St Mary's Primary School, Ardleigh
Case Study

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One of the most common reasons for a school not to employ a learning platform is due to a previous bad experience. That was the case with St Mary's School, Ardleigh. The Essex-based primary school's previous VLE had been "laborious," according to Sandra Wignall, their ICT Technician. Teachers at the school had subsequently been turned off - and a solution was required.

> *"I needed to replace the VLE we had as it was not being used. I found Webanywhere by searching the internet."*

Sandra was looking for a learning platform that was easier for the staff to upload to, that was colourful and child-friendly and that would inspire both staff and pupils to use it regularly. Another requirement was a separate area for governors and staff to upload documents. Learnanywhere, Webanywhere's popular primary school learning platform, ticked all the boxes.

After a straightforward set-up process, which included on-site staff training and regular contact with the Webanywhere team, St Mary's had a virtual learning environment that was not only easier to use than staff had been used to before - but was also popular with the children.

> "Learnanywhere is very easy to use. The children never need encouragement to use it - they love it. They like it when their work is uploaded and enjoy being able to e-mail their friends."

Learnanywhere is now a central part of school life at St Mary's. It engages the children, teachers and governors - and even allows parents to be more involved in the child's school life, too. Parents can view the content uploaded to Learnanywhere by teachers, via their computer at home.

> "We take lots of pictures and videos of school events and include them on Learnanywhere, which parents like to see. It's improved home and school links. And it's great being able to keep files central for staff and governors to view - and it saves loads of paper!"

Having invested in Learnanywhere, St Mary's are pleased with how it's transformed school life, in a way their previous VLE never did. We're looking forward to working alongside Sandra and her colleagues more in the future, but for now, if they had a message for anyone else considering Learnanywhere, it would simply be this:

> "It's versatile and easy to use and the children think it's great."

About Webanywhere

Established in 2003, Webanywhere began as a school website design company. Since then we have expanded our product range to include VLEs, e-portfolios and other e-learning tools, alongside curricular content. We're an official Moodle Partner and Capita Technical Partner, as well as a Mahara Partner and Google Apps Authorised Reseller.

Our product range supports schools in improving key metrics such as pupil achievement, quality of teaching, effective leadership and behavioural standards. Learnanywhere, our learning platform, is simple and easy to use for both teachers and pupils, and is designed to save time in planning lessons and assigning work.

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