



“Because every child matters”

**Investors In Pupils
Update 08**



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



1 in 3 West Yorkshire Schools engaged in Investors in Pupils

The West Yorkshire Investors in Pupils Partnership has coordinated the Investors in Pupils award since April 2006. The five West Yorkshire Local Authorities that form the partnership are Leeds, Calderdale, Bradford, Kirklees and Wakefield.

The latest statistics show that 36% of all schools in West Yorkshire are engaged in Investors in Pupils.

The West Yorkshire Investors in Pupils Partnership are delighted to report that 188 schools in Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield have achieved Investors in Pupils.

The summer term is a peak time for Investors in Pupils Assessments and so you will need to book your assessment in soon to ensure you can be assessed this academic year. Contact the Investors in Pupils Team to arrange your assessment.

www.investorsinpupils.co.uk

Our website was launched in July 2006, it provides a useful resource and up to date information for schools interested in working towards the award.

Did you know the Investors in Pupils website had 547 hits last month alone? It is not surprising considering there are case studies, power points, photos, action plans and many other useful resources and information.

Would you like to be featured on this website as a case study or share the impact of Investors in Pupils in your school? If so please let us know by emailing info@investorsinpupils.co.uk

We value your feedback, so please let us know if you have any suggestions for how we can improve the website or any additional information you would find useful. Email your ideas or comments to info@investorsinpupils.co.uk

Ofsted quote: "The Investors in Pupils programme in particular enables pupils to select their personal targets for improvement and to get rapid feedback on how well they are going."

**Ofsted Inspection Report
Rawdon May 2007
All Saints Richmond Hill
Church of England Primary
School, Leeds**

"Investors in Pupils helps you to stand up and reach as far as you can."

**Investors in Pupils Report,
Primary School Pupil**

"Investors in Pupils has pulled the staff together and we are all working towards the same aims."

Class teacher

"Investors in Pupils has helped us to be proud of our achievements."

Primary School Pupil

Below) Staff and Pupils at Raynville Primary School delivered 'investors in Pupils' training, December 2007



Save the Children National Case Study

John Jamieson Technology College (East Leeds Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre) and Ireland Wood Primary School feature on Save the Children's "Participation for schools website".

The good practice case studies describe how each school has embedded Investors in Pupils into the school. Examples include how pupils:

- are involved in the management of the school through school councils
- meet with governors to learn about their role
- help develop policies and school rules
- are involved in assessment, teaching and the curriculum.

To find out more visit the website: <http://www.participationforschools.org.uk/case-studies.html>

31 New Investors in Pupils Assessors

A unique element to the West Yorkshire Investors in Pupils Partnership is the opportunity for achieving schools to have their Investors in Pupils Coordinator become an Assessor. The 'Investors in Pupils' award is valid for 3 years and if you have been responsible for developing Investors in Pupils in your school and your school still has Investors in Pupils Status, you may want to find out how to become an assessor. Training involves participating in an annual assessor update event, shadowing an existing assessor and jointly assessing a school before an Assessor can assess independently.

"Investors in Pupils classrooms tend to reflect a very close harmony between the staff and the children, one based on an implicit equality and mutual respect that encourages humour and permits a relaxed working atmosphere. As is so often the case, it is the intangibles, the "feel" or ethos of the classroom or school that speaks the loudest."

David Boakes – Investors in Pupils Assessor

During the autumn term, the partnership ran both primary and secondary annual training sessions and trained 31 new Investors in Pupils Assessors and 30 existing Assessors.

To find out more about becoming an assessor please email info@investorsinpupils.co.uk



Above) Pupils target board at Boston Spa School, Leeds

"Everyone encourages each other."

Primary School Pupil

"We all have a job, we have to help each other."

Primary School Pupil

"Investors in Pupils has changed the culture in the classroom."

Secondary School Staff Member

"Investors in Pupils is amazing and works, the children are taking responsibility for their own learning."

Secondary School Staff Member

"Activities linked to gaining Investors in Pupils status enable pupils to recognise each others' positive qualities and know how to help each other"

**Ofsted Inspection Report
Rawdon February 2007
St Peter's Church of England
Primary School, Leeds**

4 Secondary Schools Achieve the Award

The partnership is delighted to announce that four Secondary Schools have now achieved the Investors in Pupils Award. Congratulations to Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High School (Calderdale), Boston Spa School (Leeds), Thornton Grammar (Bradford) and Queensbury High School (Bradford). Each of these schools chose to introduce Investors in Pupils to one year group initially and they are currently rolling it out to other year groups. Successful schools have identified the key factor in ensuring success has been to develop and strengthen the role of the form tutors and to review the nature and purpose of tutor time. This is supported by feedback from students on the assessment day.

"We are listened to, we go to form tutors with any problems." pupil

"Students who struggle get good support." pupil

"Investors in Pupils' makes my job easier as pupils understand what the school is about. They are clued up, grow and blossom." staff member

"We wanted to become more of a community and less of an institution." staff

"It affects pupils in unexpected ways –they have more respect for themselves and others- you're able to have really good conversations with them." staff

"Pupils treat the staff better and behave better towards them because they know who they are."

Secondary School Staff Member

"They support each other on attendance - they go for their targets because they don't want to let their friends down."

Secondary Form Tutor

Annual Conference May 22nd 2008

In June 2007, we held a very successful Investors in Pupils Conference at the Cedar Court Hotel in Bradford. Fifty five schools attended from West Yorkshire and Twenty Eight from outside West Yorkshire. This years Investors in Pupils Conference will be on May 22nd 2008 at Cedar Court Hotel in Wakefield. If you would like to find out more information about the Annual Conference or how to register an interest in the award, visit the website. Alternatively if you would prefer to speak to a member of the team, please use the contact details below.

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