TOE BY TOE

Building confident readers, one step at a time!

GREAT CHART SCHOOL

What is Toe by Toe?

A highly structured, step-by-step phonics-based reading intervention, usually delivered one-to-one in short, regular sessions (often around 20 minutes).

20 mins



Who is it for?

It supports learners who find reading difficult, including learners with dyslexia or other literacy difficulties.

The learning journey

1 SOUND IT OUT

Practise recognising letters and the sounds they make.

s a t

2 BLEND & DECODE

Put sounds together to read words, including unfamiliar or made-up practice words so learners practise decoding rather than guessing.

s a t → sat

3 PRACTISE & PROGRESS

Repeat and revisit skills in a carefully sequenced way, building accuracy and confidence step by step.



Why do we use it?



- Strengthen phonics knowledge.
- Develop accurate word reading.
- Practise tackling unfamiliar words.
- Build confidence through small steps and repetition.
- Notice and record progress.

cat
shap
mip

The purpose

To help readers become more accurate, independent and confident when reading words.

Toe by Toe focuses on decoding and works best alongside wider reading, vocabulary and comprehension activities.