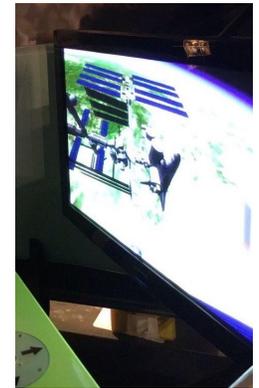


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In March 2021, the Department for Education issued research that estimated that in the first half term of Autumn 2020, pupils were behind on maths and reading and that anecdotal evidence pointed to children and young people's mental health having suffered from lockdown and periods of individual or class isolation.

Whilst The Island Project School had remained open through lockdown and all pupils had continued to attend school, staffing had been adversely affected (with staff shielding/self isolating) by the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, this meant that pupils had extended periods of reduced timetables.

Assessments carried out by the School showed that some pupils had benefited from the reduced timetable, others had not been impacted, whilst some had not made progress as expected due to the reduced timetable. Overall, every pupil had made measurable progress over the year and the rates of acquisition remained consistent for pupils. However, it was felt that an opportunity to consolidate learning throughout the year would be beneficial to all pupils

The School had its first full closure for Covid in February 2021, with further closures in June and July 2021. Unfortunately, this last closure did impact on the number of days offered for this year's Summer school.

As part of its offer to pupils at the School, The Island Project has always run a summer school programme for those pupils returning in the following academic year. This summer school traditionally runs for the last two weeks of July and first week in August. Historically, this has been subsidised by the Charity for two reasons: firstly our pupils can find a traditional 6 week holiday period overly long, meaning that they find it much more difficult to settle back into the School routine upon return. Second, running summer school allows families to spend time with siblings during the mainstream school holidays without the caring responsibilities for their children who attend our school.

Following discussion with the Trustees on the impact that reduced timetables and closures had for pupils, the School took the decision to apply for funding to run the Summer School for the period from 27th July to 5th August 2021.

All pupils within the School were offered the chance to attend summer school, irrespective of school year. There were no pupils due to transition into School in Autumn 2021, and due to the highly specialist setting of the School, pupils from other schools did not attend the Summer School.



### **Aim of the Summer School Programme**

The Department for Education's ("DfE") stated aim of the programme is to deliver a short summer school with a blend of academic education and enrichment activities.

The programme was offered for secondary schools, and the DfE stated that it expected the focus of summer school to be on year 7 pupils as this is a transition year. As the Island Project is a "through school" our pupils did not face challenges around transition into a new setting, but for all pupils transition is challenging and the impact of the pandemic has increased those challenges. The DfE subsequently extended the available funding to independent schools where the pupil's education is funded by the local authority.

Summer School traditionally offered by the Island Project has focused on wellbeing, generalisation and revisiting of skills learned throughout the year. In addition, pupils have accessed trips, sports activities and celebrations as part of the end of term activities.

Access to the community and school trips has always been at the heart of the curriculum for pupils as part of their preparation for adulthood. Periods of lockdown and reduced staffing since March 2020 meant that many of our pupils had not had the opportunity to access the community as they would have in normal circumstances. Whilst the Island Project is lucky to have extensive outside space to use, the usual interaction of pupils with the local community has not been possible .

The School offered summer school to all pupils for the period from 27th July to 5th August 2021. However, following advice from Public Health England, the School was closed due to Covid-19 for the beginning of the period, reopening for pupils on 29th July 2021.

In addition, due to the levels of Covid-19 in the local area, the School faced reduced staffing levels meaning that we were only able to offer 6 days to each pupil, rather than the original intention of 10 days to each pupil. Attendance was good during the period with attendance on 77 days out of 103 on offer.



