

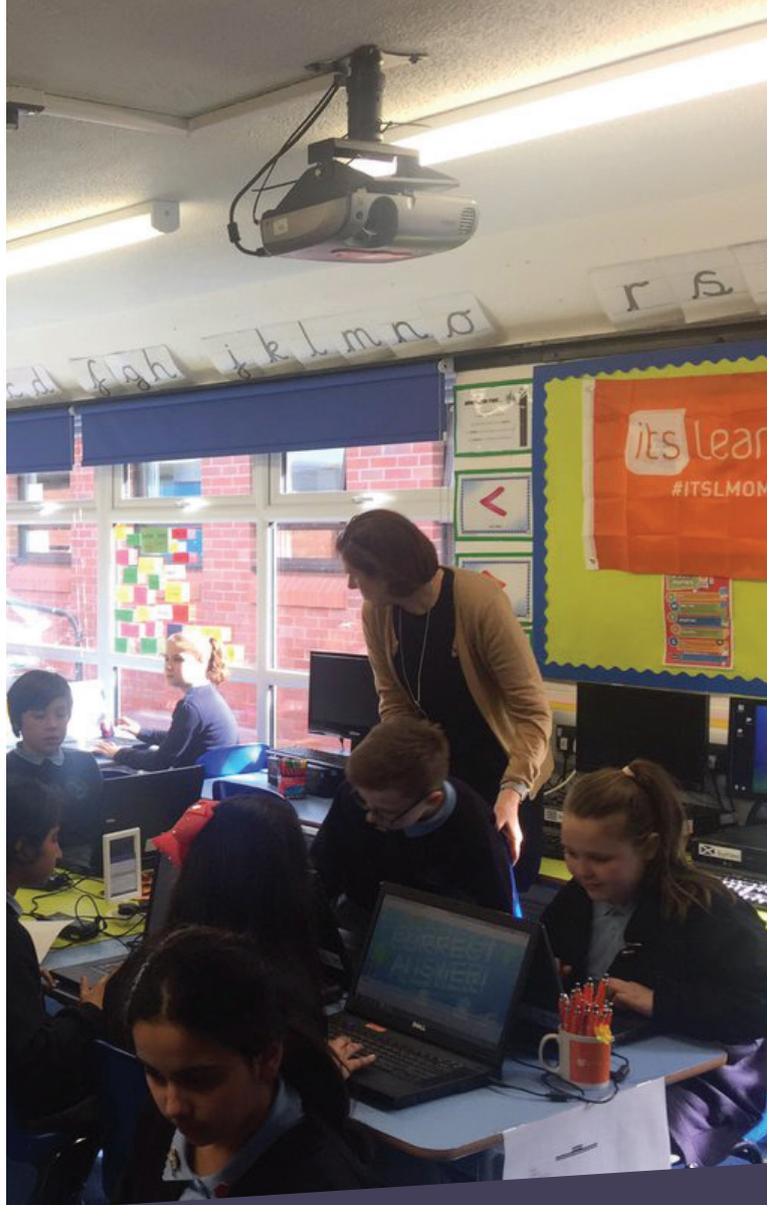
Improving Teacher, Student and Parental engagement

Old Church Primary School

Old Church C of E Primary School in Darlaston, Walsall is a voluntary controlled school for 3–11 year old pupils.

With an Ofsted rating of 'Good' in 2014, the school continues their mission to recognise that their greatest assets are their pupils, to raise expectations of each pupil's capability and to ensure every effort is made to meet their pastoral needs.

Everyone involved with Old Church Primary School will aim to provide, through a Christian ethos, a happy, caring atmosphere, in which children are not only encouraged to work hard and play hard, but also to show care and respect to one another.



Primary School



366 Pupils



2017 Centre of Excellence

Award



Overview

- Old Church Primary School is part of the Walsall Local Authority (LA)
- Parental engagement has become stronger through itslearning
- £1,200 savings made per annum by reducing multiple systems to one

2010

Year Implemented itslearning

“The virtual learning environment (VLE) allows all of us to share news, ideas and information quickly and easily. It also offers us the chance to extend learning opportunities beyond the school gates.”

Deputy Head,
Old Church Primary School



“We would recommend every school in the area, which hasn’t done so already, to evaluate the use of cloud-based learning. The value itslearning adds to learning experiences, teachers performance and parental engagement improvements have been noticeably recognised.”

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The Challenge

Continuous improvement is essential for Old Church Primary School, including their pupils, teachers and parents. The school were seeking a desired VLE which targeted measurable improvements, parental engagement, generating staff efficiencies and cost savings for the school. Fundamentally, the school wanted to partner with a VLE provider who offered the best fit solution for modern technology, easy and intuitive access and added support whilst using the platform.

Why itslearning?

The VLE has the intelligence and features to deliver beyond traditional e-learning. It enables personalised learning to meet the individual needs of student requirements. itslearning also offers a broad range of functionality to support communication, collaboration, learning and performance management through one single platform.

The collaborative journey

Upon being awarded the contract, itslearning supported the Walsall LA and their team of Primary ICT advisors with the roll out of the VLE to staff and pupils.

The itslearning core objective is to reach out to pupils and deliver a learning platform that becomes part of their education journey. With the school being fully on-board with the itslearning VLE capabilities, a flipped learning approach for pupils is encouraged. This means homework routines are reversed and pre-planning is facilitated by viewing video material or accessing teaching resources ahead of lessons. Homework is set through the itslearning assignment section, pupils and parents receive notifications of upcoming tasks.

Success

The school were awarded the Centre of Excellence status in 2017 for their use of itslearning and recognition of achievements to date.

“The school has become a more flexible and engaging working environment. There is now seamless learning between home and school for both pupils and teachers. We are confident that pupils are equipped with the tools they need to progress in their learning.”

Deputy Head, Old Church Primary School

Summary

- itslearning is used by staff, pupils, parents and governors to encourage digital learning, communication and collaboration
- **95% of staff** access the VLE daily and generate efficiencies throughout teaching
- Pupils really enjoy using the platform because it's easy and simple to use
- 70 courses have been created for pupils
- **£1,200 savings per annum** on third party communication plug-ins
- Stronger provision of anytime, anywhere, any device access to teaching resources



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