

**St. Helens Teaching School Alliance
Trial of Lexia Reading Skills Software
2016
Executive Summary**

In April 2016, a group of primary schools under the St. Helens Teaching Schools Alliance took part in a pilot to evaluate the effectiveness of Lexia Reading Skills Software. 380 pupils took part in the pilot, across the 10 schools who had expressed an interest. The pilot included initial and ongoing training for the two month period.

For more information on Lexia Reading Skills Core5, please click [here](#).

The software was used with pupils of varying ages and abilities, although most schools chose to target those who were not at expected levels of literacy. The program can be used to address phonics, spelling & grammar and comprehension issues as well as pre reading (or phonological awareness skills). Pupils were timetabled to use the program for 3 x 20 minute sessions per week and groups were generally managed by teaching assistants. Some schools also introduced the home use option which Lexia provides.

Due to timing and workload issues, schools were not required to take their own pre and post assessments as Lexia has been proven to significantly raise reading skills attainment in a number of peer reviewed journals. Instead, feedback focused on softer gains such as manageability and pupil engagement. Results were collected from numerous support and training calls over the pilot period but also from an online questionnaire (see full results below).

Main Findings:

In short, the pilot was viewed as a great success. Of the ten participants, eight purchased the program post-pilot. The two who did not purchase, saw its value but were constrained by ICT availability and budget restrictions. In addition, all schools would recommend Lexia to colleagues. Please see below a summary of feedback:

- Lexia identifies gaps in pupils' learning and offers personalised practise and instruction.
- Lexia is a scalable resource, making efficient use of TA time.
- Pupils are engaged and motivated.
- Skill areas covered are wide - from pre reading skills to advanced spelling, grammar and comprehension.
- The reports help identify pupil strengths and weaknesses and assists in evidencing progress.
- Printable resources which support the online learning element, helps further personalise learning and direct instruction.

Lisa Bradshaw, Director of the St Helens Teaching School Alliance commented:

"Schools within the alliance have greatly benefitted from the easy to follow, accessible training delivered by Rob and his team, both face-to-face and online. It has been fantastic to be involved as a network to discuss the strengths of the programme and ways in which it is working in each school. This has been useful when looking at creative ways to administer the programme and get all children involved and enthused.

"A diverse group of schools trialled the project with the St Helens TSA this year, all Schools have reported that the benefits have been great and a large proportion of the schools wish to continue with the programme as a result of the initial trial."

Teacher comment:

"Lexia has been extremely beneficial for our students, especially for the SEN children and those struggling with their reading. Staff have reported how helpful the interventions are at addressing weaknesses and children enjoy the interaction as well as seeing themselves progress."



LexiaUK Customer Questionnaire Results

St Helens Software Pilot Scheme

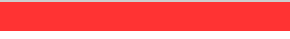

1. Please provide the name of your school and postcode in the box below.

1	School Name (Mandatory):	
1	08/06/16 9:06AM ID: 39922885	St Mary and St Thomas' CE Primary School
2	17/06/16 4:01PM ID: 40328714	Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
3	23/06/16 5:48PM ID: 40604435	Broad Oak
4	24/06/16 6:32AM ID: 40619345	Holy Spirit
5	01/07/16 9:15AM ID: 40907571	Willow Tree Primary School
6	01/07/16 4:23PM ID: 40933909	Queen's Park CE/URC Primary School
7	05/07/16 11:33AM ID: 41058464	Rectory Primary School
8	05/07/16 8:19PM ID: 41084554	Holy Cross
9	07/07/16 4:13PM ID: 41161319	St Anne's Catholic Primary



2. Please choose the most appropriate response to reflect your own towards each statement: Lexia Reading Skills Software is easy to manage.

					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly Agree				33.33%	3
2	Agree				66.67%	6
3	Strongly Disagree				0.00%	0
4	Disagree				0.00%	0
5	Not applicable				0.00%	0
Analysis	Mean:	1.67	Std. Deviation:	0.47	Satisfaction Rate:	16.67
	Variance:	0.22	Std. Error:	0.16		
					answered	9
					skipped	0



3. The tuition program is an effective tool for students.

					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly Agree				55.56%	5
2	Agree				44.44%	4
3	Disagree				0.00%	0
4	Strongly Disagree				0.00%	0
5	Not applicable				0.00%	0
Analysis	Mean:	1.44	Std. Deviation:	0.5	Satisfaction Rate:	11.11
	Variance:	0.25	Std. Error:	0.17		
					answered	9
					skipped	0
Additional comments: (1)						
1	01/07/16 9:15AM ID: 40907571	The children taking part in the pilot have been enthused from the start. They can't wait to do their session every day and have maintained their enthusiasm throughout.				