## Compliance with DfE requirements for funding

### 1. Summer School Programme

The main objectives of the summer school programme were :

#### 1.1 **Additional support, generalisation and overlearning of curriculum for 2021-2022. Every pupil at The Island Project has a completely individualised curriculum.** However, examples of curriculum and topics covered during the year can be found at :

- [6th Form 2020-2021](#)
- [Middle - example individualised curriculum PFA cooking PHSE & Science 2021](#)
- [Upper - summertime topic](#)
- [Lower summertime topic](#)
- [Summer IAG](#)

#### 1.2 **EHC Outcomes and Preparation for Adulthood** : All pupils at The Island Project have Education, Health and Care Plans. All activities (but curricular and extracurricular) offered during the summer school were in accordance with continued delivery of their EHC Plans (including input from Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy). All of the aims set out in the DfE Guidance for running of summer school are woven into the curriculum delivered by the School on a daily basis. All pupils are planned for individually, with planning from pre key stage through to key stage 5. In addition, Preparation for Adulthood is woven throughout the school day and curriculum, and this continues to be an important part of the summer school offer.

A Carnival was held for Life and Living Skills students which included problem solving activities, joint attention stories, group strategy games, face painting, costume design, parades, dance, hand-eye co-ordination games, and choice making.

#### 1.3 **Sports based activities** : additional equipment was purchased to enable sports based activities for all pupils including:

- [example timetable showing PE](#)
- Balance beams (straight and curved)
- Gymnastic mats

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- Gym equipment
- Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Range
- Swingball
- Carnival toss game



1.4 **Arts based activities** : additional arts and crafts activities were introduced, particularly in relation to the Carnival held at the end of summer school. Pupils made masks, engaged in face painting etc:

- [Art and Design Autumn term](#)
- [Carnival IAG 2021](#)
- Face paints
- Feathers, glitter, crepe and tissue paper, glue



1.5 **Wellbeing based activities** : activities were carried out to promote health and wellbeing, including “chill out areas” in tents in the grounds, engaging in music and movement activities and having fun

- [Example plan around music choice](#)
- CD Player
- Mini whistles
- Hand drums



1.6 **Trips** : trips were made by Life and Living Skills to local areas to reintroduce access to the community. Middle and Post 16 went to Millennium Point and the Science Museum (in support of STEM activities undertaken)

1.7 **STEM** : all pupils took part in STEM activities during the Summer School, including covering science teaching, real world contexts and differentiated resources for pupils.

1.8 **Enrichment** : included the activities referred to above as well as end of year celebrations for all pupils :

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- A BBQ for all pupils hosted by post 16 pupils
- A Melon stand for all pupils
- Carnival for Life and Living Skills
- Bouncy castle and slide
- Outdoor access and activities
- Food preparation including, Fruit kebabs, ice lolly making, rainbow carnival muffins and party food for carnival



1.9 **Speech and Language Input** : speech and language input is key for all pupils. All pupils at The Island Project have input from two fully qualified Speech and Language Therapists to develop speech and language in line with individual Communication targets. The Speech and Language Therapists oversee delivery of speech and language delivery for pupils, including direct delivery where appropriate. A request was made to purchase some additional communication aids to allow development and exploration of communication for pupils during the Summer School period (see communication targets below and ACC report)

- [SaLT - summer term communication targets](#)
- [AAC at The Island Project](#)
- [example Speech and Language Targets](#)
- Hexagon Talking Tiles
- Go Talk & Talking Photo albums
- ipads



1.10 **Additional input from Occupational Therapy (Sensory Integration)** : All pupils have a sensory diet which is overseen by a fully qualified Occupational Therapist specialising in sensory integration. This is a core underpinning principle of our curriculum and school offer. Access to additional Occupational Therapy input continued as part of the summer school offer. Additional OT equipment was purchased to support this

- 2 x 5kg medicine balls
- Spike Ball Massage Ball
- 19 x Chewstixx



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2 **Attendance:** In addition to completion of normal registers, the School kept a record of attendance at Summer School :

PUPIL CODE	YEAR GROUP	Thu 22/7/2021	Mon 26/7/2021	Tue 27/7/2021	Wed 28/7/2021	Thur 29/7/2021	Fri 30/7/2021	Mon 2/8/2021	Mon 3/8/2021	Thu 4/8/2021	Thur 5/8/2021	TOTAL
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	
19	12	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	6
25	13	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	0
26	9	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	6
27	12	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	3
32	13	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	6
34	9	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
42	13	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	H	H	H	4
43	8	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	6
45	10	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	6
47	10	N	Y	N	Y	H	H	H	H	Y	Y	4
50	13	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	6
53	8	N	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	0
55	6	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	6
56	7	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	6
57	9	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
58	8	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	6
											77	



