

Evaluation of the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. Phonics programme

What are the purposes and aims of the project?

The aim of the evaluation is to assess the effectiveness of the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc. Phonics programme. It will explore the programme's impact on teachers' knowledge and confidence in teaching phonics, reading and writing, and their participation in literacy continuous professional development (CPD). It will also examine pupils' assessment outcomes to see whether there is any difference in schools which have participated in the programme compared to schools which haven't.

Who is sponsoring NFER to carry out this work?

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

How have schools been selected to take part?

The schools taking part in the evaluation have been recruited by Ruth Miskin Training.

Do schools have to take part?

No. participation in the evaluation is entirely voluntary

What does taking part involve?

Some staff involved in delivery of the programme will complete a survey at the beginning and end of the programme to measure any change in knowledge and confidence in teaching phonics, reading and writing. In the summer term 2022, we will ask schools to provide pupil outcome data for all pupils receiving the programme for the following assessment:

- Year 1 pupils (in 2022): Phonics Screening Check

How will NFER use and protect the data collected?

Pupil data received from schools will be encrypted and saved to a secure server at the NFER. The pupil information provided will be linked with the National Pupil Database (held by the Department for Education) and other official records. This data will then be anonymised and then shared with partners, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the programme developers, Ruth Miskin. These partners will conduct their own analysis of this anonymised data to investigate outcomes from the programme. The data will be held anonymously in the UK Data Archive. Please note that no individual schools or pupils will be identified in any reports arising from the research.

NFER have robust procedures in place to make sure that we comply with the increased governance and accountability requirements of GDPR. The privacy notice for the trial sets out how we comply with the data protection principles and how pupils/parents can exercise their rights. **No school, teacher or pupil will be named in any report arising from this work.**

A copy of our privacy notice can be found at:

https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/3018/efrw_privacy_notice.pdf

Who can be contacted for more information?

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