

Case Study

Wakefield School scores 21% above LA average in phonics screening check

Jerry Clay Academy Wakefield, South Yorkshire, UK

How would you describe the training you received?

“Training is excellent – enthusiastically delivered with a good balance of interaction, modelling, key skills and knowledge.”

Year	Wakefield Average	Jerry Clay Average
2012	57%	63%
2013	67%	73%
2014	70%	72%
2015	70%	91%
2016	77%	100%
2017	78%	97%

Jerry Clay Academy PSC results vs. Wakefield LA PSC Average

How has one-to-one tutoring had an impact on your PSC results?

“Our slowest progress children receive individual teaching to close gaps and maintain progress in addition to their daily lessons. Targets are set and children are reassessed every half term. These focused 5 to 10 minute sessions ensure no child slips through the net. It has made such a difference!”

Have you had positive reactions from parents and your pupils?

“Two parent workshops have been held, and parents joined in with Fred to practise sounds and blending. Feedback was extremely positive:

‘It is great to know and understand what and how my child is taught in school.’

‘I was amazed at how the children joined in and were so focused.’

‘I liked the way the children helped each other by having talking partners.’

LA: Wakefield

Age Group: 4 - 11

Pupils on roll: 210

Free school meals: 3.4%

EAL Pupils: 2.8%

Ofsted rating: Good



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

“This is a progressive, fun and fast-paced programme. The teaching ensures children learn seamlessly as vocabulary, method and behaviour management are taught consistently. The resources engage children using colourful and vocabulary-rich books. Support is continuous, and children teach each other. Children enjoy it and are sometimes dismayed after completing the programme!”

Is there anything you would like to add?

“Staff are confident and enjoy teaching the programme. It has been a fantastic investment and we look forward to getting better and better at the delivery of this excellent programme.”