NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) provides primary and secondary schools with funding to spend on targeted academic support, delivered by trained and experienced tutors and mentors.

On 31 March 2022, the Department for Education (DfE) announced plans to simplify the programme for the 2022 to 2023 academic year. These plans involve providing £349 million of core tutoring funding directly to schools and giving them the freedom to decide how best to provide tutoring for their pupils.

There are 3 routes to providing subsidised tuition:

1. Academic mentors – full-time, in-house staff members employed to provide intensive support to pupils who need it

2. Tuition partners - tutors recruited by external tutoring organisations quality-assured by DfE

3. School-led tutoring – members of a school's own personnel, either currently employed or specifically engaged for this purpose, including retired, returning or supply teachers, support staff, and others

Fairfields are following the third of these routes i.e. School-led tutoring.

Fairfields will receive NTP funding over the course of the 2022 to 2023 academic year to deliver this tuition. This funding is paid in termly instalments via the local authority. It is intended to cover 60% of the unit cost of tuition, with schools targeting the tutoring offer towards their pupil premium (PP) cohort and making up the remainder of the cost using PP or from other core school budgets.

The overall approach to the NTP in the 2022 to 2023 academic year is to put schools in charge of designing and delivering a tutoring offer that suits the needs of their pupils. All schools will receive a funding allocation that, based on the average cost of a tutoring course, will allow them to offer tutoring to all their PP-eligible pupils. This does not mean the programme is for PP-eligible pupils only – schools should prioritise this group, but also have the discretion to offer tutoring to other pupils.

Fairfields can also use its NTP funding flexibly, to offer tutoring to a greater number of pupils, up to a maximum group size of 6.

At Fairfields, we have a number of children in upper key stage 2 who are to benefit from this tutoring, which will be delivered by a qualified teacher.

Our year-end statement 2021-2022:

Funding received (£): 4780.31

Total school-led tutoring spend for mainstream pupils (£): 6373.75 Total number of school-led tutoring hours for mainstream pupils: 535 Total number of pupils who received tutoring subsidised by the school-led tutoring grant: 39