



Birley Spa Community Primary School City of Sheffield



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U Can Shine

To Whom It May Concern:

The U Can Shine programme has been running in our school for almost a term and a half. We decided to run it with our Y4 classes because we felt that they would be able to grasp the concept of personal goal and target setting and if this was the case, they would have a further two years at our school to develop these skills.

In addition to being an exercise led programme, which really engages the children, it also underpins much of the work of the SEAL curriculum and in some areas such as 'getting on and falling out' and 'say no to bullying' it had a profound effect with some children. In a mid-point evaluation that we did...I believe this is because it engages with children at a very personal level and gives them ownership and control of their problems.

Shaun is a fantastic role model for our pupils and I know he is working very hard to develop the U Can Shine programme further. The potential for U Can Shine in schools is enormous. It is certainly one of the most holistic programmes I have come across in terms of engagement, motivation and personal development for children. Our Y4s absolutely love it and Sean is currently working with some of our Y6s on refereeing in football - they are certainly more used to falling out than getting on, on the football pitch!

I would unreservedly recommend U Can Shine to other schools. To get the most from the programme I would suggest that class teachers are fully involved with the sessions, simply because there is great scope for follow up work, which would be beneficial to the class and how they work together.

After the development work that Sean has put into the programme it would be a real shame if more Sheffield schools weren't able to benefit from it!

Yours faithfully,

Ian Read (Assistant Headteacher - Every Child Matters)

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