

# Kent school with high levels of mobility experiences dramatic improvement in pupil progress

## Brompton Westbrook Primary School Gillingham, Kent

**What made you choose *Read Write Inc.* Phonics and how would you describe the training you received?**

We wanted a programme with all resources included and after visiting a *Read Write Inc.* model school we were sold. Within 4 months, reading and writing had improved massively and the whole school culture and ethos had shifted. It is still as successful five years down the line. Over a third of our children are from armed forces families, meaning we have high levels of pupil mobility. *Read Write Inc.* allows us to assess and group children correctly from the minute they begin school. The training was inspiring, entertaining and highly engaging. The opinions of those against using a phonics programme were quickly changed.

Year	Medway PSC Average	Brompton PSC Average
2012	47%	67%
2013	62%	91%
2014	71%	81%
2015	75%	82%
2016	82%	89%

*Brompton-Westbrook PSC results vs. Medway LA PSC Average*

**Have you had positive reactions from parents?**

Many Forces parents are upset to leave if their child's new school doesn't use the programme, as they are worried they won't make the same progress there.

**LA: Medway**

**Age Group: 3 - 11**

**Pupils on roll: 374**

**Free school meals: 18%**

**EAL pupils: 21%**

**Ofsted rating: Good**

**Have you had positive reactions from pupils?**

A Polish girl joined in Y1 unable to speak any English, knowing no sounds and very reluctant to participate in any lessons or make friends. Within 3 months, she is reading storybooks, is eager to read and write and loves to talk to anyone who will listen to her!

A Latvian boy joined partway through Year 5 unable to read or write in English - he left in Y6 achieving level 5 in his English SATs.

**What would you say to other schools considering adopting *Read Write Inc.* Phonics?**

Do it! It's the best decision we ever made as a school.

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