## **Essex Educational Psychology Service**

Improving lives: using psychology to create positive change



## **Cued Spelling**



Purpose of intervention:

To improve spelling accuracy and fluency.

A set structure is used by the Speller and Helper (adult, or a trained

pupil who has more advanced spelling skills/is older), which

includes mnemonics to help memory retention.

Training suitable for: S

SENCO plus LSAs.

Age of pupils:

7 years+. Speller should be able to read a bit, know at least some names and sounds of letters, and be able to write so the Helper can read what they've written.

Frequency and duration:

Individual sessions for 15 minutes, 3 times per week, over at least 6 weeks.

Examples of research-based outcomes:

(e.g. Watt & Topping 1993)

- Cued Spelling has been shown to improve spelling competence on words tutored and in general (i.e. on words not tutored).
- Evidence of providing double the standard rate of progress.
- More effective than 'look-cover-write-check' approaches.
- Evidence that confidence and motivation improve.

Other information:

Training consists of 2 parts:

Part A – training on the intervention and how to deliver it.

Part B – training on embedding and monitoring the intervention.