

Dfe Summer School Guidance:

Aim:

Enable schools to deliver a blend of academic education and enrichment activities (including Physical Activity) via short summer school interventions.

Who is it for:

- It is for schools to determine which students would benefit the most from a summer school, but primarily focusing on students making the transition into year 7.
- Students without access to outdoor safe space (e.g. garden) should be targeted due to increased impact of lockdown.
- Schools are free to run a one-two week summer school and choose to involve different students over that time, according to their needs.

Funding:

- Funding will be available to state-funded secondary and special schools; non-maintained special schools; and pupil referral units.
- Funding will also be made available to alternative provision for any pupils whose education was funded by the local authority outside of state place funded schools (including independent, non-maintained special schools and other providers).
- Eligible setting will be able to sign up by completing an online form by the end of April.
- Funding is calculated based on a school's existing year 7 cohort.
 - Schools with a small number of year 7 pupils will receive no less than £1000.
 - If it is impractical for those schools to run a summer school (due to small cohort), funding can be used to partner with other local schools.
- The 'per pupil' day rate that can be claimed for is 59.70 (with additional funding available for SEND settings).
 - This can be offered up to 50% of a school's year 7 pupils being offered a place on a two-week program
 - Or. 100% of the cohort being offered a week-long programme.
- Schools are free to top up and use additional sources of funding to support their summer school program.

Accountability:

- Schools are expected to report on attendance and compliance.
- Receipts of costs should be kept.
- 'Spot check' inspections will take place.
- Schools should provide details of their provision on their website.

Setting up (Important factors):

- premises, transport, food, water and COVID-secure

Maximizing attendance:

- Offer incentives to pupils to attend summer school (e.g. attendance to a sports event)

Evaluation of the 2021 summer schools' program:

The DfE will conduct research into how schools are approaching recovery of lost time in education. Schools may be contacted by DfE to review their experience of delivering a summer school.

Full details available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-schools-programme>