

Case Study

Doncaster school's PSC score increases by 47% after one year of *Read Write Inc. Phonics*

Kirkby Avenue Primary School Doncaster, South Yorkshire, UK

What impact has *Read Write Inc. Phonics* had on pupil progress and staff confidence?

"*Read Write Inc. Phonics* improved our phonics screening check score from 38% to 85% in the first year, and we continue to see improvement. Our children are now confident readers. In Year 2, 91% of children achieved a level 2 or above. Ofsted noticed that our Year 2 children read 'fluently' and older children read 'widely'.

"Progress in writing and vocabulary is also improving. Ofsted commented that children write 'maturely' and use 'vocabulary more sophisticated than that which is normally used by pupils in their age range'.

"In lessons, behaviour is outstanding and we use the behaviour management techniques across school. Early Years children display excellent social skills due to the emphasis on partner talk and turn taking. Visitors regularly comment on their maturity."

Year	Doncaster Average	Kirkby Avenue
2012	55%	38%
2013	64%	85%
2014	71%	81%
2015	70%	85%
2016	78%	84%
2017	78%	83%

Kirkby Avenue PSC results vs. Doncaster LA Average

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

"Training 'brought the programme to life'. It is of the highest quality and very inspiring. Ofsted noted that 'teaching assistants are trained exceptionally well' and commented on their outstanding effectiveness. Our consultant

LA: **Doncaster**

Age Group: **3 - 11**

Pupils on roll: **320**

Ofsted rating: **Outstanding**

is supportive, whilst also having the highest expectations of us."

Have you had positive reactions from parents and your pupils?

"We have held parent meetings and a parent learning walk. They enjoyed watching the sessions in action, making many positive comments about the teaching methods and children's behaviour."

What would you say to other schools considering adopting the programme?

"The results above speak for themselves. *Read Write Inc.* has had an amazing impact in our school. Stay loyal to the programme and follow it as advised. We trained our teaching staff and support staff thoroughly and systematically – allowing them to build confidence as we mastered a little bit at a time. As reading leaders, we regularly take groups so that we know the difficulties faced and can support our team to overcome them."

"The staff at Kirkby Avenue Primary in Doncaster have made *Read Write Inc. Phonics* a priority. Reading is at the heart of everything they do and I have watched both staff and children grow in confidence and skill since implementing the programme. Their continued hard work and total commitment to the programme ensures that all children fulfil their potential."

Gaenor Kirkby, Consultant Trainer