

Christchurch Primary School

Primary School pupils receive an academic confidence boost

Christchurch CofE Primary, a small school for children aged 4-11, required extra support for students with learning gaps after the disruption of the pandemic. Tutor In A Box supported their Year 5 and 6 students with their maths and reading over the course of 15 weeks, increasing their confidence, enthusiasm, and outcomes.

Christchurch CofE Primary is based in Chesterfield, Derbyshire. A small school with only 170 pupils like many they faced major disruption during the COVID pandemic in 2020. After extended periods of home learning, some of the students at the school had developed gaps in their learning, which head teacher Sue Beckett hoped to fill.

Through NTP (the National Tutoring Programme) they were able to reach out to an accredited tuition partner to support their students during school hours. Without this support, it's likely that these students would have continued through the year behind their peers, resulting in a lack of confidence.

Christchurch CofE Primary were very impressed by our partner profile. To quote their head teacher, Sue Beckett, Tutor In A Box “appeared to be the most accessible for younger children”.

As the students were of primary age, it was important to Ms Beckett that the tutors were friendly, approachable, and understood the current curriculum. That's where we came in! After undertaking an online trial session with one of our fabulous tutors, Ms Beckett was delighted to move ahead and booked in her pupil groups for a block of 15 online lessons. We took on board Ms Beckett's comments and were able to schedule sessions for multiple groups across multiple days with several of our primary tutors, ensuring as many pupils as possible were able to benefit from our award-winning tuition. And, because of the success of the trial lesson, we were able to on-board the school quickly, with just a two-week turnaround between the initial trial and pupils beginning their lessons.

Reflecting on the tuition, Ms Beckett observed that the pupils who received tuition with Tutor In A Box had “increased confidence, increased enthusiasm for learning, and improved outcomes.” She says that the tuition has been so well received that the pupils have been sharing their top tips for learning with peers in other lessons.

At Tutor In A Box, we enabled Christchurch CofE Primary to fill the gaps in their students learning and improve their confidence, which will no doubt continue to develop over the coming years. Plus, the partnership was so successful that we are working together again for the 2022-23 academic year, supporting more students with their maths and reading.