



Stamford Green

Primary School and Nursery



19 June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 and Year 3 'Tutoring with the Lightning Squad'

Next academic year our school will be participating in the evaluation of a reading programme called 'Tutoring with the Lightning Squad.'

This is a reading catch-up programme which is being delivered by Fischer Family Trust (FFT) and is being evaluated by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). The programme and evaluation are funded by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

These three well-established organisations offer high-quality resources to schools. Taking part in this evaluation trial will give us the opportunity to access training and resources that are already tested and proven to support children to develop their reading skills in the stages after they finish Read Write Inc.

The trial will involve children in next year's Year 3 and Year 4, though not all children will take part. Please find attached an information letter about what the trial will involve. At the end of the letter is a form to return should you not wish your child to take part, however please use this [digital form](#) should you wish to withdraw your child, rather than having to print the withdrawal page.

As a school we're looking forward to adding to our tools for supporting children as they are learning to read. As you will see, most children will not take part at this stage. Where reading assessments are referred to in the information letter, these are actually the same assessments that we currently use with all our children from Year 2 onwards as part of our regular monitoring of the children's learning for teaching purposes.

If you do not wish your child to be part of the evaluation trial, please complete the form by Friday 4 July 2025.

I will be overseeing the process at Stamford Green, so if you have any further questions please feel free to get in contact with me.

Kind regards,
Mrs Vidal

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