3. **Allocated Funding** : The calculations sent through for DfE indicated that The Island Project was allocated up to £13,552. Total expenditure on the delivery of summer school was £11,036.91. A claim was submitted to the DfE on 14 September 2021 and acknowledged by the Education & Skills Funding Agency on 24 September 2021.
4. **Purpose of grant** : The purpose of the grant is to run a summer school during the school summer holidays, with a mix of academic and enrichment activity. As outlined above, this was delivered during the running of summer school.
5. **Receipted Records** : The Island Project kept receipted records of summer school costs. A specific code was set up on the School's SAGE accounting system for the summer school to allocate costs and keep track of receipts/
6. **Requirement to publish brief details of the summer school** : This Report will be published on the School website by the end of October 2021.
7. **Amount of funding received and a breakdown of how it was spent must be published:** At the time of writing, funding has not yet been received. However, the School has applied for reimbursement of the sum of £11,036.90. A full breakdown of spending is shown at the end of this report
8. **Premises** : summer school was held at the School's site at Diddington Hall, Diddington Lane, Meriden, CV7 7HQ
9. **Transport** : local authorities or parents continued to transport pupils to school. No funding was used to provide this.
10. **Food** : As an independent school, none of our pupils are eligible for free school meals. However, the school subsidises lunches for a number of pupils where they would be entitled to FSM if they were in a mainstream setting. Funding for these lunches continued for the duration of the summer school.



Many pupils are on restricted diets and as a matter of course, school does not provide meals for pupils due to specialised dietary requirements.

However additional food was provided for students across the summer school including:

- a BBQ hosted and run by 6th form students
- A melon stand
- Carnival lunches for Life and Living Skills students
- Food and drink provided to enable students to prepare their own lunches in accordance with AFLLS targets

11. **Water** : drinking water is available to students at all times. In addition, squashes and juices were purchased for use by pupils

The guidance specified that drinking water must be provided free of charge at all times to pupils on the school premises. Due to the design of the School, each unit has access to drinking water from a tap and therefore no single use plastic water bottles were required.

12. **COVID-secure summer school** : the measures in place in the School's [Covid-19 Risk Assessment](#) in force at the time were followed

13 **Staffing** : School staff were used to staff the summer school. Due to the complex nature of pupils, only school staff were used during the period. In addition, an assistant was engaged to help with producing resources for Carnival at a cost of £183.64. This assistant did not work with the pupils and no volunteers were required.

14 **Safeguarding** : All usual safeguarding practices were followed during the running of summer school. Only school staff were involved with the running of summer school, all of whom are subject to checks in place in accordance with the School's [Safer Recruitment Policy](#)



15     **Health and Safety** : All policies regarding health and safety continued to be adhered to during the running of summer school.

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Expenditure

Date of purchase	Item	Purchased from	Notes	Realisation of work done throughout year	EHC targets/outcomes	PIA	Sports Based Actovotoes	Arts based actovotoes	wellbeing based activities	STEM	Enrichment	OT / SaLT Targets amount	total spent
	<b>Additional Staffing</b>												£10,975.71
	Curriculum Support Assistant - 5 days at £4.62 per hour	Caitlin Gallagher					x	x		x		£183.64	
	<b>Unit specific expenditure</b>												balance
	Life & Living Skills			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	£1,474.26	
	Middle & Post 14			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	£1,870.33	
	<b>Whole school expenditure</b>												
6/9/2021	pop up gazebo tent	Amazon						x		x	x	£89.99	
17/6/2021	additional picnic table	Amazon	socialisation	x	x	x		x		x		£219.00	
17/6/2021	fold out tables	Amazon	socialisation	x	x	x		x		x		£36.99	
21/7/2021	additional picnic tables	Amazon	socialisation	x	x	x		x		x		£980.00	
21/7/2021	Parasol sun shades	Amazon		x	x	x		x		x		£47.80	
15/7/2021	CD Players	Bargain Fox	socialisation. music	x	x	x		x			x	£35.78	
21/7/2021	ipads	Apple	SaLT targets for all pupils	x	x	x					x	£1,645.00	
21/7/2021	Go Talk & Talking Photo albums	Inclusive Technology	SaLT targets for all pupils	x	x	x					x	£666.60	
21/7/2021	Hexagon Talking Tiles	Espo	SaLT targets for all pupils	x	x	x					x	£53.58	
21/7/2021	Revolving White Board	Espo	teaching			x			x			£128.40	
	Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Range		PE	x	x		x	x			x	£861.60	
	ActivRange ActivZigZag		PE	x	x		x	x			x	£116.40	
	Standard Weight Gymnastic mats		PE	x	x		x	x			x	£556.80	
	Dual Coloured computer keyboard		OT		x						x	£11.22	
23/7/20	Radios & Charger		Health & Safety									£1,183.20	
	2 tuff trays		Sensory/enrichment	x				x			x	£132.00	
	bouncy castle, slide and additional games		enrichment								x	£500.00	
	Straight Balance Beam Set		PE				x				x	£42.00	

