



## **Target Tracker Case Study: Hockley Primary School**

# Target Tracker? I wouldn't be without it!

**Headteacher, Melissa Heatherson, and deputy headteacher, Susan Matthews, from Hockley Primary School in Essex discuss their experiences with Target Tracker.**

We have 315 pupils at a beautiful woodland campus in Hockley, Essex, and were rated Outstanding by Ofsted in January. We have a fantastic team of staff who have all contributed to that judgement, and who consistently ensure that we're always moving forward with our whole-school vision to 'Aim High'.

This is my sixth year at Hockley Primary School and I was previously an assessment leader at another school. Target Tracker was already implemented here when I arrived however I wanted to use the software more effectively and diagnostically. We started pupil progress meetings to make sure that staff had an understanding of Target Tracker's functions and potential, giving them the ability to monitor progress and, in turn, recognise areas for improvement or intervention.

The last two years without levels have been a really steep learning curve, but Target Tracker has really helped us in improving standards and preparing for inspection. We've also used the reporting tools to showcase our work and demonstrate progress during the Ofsted inspection process; it's helped enormously.

We're now far more confident in measuring our own progress; no one really talks about levels anymore! We've managed to completely move on and make the process our own, with everyone comfortably using Target Tracker to monitor how we're doing.

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*One of the key elements in achieving our Outstanding rating was how rigorous we are with our tracking; what's great about Target Tracker is that we have all our data available at our fingertips.*

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The best thing about Target Tracker is that it's easy to use and all the information that feeds into it is current. The trainers are very good, and once everyone understands the software, all staff know how their pupils are doing and can monitor their learning journey. The helpline is also really useful as it provides current information when you don't quite know where to go.

As a new headteacher six years ago, it was all very daunting, but Target Tracker made things so much easier. I wouldn't be without it!

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