

Giving Yourself Ideas

Teaching Thinking in the Primary School

"Thinking is giving yourself ideas" (Emma, 6)

Giving Yourself Ideas is a training pack to help primary schools improve children's thinking skills.

It includes a video (lasting approximately 100 minutes) which features the work of a number of schools which took part in the Norfolk Thinking Schools, Thinking Children project. The video is divided into eight sections on the following themes:

- Learning styles
- Exercising your brain
- Music
- Concept mapping
- Context drama
- Circle time
- School council
- Philosophy for children

Each section is supported by detailed training notes and resources which are suitable for use in staff meetings or curriculum development days. The pack will be particularly useful in helping schools to implement the learning and teaching strands of the Primary Strategy.



The Norfolk Thinking Schools, Thinking Children project adopted an action research model of implementing change in its participating schools. Outline guidance on action research methodology is included for those schools which wish to follow this approach.



The Giving Yourself Ideas video and training pack costs £50 and is available from Carol Burgess, Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, Norwich NR7 9QL (carol.burgess@norfolk.gov.uk).

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