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Ruth Miskin Training is delighted to be involved in the Department for Education’s Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF) in 2017-2020, providing fully-funded early reading and leadership CPD to 108 primary schools. We spoke to Teresa Fox, Headteacher, and Rebecca Lennon, Reading Leader, at Brighstone CE Aided Primary School about being part of the project.

“Although some staff were initially sceptical about Read Write Inc. Phonics, our Headteacher and SENCO were familiar with the programme and its impact. As soon as we started teaching it consistently, everyone was convinced of its efficacy. When we heard about the TLIF project, we had just been rated ‘Requires Improvement’ and knew we needed to change the teaching of phonics from Foundation Stage upwards. Budget-wise, applying for this project made complete sense.

“Since introducing the programme, we have seen progress in our children’s reading, particularly in Reception children and their readiness for Year 1. Fewer children are falling behind. We use one-to-one tutoring with children at risk of not keeping up which has had a massive impact. Our Phonics Screening Check result has risen from 67% to 88% in one year.

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School Name: **Brighstone CE Aided Primary School**

Location: **Isle of Wight**

Pupils on roll: **118**

Pupil premium: **22%**

SEN: **22%**

EAL: **0%**

expectations in *Read Write Inc.* lessons ensure children know what to expect and when, and they see their own results and success. We have noticed a difference across the school, as we have implemented the behavioural strategies to all classes.

“On Development Days, our Consultant Trainer comes in to our school and works directly with our team. The days are very informative and focused. In addition to in-school training, we have been on the Reading Leader Training, which has been very helpful. It is reassuring to know that even Consultant Trainers encounter the problems we come across on a day-to-day basis and know that they have solutions to help.

“Knowing what I now do, I would recommend Read Write Inc. and Ruth Miskin Training to other schools. The outcome and quality of the programme is very high, if you teach it with fidelity.”