



It is no surprise that Nelson Mandela School was the top-performing school in Birmingham in 2014. The energy, drive and resources which go into raising attainment are impressive and effective.

Well before we came on the scene the senior team here recognised the impact poor speech, language and communication skills have on teaching and learning and future life-chances. *They found us!*

Soundswell is committed to supporting staff to understand the nature of communication difficulties and how adapting their practice helps enormously. Therapists work *alongside* staff and are solution-focussed.

The school collects data which tracks the progress of all pupils, *including* those who have benefited from SLT intervention. The evidence is there: early identification & intervention makes access to the curriculum *so much easier* for children with fairly significant difficulties. Staff have embraced the opportunity to add to and enrich their skills and feel better equipped to meet the needs of *all* children.

Soundswell (speech & language therapy solutions) Ltd works with a select number of schools. Geography doesn't matter to us but ethos, drive & a real interest in communication difficulties *do!*

Nelson Mandela Community Primary is *very close* to our heart. It was one of the first "Soundswell schools" and, together we are still going strong!

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