



## Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and... Typing?!

Help your pupils\* make healthy and productive use of IT  
- at school, and throughout their lives

Are you responsible for...

- > equipping your pupils to do their best at school?
- > giving them the best skills possible for their future lives?

If so, here's a **rapid** way to get them **comfortable & efficient** from early on, with the **most ubiquitous tool of the modern developed world** (besides the pencil)...

(\* and while you're at it, maybe your staff would benefit too?)

### A short, intense touch typing programme. Engaging, inspiring & effective.

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#### Touch typing is a good thing for today's youngsters because it:

- > frees creativity (lets them focus more on *what* they're typing, and less on *how*)
- > reduces stress and boosts confidence & self-esteem
- > improves posture, reducing discomfort & risk of injury over their lifetime
- > boosts productivity (helps them get more done, quicker – and maintain interest)
- > is an easy skill to see *short-term* progress in  
(break bad habits quickly before they're too ingrained!)
- > is a life-skill, with clear benefits for future study & employment prospects
- > is a great basis for improving keyboard shortcut skills in all software use (Note 1)
- > will benefit most children, often for hours a day, for their whole working lives and beyond

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#### This course wins over other methods of learning to type because:

- > All the learning is covered in a very short time-frame by using (Note 2)  
Accelerated Learning principles (VAK, mnemonics, multiple intelligences, etc)
- > It doesn't rely heavily on boring repetitive drills
- > It doesn't try to *force* speed, but targets accuracy & motivation  
(speed comes with practice, which needs the motivation!)
- > It's an entertaining and engaging programme (Note 3)
- > It introduces an easy-to-apply and workable practice discipline (Note 4)

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#### Explore this further by:

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- 1.) Controlling a computer with 'keyboard shortcuts' is often significantly faster and more precise than a mouse (and less prone to RSI). Most people who struggle to learn shortcuts, give up because they have not realised it hinges on delegating keyboard control to the 'subconscious'. Touch typists learn to do this, so keyboard control of software is an easy and logical next step.
- 2.) Whereas adults take this course in a single intensive day, for children it is best delivered in two, or even three shorter sessions (2-3 hours max, with break) – if possible, within a single week. Exact plans can be discussed with each school individually.
- 3.) Sample quotes from previous participants: "Made the quite boring subject of typing **exciting!**"; "...**best training course** I've been on in 4 years"; "**Excellent training style** - kept the subject **interesting & motivating**"; "...**fun & engaging. Most relevant course** this year"...
- 4.) People's progress differs but results shared in email correspondence in the weeks immediately following the course include: 6-22 wpm in **2 weeks (366% faster)**; 14-44 wpm in **2 weeks (up 214%)**; 10-41 wpm in **3 days (400%)**; and 14-31 wpm in **one practice session (121%)**!  
(note: with all of these results the speeds registered are at **90-100% first time accuracy**)