



*Collaborating to deliver excellence in teaching*

# Let's Think in English - Primary

*"An approach to developing thinking, reasoning and dialogue"*

Let's Think Forum are delighted to be working in Partnership with RG TSA to offer a renowned professional development programme for 2020/21.

The Let's Think approach develops the intelligence of students by improving their thinking and reasoning processes. It is a Piagetian-based programme that draws on the research of Vygotsky and focuses on questioning, collaborative work, problem solving, independent learning, metacognition and challenge.

Let's Think (LT) is a teaching approach based on exemplar classroom activities addressing the progression of key concepts and reasoning in the subject. Teachers receive pre-planned lessons but require ongoing professional development, facilitated by experienced practitioners, to ensure the programme is implemented effectively. Although LT is subject based, it enhances general intelligence and increases students' attainment beyond the particular subject context. This means that it can be used as part of schemes of work and can lead to raised attainment across the curriculum.

In line with the most recent research into effective professional development for teachers (refer to CUREE: Understanding what enables high quality professional learning: A report on the research evidence), LT courses are collaborative, supported by specialist expertise, focused on aspirations for students, sustained over time and offer an opportunity to connect practice to theory. LT courses support teachers to reflect on their classroom practice, develop their understanding of the theoretical underpinnings and promote a discourse on pedagogical content knowledge; in addition, they offer the opportunity to observe Let's Think tutors demonstrate lesson activities.

This course is open to primary and secondary teachers and consists of a free virtual taster session in September followed by four training sessions:

- An online introductory afternoon session providing an overview of the Let's Think pedagogy and research;
- A full-day session exploring key subject concepts, pedagogy and an opportunity to observe and/or team-teach LT;
- An on-line twilight session to review the implementation of LT in a teacher's classroom setting;
- A full day exploring key subject concepts, pedagogy, with an opportunity to observe and/or team-teach LT as well as identifying next steps for individuals and schools.

The Let's Think in English course 2020/21 will be online and include visits to Horn Park School. Dates are to be confirmed. The cost of the course is £215 per delegate.

Where possible it is recommended that two teachers attend a course so they can collaborate and support the implementation of the programme.

*'The opportunity to discuss with other professionals, observe others and be observed by others has been powerful and a very worthwhile CPD opportunity. The LTE resources are easy to follow and I have enjoyed being part of the network – thank you!'*  
*Primary school teacher attending the Let's Think in English course in 2019*

You can learn more about Let's Think across subjects at: <http://www.letsthink.org.uk/>

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