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				EHC targets/outcomes	PIA	Sports Based Actovotoes	Arts based actovotoes	wellbeing based activities	STEM	Enrichment	OT / SaLT Targets	
19/5/2021	Amazon	Spke Ball Massage Ball	£6.99	x	x	x		x			x	£1,474.26
18/5/2021	amazon	mini slide whistles	£7.95	x				x		x	x	
19/5/2021	amazon	animal bird aircraft gliders	£1.79	x	x					x		
20/5/2021	amazon	retro trolls	£5.99								x	
25/5/2021	amazon	sticky throwing toys	£5.99	x				x	x	x	x	
25/5/2021	amazon	rocket launcher	£2.99	x					x	x		
		pop up frogs	£8.94						x	x		
21/5/2021	amazon	safety balloon cup and stick holder	9.48							x		
13/6/2021	amazon	crepe paper	8.99					x		x		
16/6/2021	amazon	balloons	4.99					x		x		
29/6/2021	amazon	butterfly wings x 10	49.9						x	x		
19/6/2021	amazon	party sunglasses, DIY flower making kit, carnival toss games, party favours, face paint	79.58					x	x		x	
19/6/2021	amazon	punchballs	5.12	x		x		x			x	
20/6/2021	amazon	fans	12.73					x			x	x
19/7/2021	amazon	face paints 10x £2.50	£25.00					x			x	
19/7/2021	amazon	crepe paper	£38.20					x			x	
19/7/2021	amazon	feathers	£27.37					x			x	
21/7/2021	amazon	Water Sprinkler Toy	£14.99	x		x		x		x	x	
21/7/2021	Cheapdisability Aids	19 x Chewstix	£168.20	x				x			x	
17/6/2021	Amazon	Buterfly wings	£49.90							x		

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18/6/2021	Amazon	egg crate with toy eggs	£9.32	x			x		x	x			
18/6/2021	Amazon	hand drums, monster jumps, butterfly key launchers	£8.52	x			x	x		x			
19/7/2021	Amazon	Rainbow face paints	£25.00				x			x			
21/7/2021	Espo	Bio Glitter	£41.28				x	x		x			
		Natural Wood Shaped Viewers	£29.40	x	x					x			
		Giant Teeth Demonstration Model	£39.00	x	x	x				x			
		Foam skeleton Floor Puzzle	£23.70	x	x					x			
		Living Things Insects & Spiders Activities	£47.46	x	x					x			
		Living Things Animal Activities	£47.46	x	x					x			
		Living Things Plant Activities	£47.46	x	x					x			
		Let's investigate bugs	£22.02	x	x					x			
		Lifecycle Specimens	£47.46	x	x	x				x			
		Green Bean life cycle plant set x 2	£18.12	x	x					x			
		4 Organisms Life Cycle Bags	£34.44	x	x	x				x			
		Macro Science Sound Kit x 2	£122.40	x	x					x			
		Horse shoe magnets	£18.78	x	x					x			
		introduction to magnetism kit	£37.50	x	x					x			
		physical matter properties classroom kits	£45.06	x	x	x				x			
		Geography Globes	£17.16	x	x	x				x			
		British Isles Play Mat	£25.68	x	x	x				x			

