

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Supporting education

Airbus employees are supporting local primary school children with reading and maths

Obtaining quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development.

What is Reading Buddies and Numbers Partners?

Reading Buddies and Number Partners is an employee volunteering initiative run through Bristol based charity Ablaze, aimed at achieving attainment in reading and maths skills by teaching children **to have fun with reading and maths and increasing confidence in their own ability.**

Through the programme, each week during term time around **one-hundred employees from Airbus' Filton site** near Bristol in the UK, give up their lunchtime to visit schools in the areas close to the site to support literacy and numeracy skills through supported reading and playing engaging maths games.

Kathryn Absalom, Head Teacher at Fonthill Primary School said, "The support we get from Airbus is immensely beneficial to our pupils. It is of **paramount importance** because it increases the capacity that we have as a school to give children a chance to practise their skills and **develop confidence and helps them to become better learners.**"

And it's not only the children and school that benefit. The volunteers have each found the programme very rewarding. It has brought them great satisfaction and a real sense of purpose by inspiring the children and watching them develop, as well as being able to 'give something back' to their local community, which has also helped with employee engagement.

Airbus currently partners with **seven local Primary Schools**, all within a 5 mile radius from the Filton site meaning volunteers can travel to school in no longer than 15 minutes by car through a car-sharing scheme.





Airbus and the SDGs

Airbus is a **global leader in aeronautics, space and related services**. Committed to embedding **responsibility and sustainability (R&S)** into its business, operations and supply chain, Airbus has been a **signatory of the UN Global Compact since 2003** (see airbus.com). In 2015, Airbus **adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**, integrating them **into the core of its R&S strategy**. As a contributor to the UN SDGs, Airbus believes it can **play a key role** in alleviating today's most pressing societal and environmental challenges.

How is Airbus relating this to the SDGs?

The project primarily supports **SDG 4 'Quality Education'** by supporting and enhancing literacy and numeracy skills with local children and also **SDG 17, 'Partnerships for the Goals'**.

Our aim is to create a more prosperous world for tomorrow and inspire others to do so as well, and like everything we do at Airbus, innovation is at the core of this effort.