**16-19 TUITION FUND STATEMENT**

**Inspire Education Group statement on how it is using the 16-19 Tuition Fund from September 2021**

The ESFA has made funding available to colleges to support students who have had their learning affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Tuition Fund is ring-fenced for schools, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to mitigate the disruption to learning arising from Coronavirus.

The funding can be used to provide small group tuition for 16-19-year olds on a study programme where their learning has been disrupted and they have a GCSE maths and/or English grade 4 or below at age 16. Although the support is targeted based on prior attainment in maths/English, the funding is not limited to support in these subjects, and will be provided according to need across a variety of subjects. It is also for students who have a grade 4 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.

Support is being prioritised where students will benefit most from small group tuition, and particular regard is being given to the requirements of disadvantaged students and students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Inspire Education Group has committed to using the Tuition Fund that the ESFA has made available.

Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) guidance related to the Tuition Fund is available [here.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-funding-16-to-19-tuition-fund)

**Examples of some of the support that Inspire Education Group will be offering are:**

* GCSE resit preparation
* Functional skills assessment preparation
* Additional English and maths classes to ensure students are on target
* Support for SEND and High Needs Students
* SEND support to catch up on vocational and academic skills and skills and learning that are important for preparation for adulthood
* Vocational support where assessments were deferred
* Vocational catch-up sessions for knowledge and practical skills development
* 1 to 1 study skills sessions to support academic progress.
* Support wellbeing, mental health and resilience
* Additional online support and resources to extend learning outside of the classroom.

**Implementation**

Inspire Education Group will use the funding as follows:

* Recruiting a number of tutors and learning support staff across the college to work with students in small groups to support teaching and learning
* Increasing the hours of some existing tutors and learning support staff
* Small groups will contain no more than five students (or seven students in exceptional circumstances), with the ambition of having no more than three students in each group
* Run 1 to 1 or small group sessions in addition to the existing timetabled hours, where appropriate and beneficial to the student
* Run additional skills development sessions
* Support will be offered and provided based on the individual needs of each student.

**Inspire Education Group commitment**

The College group is committed to a no detriment approach to students, to ensure no student is disadvantaged by the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The group will ensure that the Tuition Fund is used in accordance with the Government’s guidance on the 16-19 Tuition Fund by:

* Producing this statement setting out how the Fund will be used to support the most disadvantaged students
* Publishing this statement on the College website
* Recording the use of the Fund, including references to individual students who receive support, the needs of those students, the number of hours of tuition delivered and retaining the evidence of the tuition provided
* Delivering the extra tuition and spend the allocated funds in the academic year 2021/22
* Notifying the ESFA of any underspend from the Fund for it to be reclaimed.