



# Transforming children's lives through reading skills

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# Our vision

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Every child a reader, with the self-confidence and skills to make positive life choices and contribute to their wider community.



# Why is reading so important?

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34%

▶ of children **left primary school** last year unable to read to the required level.

25%

▶ of those in Young Offenders' institutions have **literacy levels below** that expected of a 7 year old.

70%

▶ of pupils permanently excluded from school have **difficulties with basic literacy.**

▶ Failure to read can lead to poor behaviour, truancy, poor job prospects and possibly crime.



# What are we doing about it?

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# What else are we doing about it?

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- ▶ Ready to Read course
- ▶ Parent helper course, also adaptable for training Teaching Assistants



# Our results

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96%

- ▶ improved their attitude to reading.

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- ▶ showed an increase in general self-confidence and self-esteem.

"I love it. It has a lot of fun activities. I like people saying that I am doing my best and I like practising my expression."

Year 6 boy

"I feel that the time and effort ABC give to each child they read with is excellent and much needed for children who need extra support." Teacher



So how cost effective is this?

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# Why are we here today?

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- ▶ Spread the word
- ▶ Volunteers
- ▶ Ready to Read course







# If you have further questions...

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