

Feedback from the Sound Discovery® e-learning Training Programme

"As a parent who is having to teach her son, who has severe dyslexia, how to read and write I highly recommend Sound Discovery.

Unfortunately my son's school use a literacy programme that is ineffective in teaching children who have dyslexia. After doing a great deal of research I learned that my son needed to be taught using Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP).

I learned that there were several SSP programmes that had been endorsed by the Department of Education in England. I bought six SSP programmes and compared them to teaching recommendations from the International Dyslexia Association.

Sound Discovery is the only SSP programme that had conducted extensive research on the teaching method and the findings showed it could prevent literacy failure that is so common for children with dyslexia. The Sound Discovery programme is by far the most comprehensive of the SSP programmes I reviewed.

Sound Discovery covers: learning the initial sounds; handwriting; finger gestures; clear simple lesson plans; learning decoding and encoding as a reversible process; use of decodable text and books; how to build writing as well as reading skills and finally provides very good continual assessment tools.

The e-learning training programme is very easy to follow especially if you already have looked through the extensive materials provided with the programme. The video clips in the e-learning training programme give clear examples of the phoneme sounds and teaching principles to be used.

I have used the programme to successfully teach my 10 year old son how to read and write. I would recommend that anyone who uses the system also buys the associated Rapid Phonics decodable books that are aligned with the teaching stages of Sound Discovery. The books contained a mixture of fiction and non-fiction stories that my son particularly enjoyed reading."

From a parent, who completed the Sound Discovery® Core e-learning Training Package, 2020.

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"I am writing to tell you that I have completed your wonderful course. It has been a pivotal moment for me. I know it is the start of something I will build on for many years to come and it has confirmed that this is the direction I want my professional career to go when I return to teaching. It has laid the foundations for me to continue over the coming months and has given me food for thought in expanding my further reading list.

I wanted to say thank you to you for encouraging me and for reaching out by email. Sometimes, life has a funny way of making you cross paths with people who will influence your decisions and you did that for me.

Anyway, I wanted to say that Sound Discovery is a programme that I fully believe in. It feels solid, secure and steady. The teaching approaches and methods outlined in the course are achievable and clear. I have made so many notes (too many to feedback and share at this point) that I have already revisited and read back. I have, in the past, had training from alternative providers and find this the most clear to follow.

During the current pandemic, I was looking for training to be able to enhance my own knowledge and understanding of Phonics. With more opportunities online and remote, I contacted Sound Discovery and was met with a personal reply. This attention to detail is something that shines throughout the course itself. Marlynnne and Jackie are absolute professionals and experts who believe in what they deliver. This not only gives you security in what you are learning but also the confidence that the methods you will be using are effective.

I found the Sound Discovery training programme to be clear, concise and solid. It is more than just a course, you are investing in a philosophy and gaining an insight into over a decade of quality research that you know will be something you will use. When it finished, not only did I find myself with further reading opportunities but wanting to do more.

I would highly recommend Sound Discovery."

From a primary teacher, who is taking a career break with small children. She completed the Sound Discovery® Core e-learning Training Package, 2020.