

More Information

School-based SENCO:

For more information about this intervention or to speak to someone about your child's needs, please contact the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (**SENCO**).

School Website:

The school also has a **SEN Information Report** on its website. This report will have information for parents and carers about how the school supports children and young people with SEND.

Birmingham's Local Offer for children with SEND

The **Local Offer** will help you to find more information about provision that is available for children and young people with SEND in Birmingham and how to access different types of services and support. Please visit the Local Offer website:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer

Special educational needs or disabilities; Birmingham's Local Offer

Help and advice for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) or disabilities	Support for babies and pre-school children with Special Educational Needs
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Information for Parents and Carers

Interventions: AcceleRead/AcceleWrite



Why have I been given this leaflet?

Sometimes pupils may need extra help with their learning. This information has been produced for parents and carers of pupils who have additional learning needs. The leaflet has information about the extra help or intervention which has been chosen to help your child. This leaflet is about the '**Acceleread/Accelewrite**' intervention.

The Graduated Approach

Teachers continually assess, plan, apply and review the way they teach all pupils in their class. When a pupil has an additional learning need identified, the approach to teaching gradually becomes more personalised. Children needing extra help may then receive a 'targeted' intervention over time or it may be decided that a more 'specialist' approach is needed.

AcceleRead/AccelerWrite

What is an intervention?

- These are additional teaching sessions which run alongside usual classroom teaching.
- The SENCO or specialist teacher will have assessed your child's individual needs and may decide that they need to teach in a different way. This is sometimes called 'targeted' or 'specialist' provision depending on the teaching method used.
- The school will be very clear about why they are doing this, how long it will run for and will agree the expected outcomes.

What is AcceleRead/AccelerWrite?

- AcceleRead/AccelerWrite is a specialist reading and spelling intervention which supports pupils in the development of their phonological skills i.e. their ability to sound out and build words.
- It uses talking computers to help students read and write.
- Pupils will have a daily, 20 minute session for 4 weeks, although the delivery can vary i.e. 3 times per week for a longer period.
- Pupils read from sentence cards, which focus on particular phonic patterns. They have to memorise the sentences and then type them onto the talking computer. The computer then reads the sentences back and they have the opportunity to correct any errors they have made.

How is it different from my child's usual teaching?

- It supports pupils who have difficulties with reading and spelling.
- It is designed to be delivered as an individual intervention with support from a teaching assistant or teacher .
- It is a finely graded, specialised programme, which creates lots of opportunity for repetition so the pupil can learn and embed new skills.
- It uses a multi-sensory approach; involving the pupils in looking, saying, listening and writing, which helps to support their memory.

How can I help?

- Your child will benefit from reading and writing with you at home.
- Create a relaxed environment where you can both enjoy reading and writing together.
- Give lots of praise and make it fun - the school should be able to provide you with some ideas of how to do this.
- School will let you know when the intervention will start, how long it's planned to run and will keep you updated on progress during this time.