

Teaching Phonics

Getting it right from the start!

Empowering teachers to teach phonics effectively and enthusiastically every day!



Training Overview
2020-2021

- * Meet the requirements of the National Curriculum
- * Be prepared for inspections within the new OFSTED framework
- * Raise attainment in reading
- * Prepare children for the Y1 Screening Check
- * Provide secure foundations for accurate spelling

High Quality Phonics Provision

How to teach children to read by six

- * Role of phonics in learning to read and spell
- * Key principles of a systematic synthetic phonics approach
- * DfE / OFSTED criteria for effective phonics and reading provision
- * How the best schools do it
- * Accelerate progress for “at-risk” groups



“The results show that this training has had a tremendous impact on learning leading to a considerable rise in standards and gaps narrowing between various groups in school.”

Quality Mark Assessor—New Oscott Primary School

Delivering Effective Phonics Lessons—every day!

Make phonics simple and fun!

- * Essential subject knowledge
- * Ensure every child makes progress
- * Practical ideas for planning and assessment
- * Strategies and approaches to support children who are falling behind
- * Teach children to decode words and ensure reading for meaning
- * Use phonics lessons to increase vocabulary and develop comprehension skills

“You gave us a really good balance of subject knowledge and practical ideas that we can use tomorrow, next week and next term to teach phonics more effectively in our school.”

Literacy Leader— St Brigid’s Catholic Primary School

Each session is full of practical ideas for planning, resourcing and assessing phonics with an approach that raises staff confidence and does not require the purchase of additional resources.

Training is available for teachers, teaching assistants, Early Years practitioners and parents in nurseries, primary schools and secondary schools in a range of formats tailored to the specific requirements of your setting.



Some examples of support with raising standards in phonics include:

- Delivering staff training including whole-school INSET and twilight sessions
- Auditing existing phonics provision and developing Models for Moving Forwards
- Supporting staff and Literacy Leaders to improve phonics provision through Quality First Teaching and effective intervention support
- Leading planning workshops for specific year groups / intervention groups
- Providing effective models for planning, assessment, and monitoring as well as resources to use in lessons and at home
- Delivering parent workshops
- Providing presentations to Governing Bodies

Staff INSET (full day) starts from £800
Audits of Phonics Provision start from £500
Half-day consultancy / workshop sessions start from £400
Twilight Sessions (1.5 hours) start from £300

Alex is able to develop bespoke packages for schools who wish to make a longer term commitment to improving their phonics provision. Packages of support include a discount for all sessions in addition to access to planning and resources as described below.

Improving Phonics Practice and Provision

A one-year package providing 6-8 days of support in the form of consultancy sessions, subject knowledge and planning workshops with specific year groups, parent workshops and / or direct support with planning and teaching. It includes a mini-audit of existing provision, developing a Model for Moving Forwards and providing on-going support for managers, teaching staff or support staff via telephone and e-mail.

It also includes access to detailed medium-term planning to use alongside the Letters and Sounds document and a range of ICT-based resources and materials for use in lessons.

COST £4250

Working with Parents to Close the Gap

(Pupil Premium Package)

A sequence of four workshops across one term for children and their parents. The workshops aim to get children off to a flying start with reading whilst engaging parents and developing their confidence in and enjoyment of supporting their child at home.

Each child receives resources worth around £60 throughout the sequence of workshops.



*** Ideal use of Pupil Premium Funding***

COST £1400

(maximum 8 children per group)

All packages are tailored to the specific needs of your school. Packages for Secondary and Special Schools are also available with prices based on the level of support you require and the size of your Inclusion Team.

Also available:

Classroom Resources specifically matched to the **Letters and Sounds** programme, including flashcards and a wall frieze

Assessment materials including a complete Assessment Package for assessing pupils from Phase Two to Phase Five of the **Letters and Sounds** programme.

For more information please get in touch!

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Alex is a KS1 practitioner specialising in Literacy and the Early Years. She has an in-depth knowledge of systematic, synthetic phonics particularly using the Letters and Sounds programme, and is passionate about the importance of teaching phonics effectively in order to ensure high self-esteem as well as raising attainment in reading and writing. Alex has been delivering effective training sessions in systematic phonics (Letters and Sounds) for Primary teachers, teaching assistants, Nursery practitioners and PGCE students for more than ten years and has a wealth of practical ideas and resources to share. She also has a proven track record for supporting schools to improve their results in the Year One Phonics Screening Check.