



Royal Holloway secondary reading CPD trial 2025/2026

Welcome to the RHUL Secondary Reading CPD trial, which will run across the 2025/2026 academic year. Here you can find out more about what the trial is about and what it will involve.

What is the CPD about?

The CPD was designed to promote confidence and capacity in all secondary practitioners. We hope that it will be a useful first step for all secondary schools in England in developing reading as a strategic priority. The CPD is openly and freely available and more information and links to the resources can be found here:

<https://lara.psychologyresearch.co.uk/projects/dfe-cpd-supporting-reading-in-secondary-school/>

What is the CPD trial about?

The purpose of the trial is to understand whether the CPD is effective, feasible, accessible and useful and to identify any additional resources that would complement the CPD. The CPD resources already link to a **standard feedback form** but we would like participants in the trial to complete a more detailed form allowing us to collect more specific feedback (**trial feedback form**)

In June, we held a kick-off webinar. Slides can be found here

<https://lara.psychologyresearch.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/DfE-RHUL-CPD-trial-kick-off.pdf>

What will I need to do and when?

Below is a summary of what will happen over the 2025/2026 academic year and when:

- **Early September 2025.** Email welcoming schools to the trial and detailing the timeline (this email).
- **By end of the Autumn term 2025.** Please ensure that a school leader from your school has completed the leader package and delivered the practitioner package to colleagues in the school. The training is designed to be completed by all secondary practitioners in the school, including teachers and teaching



assistants. However, we appreciate that schools might find it more feasible to work with a smaller cohort to start with. Please encourage all practitioners who complete the CPD to fill in the standard feedback form that is linked in the CPD resources. You will receive the trial feedback form from the RHUL team by half term. Please complete when you have delivered the CPD. We are aware that some people have started delivering the CPD already so do feel free to complete the feedback form whenever you are ready.

- **Spring term 2026 (optional).** Follow up session after the training has been implemented. In these sessions, small regional groups of schools will come together with the CPD development team to answer questions, enable reflection and action planning and foster discussions between schools.
- **End of the trial (Spring/Summer 2026).** Schools will be eligible to claim a £50 voucher as a token of appreciation on completion of the training and feedback.

Where can I find out more?

All of this information, along with the CPD resources can be found on our website here <https://lara.psychologyresearch.co.uk/projects/dfe-cpd-supporting-reading-in-secondary-school/>

I have a question. Who should I contact?

If you have any questions about this document or the trial in general, please email Courtney Hooton at Courtney.Hooton@rhul.ac.uk or Jessie Ricketts at Jessie.Ricketts@rhul.ac.uk