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Carol has a well deserved reputation amongst Bradford schools as an outstanding consultant. The high quality of training which Carol consistently delivers is based on her expertise at both a theoretical and practical level. Training is tailored to meet the needs of the school and follow up support is excellent. Carol has an in depth understanding of the primary curriculum in relation to the teaching of literacy and her sound advice and renowned is valued by colleagues.

The training and support Carol has provided has enabled us to embed good practice in reading, writing and speaking and listening throughout school and ultimately raise literacy standards. Speaking and Listening is a long term priority for school improvement at Greengates Primary. The recently implemented 'Language for Learning' project led by Carol has already had a big impact on the teaching of speaking and listening skills. Participation in the training programme has led to innovative practice and the implementation of a systematic, whole school approach to language acquisition and development. Staff report that children are becoming progressively more proficient in reflecting on and talking about their own and others' learning. This impacts pupils' social development as well as enhanced pupil achievement throughout the curriculum. More focussed pupil talk in the classroom is linked to improvements in pupils' enthusiasm for writing. This has been a direct result of the project and has contributed to raised standards in writing.

I have found Carol's expert professional approach has guided me as a headteacher in focusing the school on teaching and learning strategies that make a difference. Explicit and systematic teaching of speaking and listening is now regarded as a strength of the school and we are currently supporting other Bradford schools who want to develop a similar approach.

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