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Progress report and first feedback with Middlesbrough's LA-wide deployment of Teachers WebFolder

Middlesbrough Council

Middlesbrough Council invested in Teacher's WebFolder for their primary schools in 2010 and deployment started in December. Bromcom provides support and training services to Middlesbrough staff, who in turn train and support the schools.

"Bromcom's Teachers WebFolder has proven to be a huge hit with teachers in Middlesbrough in a very short space of time.

Take 'attendance registers' for instance. What is often seen as an administrative burden has been included into the start of the curriculum day. Using TWF on interactive whiteboards engages the pupils, focuses their attention and this reaps rewards throughout the day.

Schools have evidenced an improvement in attendance as the pupils want to be seen at registration time, and 'lates' have reduced to almost nil in one school.

Tracking behaviour in Middlesbrough primary schools has, at best, been piece-meal and time consuming, but the deployment of TWF has allowed this team to take a strategic role in implementing the Behaviour module, tracking both positive and negative behaviour over time and helping the Senior Leadership Teams to promote positive messages around 'rules and responsibilities' and evaluate the impact of these 'lessons for life'.

It is still early days in the implementation of the assessment module in Middlesbrough, but teachers found the collection and analysis of the first term of data remarkably easy. The functionality built into the marksheets has really helped classroom teachers understand, on an individual and cohort level, where pupils are and where they need to be in the short, medium and long term.

Implementation has taken on a life of its own. From humble beginnings of a phased roll out, the 'jungle drums' between schools has meant that we have had to double our efforts and halve the expected waiting time for over a dozen schools. We have had to increase our target to reach 75% of schools by December, to reaching 90% of schools by September, and with the support of the Bromcom team we are well on the way to reach our target."

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