing, to identify students who were falling behind.● Lexia programme to ensure those who had fallen behind were given bespoke support.
ART reading tests purchased, December 2020.	£1,200	All students were tested. This allowed students with a reading age of under 9.5 years to be placed upon the Lexia programme.
Lexia reading programme, July 2020. This was used during the summer school.	£5,000.	18% of the year 6 students who took part in Lexia made progress towards year 4 level literacy over the two week period. From the 28 year 7 and year 8 students who took part in the Lexia program 40% were assessed as having only foundation level vocabulary, grammar and comprehension skills. By the end of the two weeks this had dropped to 25%.

¹ Quigley, *Closing the reading gap*, 2020, 2.