

PSC success for six trusts working in areas of disadvantage

*Across the six trusts, a total of 92 schools, the average PSC result increased from **88% in 2019** to **89% in 2022**. 32.5% children qualify for pupil premium compared to the national average of 22.5%.*

After two incredibly challenging years for schools, the national phonics screening check (PSC) average has dropped to 74% this year; 62% for children who qualify for pupil premium (PP).

At Ruth Miskin Training (RMT), we work closely with over 8000 schools to reach every child, regardless of background or need. As of September 2022, we work with 62 trusts across the country. The six trusts below have worked with us for over two years.

Trust	% children who qualify for PP	Average PSC 2019	Average PSC Y1 2022
Ark	42%	93%	87%
DRET	29%	88%	89%
Every Child Matters	34%	76%	82%
Harris	29%	92%	94%
Outwood	22%	93%	92%
Paradigm	39%	91%	87%

We talked to trust leads about their consistently high PSC results.

No gaps between girls and boys and high PSC for PP children

The **David Ross Education Trust** work with 23 primary schools. Trust reading lead, Jane Cooksley, said: “We are delighted with our PSC results for 2022. Boys and girls achieved equally well and the average PSC for our pupil premium children was 84%. Baseline data in September 2021 was below expectations; children have made staggering progress despite a challenging year. We prioritise high quality teaching of reading and tutoring for the slowest progress children in our schools”.



Half-termly assessment identifies children for tutoring

Ark work with 24 primary schools. We spoke to Ellie Whitehorn, English lead for Ark Primary: “Our Read Write Inc. teams are vigilant about progress. Reading leaders rigorously assess and track every child’s progress and provision half-termly. They identify gaps in children’s phonic knowledge and organise targeted daily tutoring for children who are reading below expectations. Tutoring is timetabled and protected”.

RMT consultants contribute to success

Paradigm Trust work with six schools. CEO Bill Holledge said: “By helping Paradigm Trust ensure that every child learns to read, RMT and its consultants have made a significant contribution to the overall effectiveness of education across the entire trust. As a result, our children have a strong foundation in early literacy, which in turn unlocks our wide, ambitious, and rich curriculum for all, including those who need us the most”.

“Our commitment to teaching children to read is unwavering”

“Across our 21 primary schools, the 2022 PSC average was 94%. 28.5% of our children qualify for PP. We are delighted with our results,” said Matt Britt, Assistant Director for **Harris Federation**.