

## Case Study

# London Borough of Newham narrows attainment gap in Phonics Screening Check

**In 2017 Newham schools achieved their best ever PSC results, ranking joint first in the country. The journey started in 2007.**

**2007** - 18 out of 67 Newham primary schools adopt Ruth's systematic synthetic phonics programme, *Read Write Inc. Phonics*, to teach children to read and write.

**2011** - Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham initiates the Newham Reading Guarantee, promising that every child would (will) leave primary school a reader.

A further 27 Newham schools sign up to *Read Write Inc. Phonics*, bringing the total to 45.

**2015** - 83% of Newham pupils in Year 1 pass the PSC.

**2016** - 87% of Newham pupils in Year 1 pass the PSC.

**2017** - 88% of Newham pupils in Year 1 pass the PSC.

**2018** - 88% of Newham pupils in Year 1 pass the PSC. 91% of the children in RWI supported Newham schools pass the PSC. The national average is XX%.

Regular Development Days have helped *Read Write Inc.* supported schools in Newham achieve even higher phonics screening check results than the Newham average.

**"Maryland Primary School started using *Read Write Inc.* in January 2003. We struggled with raising reading standards even with every available intervention - there were still non-readers by the end of Year 2 and alarmingly, into the junior years as well.**

Since starting the programme no child has left

| 2018        | National | London | Newham |
|-------------|----------|--------|--------|
| PSC Average | 82%      | 85%    | 88%    |
| Boys        | 79%      | 82%    | 84%    |
| Girls       | 86%      | 88%    | 91%    |
| FSM         | 70%      | 77%    | 83%    |
| Non-FSM     | 84%      | 86%    | 88%    |

Source: Department for Education

Maryland unable to read and we have maintained our high standards.

We are consistently in the top 5% for PSC results nationally. As a *Read Write Inc. Model School*, we receive local, national and international visitors who seek our support.

All in all, *Read Write Inc.* has created not just successful learners but also successful teachers and teaching assistants making Maryland a very happy place indeed!"

| Year | National | Newham Total | RWI Supported |
|------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 2015 | 77%      | 83%          | 86%           |
| 2016 | 81%      | 87%          | 90%           |
| 2017 | 81%      | 88%          | 91%           |
| 2018 | 82%      | 88%          | 91%           |

Source: Department for Education and Ruth

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Ruth Gyles-Brown, Consultant Trainer for Newham, says, "Year on year, Newham schools continue to strive for absolute excellence. Newham is a diverse borough with a highly mobile and growing population. Despite the challenges that this can bring, the Reading Leaders have high expectations of all their pupils. Working with this group of schools reminds us there are no

**"Newham is an inspiration. The schools have shown that nothing should get in the way of teaching every child to read as long as there are dedicated, knowledgeable and supported teachers and teaching assistants."**

**John Keating, Welton Academy**