

Supporting writing for Vulnerable Learners including CLA, Children with CiN or CP plan

Dear

FAO: Designated Teachers, Class Teachers, English Leads, Curriculum Leads and Teaching Assistants

Improving Boy's Writing across EYFS – Year 6 (CLA, Children with CiN or CP plan)

We are inviting you to partake in a bespoke writing project to support the improvement and attainment of writing, with a particular focus on boy's writing. Recent data shared with the virtual school indicates that the gender attainment gap in writing has increased (girls outperforming boys in writing at every stage) and this is particularly evident for our vulnerable learners. So we are providing an opportunity for you to engage in a series of bespoke webinars/sessions, revisiting strategies that work, refocusing attention on some of the barriers to writing for boys and providing an opportunity to review your current provision/outcomes. We will be drawing upon the current guidance from the Education Endowment Foundation and some key reflections shared by Mark Roberts, in his latest book, *The Boy Question – How to teach boys to succeed in school*.

These sessions are free for schools to attend, however places are limited and so will be offered on a first come, first served basis! Colleagues will need to commit to attending all sessions and be willing to share their experiences and best practice(s) at a network event in the summer term.

All colleagues who attend all sessions will receive a number of texts to further support their work in school and a 'toolkit' to take away and share in school after attending the final network event.

Overview of sessions:

Session One: Webinar – Addressing the 'Boy Question' – Strategies to improve boys' writing

Wednesday 6th April 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Session Two: Planning a sequence of learning to support boys' writing (Colleagues/schools will need to register for at least one session.)

EYFS/KS1 Session:	Tuesday 3 rd May	3.30pm – 5.00pm	(Year R and Year 1)
UKS2 Session:	Wednesday 4 th May	3.30pm – 5.00pm	(Year 5 and Year 6)
LKS2 Session:	Friday 20 th May	3.30pm – 5.00pm	(Year 3 and Year 4)

Session Three: Network meeting to share experiences and practice(s)

Monday 20th June 2.00pm – 4.00pm (Venue to be confirmed).

We are very much looking forward to working with you all. If you would like to take up this offer, please contact Crystal Laurentus-George claurentus-george@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk.

Once you have registered your commitment, we will send you a link to the initial webinar and a resource pack.

Yours sincerely,