

Testimonial: Jenny Jones (Headteacher of Anstey Junior School)

Jonathan has worked with the senior team at Anstey Junior School for the last two years.

This has been a very valuable partnership for the school, moving us forward strategically. One of the most beneficial elements was to have training with the same person each term, enabling us to go on a journey of sustained improvement. This led to a proactive long-term view of improving rather than a reactive quick fix to issues.

Jonathan led days with the senior team of the school that provided challenge, information, training and support. He uses a research-based approach and can suggest a range of useful reading material to continue the journey independently.

He also led training for the whole staff on elements that evolved from the senior leadership days.

The benefit of working with him at the initial developmental stage through to the delivery of whole staff training meant that he knew precisely the goal the leadership team were working towards and therefore his training was specifically tailored to match the original intention.

Having someone, who is independent of any organisation and who knows the school and the journey that it is on well, running bespoke training on a regular basis has led to a very joined up approach to our journey of improvement.

All staff at the school have benefited from this work with the school. As a senior leadership team, setting aside time to work collaboratively and strategically is invaluable; adding a new and independent injection of ideas and challenge has added to our dialogue. Yet this has all happened in a supportive and understanding way whereby everyone feels safe to contribute their ideas.

As senior leaders there have been many occasions where the days working with Jonathan have felt like CPD for us, his fresh approach and facilitation of conversation has often created a new impetus or drive around an area of improvement.

I would recommend Jonathan if you are considering taking steps on a similar journey and would like to work with someone independent.