



Success for All and the Samuel Ward Academy Trust successfully bid for £200,000 DfE grant

Success for All is delighted that its evidence based and research led approaches to improving whole school improvement through building essential literacy and communications skills have resulted in the award of a £200,000 grant from the Department for Education

Success for All shaped the successful bid with The Suffolk Borders Teaching Alliance (SBTA), and Samuel Ward Academy Trust that led to this success in bidding for the money from the Strategic School Improvement Fund – one of only 11 successful bids in the Eastern Region.

Success for All and the SBTA will use the money to further develop the curriculum and associated staff development in Woodhall Primary School in Sudbury, Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy in Newmarket, Clements Primary Academy in Haverhill and Bures Primary School.

Matt Ditchfield, Chief Executive at Success for All said: “We are thrilled to collaborate with Samuel Ward Academy Trust to embed sustainable impact for every child within schools and communities connected to the programme and ensure that there is a consistent approach in every school enabling the highest levels of attainment and progress. We are delighted that this collaborative approach to achieving both a sustainable model and to meeting the goals of the schools and the Department for Education has been recognised and rewarded in this way – our ability to prove impact is widely respected”.

“This is a project of national significance in the application of evidence-based practice in education. We look forward to building on the already strong relationships with the Trust. “

Andy Samways, Director of Research School and Teaching School, said: “We are excited to have been awarded this grant which targets an evidence-based approach to the teaching and learning of essential literacy and communication skills.



“Such a significant investment will enable us to really enhance the development of the curriculum and professional development opportunities for teachers and teaching assistants in the schools partnering on this project.

“There is no doubt that the children of these schools will benefit from the programme offered by Success for All. This really is great news for each schools, their staff, children and wider communities.”

Spending of the grant will be tailored to meet the needs of each school and contribute towards resourcing and training related to the Success for All programme. Tim Coulson, Chief Executive of Samuel Ward Academy Trust, added: “We have seen that Success for All makes a massive difference to children’s progress in literacy.

“We are delighted to be involved in this project and are very optimistic that pupils in our schools will benefit hugely.”

Three of the schools are part of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust and Bures Primary School is a member of the Suffolk Borders Teaching Alliance, which supports schools in and out of the Trust.

The Alliance plays a key role in leading the training and professional development of teachers, support staff, deputy heads, headteachers and governors.

Quote from Lisa Tweed, headteacher at Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy:

“This is really great news. Already we can see the impact and success of Success for All at Houldsworth Valley and we are excited about developing it further alongside other schools in the Samuel Ward Academy Trust.

“It has provided us with a consistent approach to English that has not only accelerated progress in reading and writing for all learners but has also developed life skills such as critical thinking and cooperative learning.”

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