**Narrative for Forecast Budget Position -**

**MAR 2021**

**The current estimated carry forward figure is:**

**Revenue Total: £ 141,691** Previous Revenue: £ 112,203

**Capital: £ 0** Previous Capital: £ 0

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For clarity, the Astro Sinking Fund currently stands at £105,000 which is included in this revenue figure.

**Budget Position**

The most significant variances from the previous report and budget are:

* Additional £6k covid catchup premium as published allocations for April – Aug were higher than previous due to pupil number increase on the census
* Additional £14k Free School Meal cost reclaim has now been accepted
* Additional £5.5k income from a grant for covid testing in the 1st part of the Spring term
* Reduction in Support Staff costs of £7k for this year due to a position being filled by an existing member of staff.
* Additional £23.5k ESFA income added to reflect the claim for covid costs which has been accepted
* Additional income of £4.1k AWPU relating to a student joining us mid-year
* Reduction of £15k forecast expenditure for Supply Staff
* Reduction in lettings income by £80k to reflect the likely loss this year
* £11.7k FSM grant received. This was supposed to end last year but it has been extended
* Additional £3.5k apprenticeship grant income has been to reflect the incentive grant for taking on apprentices between Aug 20 and Mar 21

**Staffing**

Pay freezes for support staff from April 2021 taken into account.

Staff appointments as per the latest calculators have been added.

**Other**

There is likely to be a grant to assist with summer schools and catchup due this year which could be £70k based on information published. We should get notified of our allocation soon.

There could be some expenditure commitment needed towards the De-Carbonisation project (max £30k) but this will not be known for another few weeks.

Insurance claims have now been filed for the two trips that were previously cancelled but I’ve had any feedback on those yet.

**Covid-19**

There is a possibility we may be able to recover some costs based on the impact of the testing program for Spring Term but I am awaiting further information on this.

We are also monitoring the costs associated with additional cleaning and sanitising to see what impact that may have.