

At Newmarket Academy, across Unity Schools Partnership and across schools nationally, the period from mid-March 2020 until the end of the academic year has been dominated by the outbreak of COVID-19.

School closure has had a significant impact on the ability to implement the actions and strategies outlined in our current pupil premium strategy and planned expenditure.

Consequently, it has not been possible to implement and evaluate all planned strategies, with plans being amended and provision adapted to support our most disadvantaged students and families.

We have continued to address the challenges faced by students who experience social disadvantage. Newmarket Academy has put in place the following measures to support all families, including those eligible for the pupil premium grant:

- Fortnightly PP Newsletter outlining support available and activities to support wellbeing throughout school closure
- Ongoing support for families having trouble accessing the Governments FSM Voucher scheme
- Regular individual pastoral phone calls to Pupil Premium students and their families
- A 'Year 10 PP Bubble' who have been in school four days a week from school opening. The group is made up of students in year 10 who have not fully engaged with online learning and are at real risk of falling behind.
- Supporting families to access to the Unity Schools Partnership Covid19 Hardship Fund
- Working in partnership Newmarket Festival Covid19 Fund committee and other local agencies to support our most needy families
- Taking part in USP research project into the impact of Covid19 on disadvantaged students and sharing good practice led by Marc Rowland. Our Pupil Premium Strategy is rooted in tackling educational disadvantage in the classroom. This is a long-term approach; it will be necessary to continue 2019-20 planned actions into the 2020-21 academic year and beyond. This is in line with EEF guidance on 'Putting Evidence to Work - A School's Guide to Implementation'.