4. Pupils have responded well to the pace / content of program.

						Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Strongly Agree					55.56%	5	
2	Agree					44.44%	4	
3	Disagree					0.00%	0	
4	Strongly Disagree					0.00%	0	
5	Not applicable					0.00%	0	
Analysis	Mean:	1.44	Std. Deviation:	0.5	Satisfaction Rate:	11.11	answered	9
	Variance:	0.25	Std. Error:	0.17			skipped	0
Additional comments: (1)								
1	01/07/16 9:15AM ID: 40907571	They love it and can't wait to get to the next level and receive their certificates						




5. Lexia reports are a useful tool for monitoring progression.

						Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Strongly Agree					33.33%	3	
2	Agree					66.67%	6	
3	Disagree					0.00%	0	
4	Strongly Disagree					0.00%	0	
5	Not applicable					0.00%	0	
Analysis	Mean:	1.67	Std. Deviation:	0.47	Satisfaction Rate:	16.67	answered	9
	Variance:	0.22	Std. Error:	0.16			skipped	0
Additional comments: (2)								
1	08/06/16 9:06AM ID: 39922885	The navigation around the reports section could be simplified.						
2	01/07/16 9:15AM ID: 40907571	Really good evidence for monitoring and moderation						



6. Lexia reports are useful for diagnostic and formative assessment purposes.

					Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Strongly Agree				33.33%	3	
2	Agree				44.44%	4	
3	Disagree				0.00%	0	
4	Strongly Disagree				0.00%	0	
5	Not applicable				22.22%	2	
Analysis	Mean:	2.33	Std. Deviation:	1.49	Satisfaction Rate:	33.33	
	Variance:	2.22	Std. Error:	0.5			
						answered	9
						skipped	0





7. Lexia reports are easy to interpret.

					Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Strongly Agree				33.33%	3	
2	Agree				55.56%	5	
3	Disagree				0.00%	0	
4	Strongly Disagree				0.00%	0	
5	Not applicable				11.11%	1	
Analysis	Mean:	2	Std. Deviation:	1.15	Satisfaction Rate:	25	
	Variance:	1.33	Std. Error:	0.38			
						answered	9
						skipped	0

8. Using Lexia, I can reach more children with the level of support they require.

						Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Strongly Agree					33.33%	3	
2	Agree					66.67%	6	
3	Disagree					0.00%	0	
4	Strongly Disagree					0.00%	0	
5	Not applicable					0.00%	0	
Analysis	Mean:	1.67	Std. Deviation:	0.47	Satisfaction Rate:	16.67	answered	9
	Variance:	0.22	Std. Error:	0.16			skipped	0

9. I would like to continue using Lexia.


						Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Strongly Agree					44.44%	4	
2	Agree					33.33%	3	
3	Disagree					0.00%	0	
4	Strongly Disagree					11.11%	1	
5	Not applicable					11.11%	1	
Analysis	Mean:	2.11	Std. Deviation:	1.37	Satisfaction Rate:	27.78	answered	9
	Variance:	1.88	Std. Error:	0.46			skipped	0

Additional comments: (2)

1	01/07/16 4:23PM ID: 40933909	Due to the need for more computers and iPads within the school at this moment in time we do not have sufficient resources to continue the programme. If this situation changes within the future I am sure we would like to return to using the programme.
2	05/07/16 8:19PM ID: 41084554	Unfortunately, budget restraints mean we are limited to when we can take up the program.

10. Please provide a statement summarising your experience of Lexia, expanding on the points above.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	9
1	08/06/16 9:06AM ID: 39922885	<p>The children have responded extremely positively to the Lexia program, and both home and school use has been regular. The children enjoy the different games and we feel that it has been beneficial for the children so far, especially in supporting spelling and grammar teaching.</p> <p>The reports have been used to support staff in monitoring children's progress and usage, although staff have reported that they could be made easier to navigate. The only other issue that was noticed was Americanised spellings of words that appeared within the program.</p> <p>Moving forward we would like to roll out the program to KS2 children across the school, and monitor the impact from there.</p>		
2	17/06/16 4:01PM ID: 40328714	<p>The children really engage well with this programme. They enjoy using the computers for it and eagerly welcome praise when they finish a module.</p> <p>I particularly like how it auto placed them at their level giving them the right level of support they need.</p>		
3	23/06/16 5:48PM ID: 40604435	Lexia has been ab great programme for out LA children who needed additional support with phonics.		
4	24/06/16 6:32AM ID: 40619345	Our children have loved Lexia and it has been so easy to use. Our teaching assistants love it too and it has helped develop self-confidence which is great and boost phonics and reading at the same time.		
5	01/07/16 9:15AM ID: 40907571	Lexia has been a real success in our school.The children involved in the project have all responded positively and are always excited and enthused when its their turn!!		
6	01/07/16 4:23PM ID: 40933909	The programme has been used by our pupils. The staff have found it easy to use and the children have enjoyed using the programme and some made progress whilst using the programme a good intervention tool.		
7	05/07/16 11:33AM ID: 41058464	We have only used Lexia a little in our school. We are pleased with what we have learned so far and see it as another tool to close gaps with.		
8	05/07/16 8:19PM ID: 41084554	Lexia has been extremely beneficial for our students, especially for the SEN children and those struggling with their reading. Staff have reported how helpful the interventions are at addressing weaknesses and children enjoy the interaction as well as seeing themselves progress.		
9	07/07/16 4:13PM ID: 41161319	We have only had a short trial of Lexia and so we need to use it longer to see impact. Also the admin side of it - time to access it and print out lesson plans and timetable delivery of the programme and identified lessons it currently rather time consuming so we are trying to work around this with other school commitments.		

11. Would you recommend Lexia to another school?							Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Yes						100.00%	9	
2	No						0.00%	0	
Analysis	Mean:	1	Std. Deviation:	0	Satisfaction Rate:	0	answered	9	
	Variance:	0	Std. Error:	0			skipped	0	
Please provide details below: (2)									
1	08/06/16 9:06AM ID: 39922885	From the initial pilot, we would recommend the program to another school.							
2	05/07/16 8:19PM ID: 41084554	See reasons above							

If you would like to Evaluate Lexia, please contact us on 0191 482 1939 or click [here](#).