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		Word Map play mat	£25.02	x	x	x				x			
		Weather Play Mat	£40.56	x	x	x				x			
		Cultures & Customs books	£45.30	x	x	x				x			
		Smartbuy Percussion Pack	£32.40	x	x			x			x		
		coloured egg & spoon set	£9.12	x	x		x						
		Rainbow Ink pads x 10	£26.40					x	x			x	
		folding baubles and collage	£12.42	x	x								
		jumbo autumn leaves	£6.90	x	x	x							
		Polycarbonate desert pots & lids x 10	£61.20			x					x	x	

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21/7/2021	amazon	Quadrum picnic bench and chairs	£315.00	x	x	x				x	x		£1,870.33
21/7/2021	MEL Science	Science & Chemistry App	£269.00	x	x	x			x				
21/7/2021	Happy Puzzle Co	Jigrophy flags, capitals, currency and pop	£14.99	x	x	x							
		Wild - discovering animals	£21.98	x	x								
21/7/2021	Turing <a href="https://www.turingtumble.com/">Tumble.co</a>	Turing Tumble + add ons	£81.28	x	x				x				
22/7/2021	Turing <a href="https://www.turingtumble.com/">Tumble.co</a>	second Turing Tumble puzzle	£69.52	x	x				x				
22/7/2021	Espo	How the Body Works - poster set	£17.22	x	x	x				x	x	x	
		Curriculum Visions life cycles book	£6.72	x	x	x							
		Food Chains Game	£23.80	x	x	x							
		Fractions Flips	£10.20	x	x	x			x				
		Hydroponics Lab	£21.30	x	x				x				
		K'NEx Education Stem Exploration	£10.50	x	x				x				
		Magnetic Field Pattern	£32.76	x	x				x				
		Mathematical Balances	£14.34	x	x				x				
		6 Scene learning to Sequence Card	£16.14	x	x	x							
		Anatomical Pumping heart Model	£31.30	x	x	x			x				
		Anemometer	£17.82	x	x				x				
		Binary Botss - Dimm	£107.28	x	x				x				
		Binary Bots - UFO	£69.12	x	x				x				
		BrainBox history Pack	£17.76	x	x					x			

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		Credit for Money Games	£20.04	x	x	x							
		Extreme Climates and Weather Boards	£13.98	x	x								
		Rain Gauge	£6.60	x	x								
		English Weather Board	£32.46	x	x								
		Large Classroom Thermometer	£4.98	x	x								
		Weather Photo Pack	£17.98	x	x								
22/7/2021	WRS	A Pack of Toxic Tar Display	£50.40	x	x	x			x				
		8" Dail a Drug Wheel	£10.20	x	x	x			x				
		Drugs & Alcohol Throw and Know Activity	£22.80	x	x	x			x				
22/7./2021	Amazon	STEM Building Disks sets	£12.99	x	x					x			
		student organiser files	£91.59	x		x					x		
		book - 13 Artists Children should know	£9.34	x	x			x			x		
		The Green Board Game - World History	£12.99	x	x								
		The Green Board Game - Inventions	£9.89	x	x					x			
		The World Game - Geography	£21.90	x	x								
		book of famous artists	£9.99	x	x			x					
		Meanno MEC Construction Kit	£89.99	x	x					x			
		World Atlas	£14.99	x	x								
		Our Planet - book	£16.00	x	x								
		Thing Explainer : "complicated things	£12.15	x	x					x			

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		Stories for boys who dare to be differe	£14.23	x	x			x		x			
		Go Green with Greta Thuunberg	£10.57	x	x					x			
		Human Universe by Brian Cox	£7.20	x	x				x				
		Swingball	£43.17	x	x	x						x	
		Science Kit Lab	£31.99	x	x				x				
		STEM Solar robot kit	£11.89	x	x				x				
		Meccano model construction	£17.00	x	x				x				
		Meccano Jnr STEAM Model	£24.99	x	x				x				
29/7/2021		Balloons & banners	£60.00				x			x			