

TTRS Typing Course

Affinity Appointments (SE) Special Education is launching a new innovative ICT course to be delivered at The Math School Rochester from January 2010

The course is called Touch-Type Read and Spell and it is designed for anyone who has reading, spelling or writing difficulties. It is aimed at students from 7 year old upwards.

This course can help both Adults and Children and is especially helpful for those who are DYSLEXIC or who have Specific Special Educational Needs.

Touch-Type Read and Spell is designed to do several things at one time, it teaches the student to Touch-Type and at the same time it teaches Spelling and Reading, it does this using Phonics. It encourages students to "Spell with their Fingers"

TTRS allows each student to work through the course at their own pace, the student sees the words written very clearly on the screen, hears the computer say the word correctly so the student types the word that they have seen and heard.

TTRS is Multi Sensory so it combines, seeing, hearing and touching.

- Seeing- A series of levels, each of 30 modules, is clearly presented visually to the student as words and sentences
- Hearing- The Student hears the words as they are about to type them
- Each course has at least 6 dictation modules based on preceding exercises
- These are typed by the student and monitored by the computer
- Students are encouraged to SAY the words as they type them

- Touching- This is a kinaesthetic approach, a sensation of movement is perceived by the student. "Talking with my fingers"

- "When I want to spell a word, I just think where my fingers would go"

TTRS has a Phonetic structure

- The words used are presented in phonetic groups
- The order in which the words are presented has been carefully considered
- The order is loosely based on the progression found in Alpha to Omega
- The words on the screen are in large clear type
- This helps to focus the student's attention on the structure and spelling of the word

There are many other facets included in the course and this extra information can be presented throughout the course.

The main objectives of the course are to:-

- Build confidence through measurable success
- Plan a programme of learning that is finely structured and computerised
- Allow immediate self correction of errors and feedback of results
- Increase motivation and show visible progress
- Make sure the student's progress is recorded, reported and accessible
- Enabled their progress to be checked at the end of any module
- Build up a very real sense of achievement
- Build up confidence and morale replacing the experience of failure

The TTRS course will be run from The Math School in Rochester on a Monday after school initially from 4-5 and 5-6 at a discounted price of £10 per student per session.

The sessions are run concurrently with the school term and the course fees are due from the first session. Should anyone be interested in the signing up on the course there is an initial FREE taster session available to see if the course is the right one for you?

Please don't hesitate to contact Affinity Appointments (SE) on either:-

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