

Make time to do more with ReallySchool

Discover how ReallySchool can save teachers' time and help them conduct higher quality observations and assessments

GETTING STARTED

Reception teacher, Lauren, and Teaching Assistant, Lottie, from Hampton Lakes Primary School in Peterborough explain their experience of using ReallySchool to complete their pupils' observations and assessments...

"We are a brand new school that opened in September 2019. Currently, we only have 30 children in the school, but next year there will be two reception classes, as well as the Year 1 class.

"We started using ReallySchool around the beginning of November 2019. Previously, [we] used paper journals, and it was quite difficult to record how many of each type of observation you had for each child and then easily refer to them. It was quite time-consuming going through the book and looking to see where the gaps were, what areas you had to assess children in and where more evidence was needed."



WHAT WE DID

ReallySchool is a low cost, easy-to-use tablet app for teachers, with an online portal to create a range of reports, plus a dedicated app for parents. It streamlines the observations process, saving time for teachers – as well as enabling parental communication.

The teachers now use ReallySchool to conduct their observations and apply assessments directly, choosing from the in-built list of UK-wide criteria and frameworks.

Lauren comments, "We really like that you can use video and audio assessments. Sometimes, your day can be so busy, but if you take a video, the evidence is there and you can always go back to it later if you need to write any comments. We really like that it just captures pupils' learning experiences there and then.

"I think it's effective – and especially being able to bring up a report up at any time and refer to it."

HOW WE IMPROVED

"We put the app out to our parents just after Christmas 2019 and they loved it! During lockdown, we've put activities onto ReallySchool and sent them out to children and parents to do at home. The parents really liked that we kept in contact with them this way to give them some ideas that they could use with their children. They used ReallySchool to comment as to whether they had completed the activity or not, or what they liked about it. It's so easy and accessible – for both us and the parents – and we're all involved together.

"As our school grows, we're hoping to use ReallySchool throughout. It will be useful for the Year 1 teacher to pick up on where we've left off and take them on further – especially as it has been an unconventional school year."



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THE PLACE: Hampton Lakes Primary School is a brand-new school in Peterborough that opened in September 2019 and is part of Hampton Academies Trust.



THE CHALLENGE: To establish an efficient method of carrying out observations and assessments for pupils that will be beneficial and sustainable as the school grows.

Did we mention?

Developed with teachers, for teachers, ReallySchool offers a range of reports (class progress, student progress, SOAP, baseline assessments, end of KS1/KS2 assessment, whole school attainment) in its online portal, to provide valuable whole-school insights. Teachers can instantly check where learning gaps are – and being able to see assessment history, mid-observation, prevents duplication of data already collected. Plus, students can be awarded badges for achievement, so everyone can celebrate their success!