

# Paired Reading Training Package

Support children's reading progress with our research-informed workshops for schools and families.

## What is Paired Reading?

Paired Reading is a simple, evidence-based strategy that builds reading confidence and independence. A skilled reader supports a developing reader through shared oral reading of appropriately challenging texts. It can be used in a number of different partnerships and promotes reading progress and enjoyment by focusing on creating a positive experience.



## Why do Paired Reading?

The Paired Reading approach can be used in school and at home and has been shown to support:

- Improved reading fluency, accuracy and comprehension
- Greater enjoyment and pleasure in reading
- Increased confidence and self-esteem
- Positive relationships between children and adults

## Delivered by Assistant Educational Psychologists, our Paired Reading training package includes:



### A workshop with school staff

This interactive workshop will explain the research underpinning Paired Reading and why it works. We will explore practical strategies to support children and create a positive reading experience. With opportunities to practise, staff will be equipped to implement Paired Reading effectively in your school.



### An information session for families

This session supports families in creating a positive reading experience at home. It explores emotions around reading, practical strategies and tips for building good reading habits and routines.



### A follow-up session with school staff

A review session offers staff the opportunity to reflect on how Paired Reading has been embedded in practice. It allows time to share successes, ask questions, problem-solve together and discuss best practice.



### A Paired Reading video

Access to a video, led by an Educational Psychologist, which offers a clear and accessible overview of Paired Reading. It covers key messages from the workshops and a video of how to do Paired Reading, making it a flexible tool for both school staff and families.



## Why are we offering a Paired Reading training package?

Assistant Educational Psychologists have developed a comprehensive training package that aims to support schools to embed Paired Reading into everyday practice, following a plan, do, review model. Opportunities to engage with current research, alongside ongoing support have been shown to be effective in sustaining evidence-based practice (Sing et al., 2018).

By combining professional development for school support staff with family engagement, this package aims to strengthen home-school partnerships and build a consistent, high-quality approach to Paired Reading.

## What do schools say?

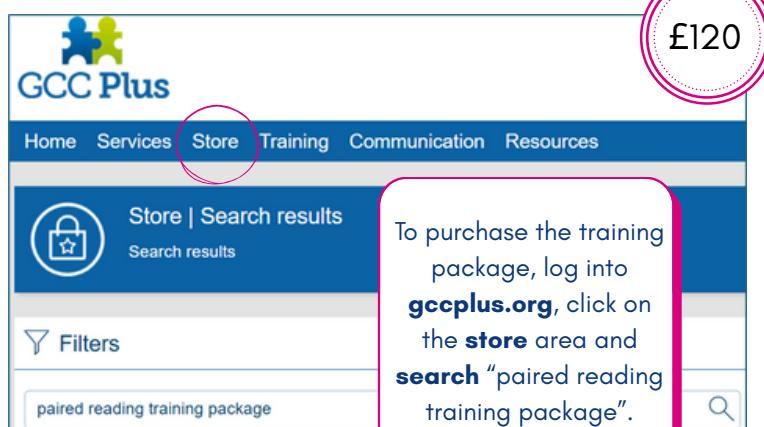
"The Paired Reading workshop was well received by families as a way to support their child's reading. The training was interesting and provided evidence for the positive impact the strategy has. Well worth it!"

*Assistant Headteacher, Cheltenham*

"We were very pleased with the progress made. A Teaching Assistant said Paired Reading improved how willing a child was to take part in reading sessions. All but one child showed increased enjoyment and confidence in reading."

*Deputy Headteacher, Stroud*

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