

Torquay model school scores over 90% in phonics screening check three years running

Ellacombe Learning Academy Torquay, Devon

‘The implementation of *Read Write Inc. Phonics* has transformed our approach to the teaching of reading, not only in early years, but across school.

‘We have a recipe! No longer do we need to struggle to find new and creative ways to support children who have difficulty with phonics and early reading. The fidelity to the programme ensures that all children make progress and learn to read.

‘We have seen a dramatic increase in Y1 and Y2 writing levels. In Y1, we have increased, over the past two years from 70% L1A+ to 87% L1A+. In Y2, we are above national expectations: L2b+ 79%.

‘*Read Write Inc. Phonics* is not a short term fix for us. It is just how we teach reading and writing now. The strategies and approaches are embedded across all year groups.

LA: Devon

Age Group: 4 - 11

Pupils on roll: 336

Free school meals: 57%

Ofsted rating: Good

‘The one-to-one programme is essential to the progress of children who need to catch up or have a special educational need. It provides the additional support they require in order to reach expectations. It provides a clear and structured approach for LSAs to follow and the children make incredible progress in a very short amount of time.

‘We are 100% committed to teaching *Read Write Inc. Phonics* because the results and the impact on children’s early learning is visible.’

Year	Devon LA PSC Average	Ellacombe Learning Academy PSC Average
2012	59%	50%
2013	73%	88%
2014	79%	91%
2015	80%	94%
2016	82%	96%
2017	83%	98%

Ellacombe Learning Academy PSC results vs. Devon LA PSC Average