Closing the Gap for Pupils at North Ormesby Primary Academy (AET Trust)

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"Kaligo helps pupils focus on handwriting skills earlier so that they can access the other areas of writing. Kaligo saves hours of time in lessons, and the personalised feedback is simply something we couldn't do as teachers."

About North Ormesby Primary

North Ormesby Primary Academy is an 'outstanding' school with around 260 pupils aged 3-11. The school is based in Middlesbrough in the North East of England.

Teachers and the SLT work hard to ensure that every child across the school, regardless of their background, has the same opportunities to unlock their full academic potential and be the best they can be.

The school has a high level of pupils receiving Pupil Premium funding, and a quarter of pupils speak English as an additional language (EAL).

Mrs Stacey Cambell, Yr4 Teacher and Phase 2 lead, talks about the school and using Kaligo.

"We have 18% transition within the school on average. Kaligo helps us to establish where pupils are with their handwriting and deliver the many levels of personalised learning we need within the class." "Getting handwriting on track is so important. Once pupils are writing well, it eases cognitive overload so they can focus on other things, sentences, punctuation, clauses etc. - one thing less to worry about."

Teacher Challenge

"As a teacher, I can't get around 30 children and show them what's wrong. But, using Kaligo, they can replay the video on the spot, watch the feedback and try again."

Closing the Gap

"Post lockdown, we've been using Kaligo in Yr5 to address slow writing stamina and bad habits picked up during lockdown. Kaligo has helped us to get Yr5 pupils back up to where they should be."

"We incorporate our spelling lists from our SPaG lessons into Kaligo so we can learn spelling and practice handwriting with purpose each week."

Key Benefits

- Immediate feedback
- Instant assessment of handwriting ability
- Reduces teacher workload
- In depth view of handwriting for each child

Impact

"Using Kaligo three times a week for 20 minutes, we saw great improvement."

"Kaligo helps to build writing stamina as for 60 minutes across three sessions a week we give 100% focus to handwriting."

"Using Kaligo pupils went from printing letters ro joined-up writing in a few weeks."

"Kaligo also boosted independent handwriting, and we could see and improvement on paper as a teacher, Kaligo helps me pinpoint which children are weal on paper."