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We spoke to Anna Chapman, Fresh Start Lead, about...

Training and implementation

“We implemented Fresh Start at the same time as *Read Write Inc.* Phonics. We thought a consistent approach to reading and writing across the school would be most effective. We were right! Fresh Start has had a fantastic impact on the slowest progress readers in Y5 and 6.

“Our Consultant Trainer’s enthusiasm was contagious – both training days were very hands-on with plenty of time to practice.

“I am released from literacy lessons to coach our Fresh Start team, assess pupils and organise one-to-one tutoring. It’s crucial to have someone 100% focused on the programme. I value the support of our Consultant Trainer on Development Days and via email – it wouldn’t be possible without her!

The children

“The way Fresh Start builds children’s confidence is heart-warming. They read modules that correspond exactly to their phonic knowledge. It shows them they **can** read. Other teachers regularly comment on the difference they see in our Fresh Start children in all areas of the curriculum.

“One pupil started in Year 5. Her reading and writing lacked accuracy and fluency.

School Name: **Alderman Cogan’s Church of England Primary Academy**

Location: **Kingston Upon Hull**

Free School Meals: **20.1%**

Pupils on roll: **459**

Age Group: **3 - 11**

Ofsted: **Good**

When she couldn’t get things right, her frustration brought her to tears.

“Fresh Start has developed her knowledge and confidence. Her mother recently said one of the best decisions they’d made was the move to Alderman Cogan’s.

“The children flourish in the small groups – they have fun and complain if we don’t have Fresh Start lessons. They love the partner work – it’s a powerful feeling when they teach each other to spell.

What would you say about *Read Write Inc.* Fresh Start to other schools?

“Every school should teach the programme – the children enjoy it and it builds their confidence. They learn to love reading. It develops and supports all literacy skills. Commit, put the time in, and you will see results.”

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