

Teachers in your child's school have recommended that your child would benefit from the support of the EPATT and this leaflet provides some information about it. Reading is a really important skill but there are many children who struggle to learn to read. This can be for lots of different reasons but whatever the reason is, this approach has been designed to accelerate reading progress by teaching the most important skills needed for reading, to greater effect. It is being used in many schools across the counties and is producing powerful results.

What is the EPATT?

The EPATT is an online assessment and monitoring tool which includes a daily 15 minute intervention which concentrates on improving reading skills and the enjoyment of reading. It can be delivered individually or in a group.

The approach has been developed by two Senior Educational Psychologists in Staffordshire and Warwickshire and is in line with what would be recommended if your child had an individual assessment by an educational psychologist.



What will the school do?

Your child's reading skills will be assessed using an electronic assessment called the EPATT (Educational Psychology Assessment through Teaching Tool). This will identify the specific skills that require intervention and inform a teaching programme that caters for your child's individual needs.

The EPATT intervention will take place daily and will include direct teaching of the individual reading skills, and shared reading with an adult, using books that your child is interested in. The EPATT will be used to monitor your child's progress both weekly and termly to enable school staff to refine the teaching accordingly.

What information will I receive?

You will be provided with a detailed report of your child's weekly and termly progress at times agreed by your school.



How can I support at home?

We recommend the Shared (Paired) Reading method - read books together (that your child has chosen) and provide the words when your child is not accurate.

The following webinar may be useful to you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kRT2gxtw8w>

Who can I contact for more details?

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