



What to do if you have concerns that your child may have dyslexia

NHS describes:

Dyslexia is a common learning difficulty that can cause problems with reading, writing and spelling.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dyslexia/>

Dyslexia Scotland describes:

Dyslexia is a learning 'difference', which means that the brain can approach things in a different way to other people. Dyslexia can affect the way people communicate, and is different for everyone. It is not just about reading and writing and it has nothing to do with intelligence.

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/WhatIsDyslexia.pdf>

During this time of home learning, if you have concerns about your child's development, particularly with literacy difficulties, working memory or processing information please contact your class teacher via email and myself on:

gw15murraystacy@ab-ed.org

Your class teacher and I can listen to the areas of difficulty your child is experiencing and offer advice and strategies to support children at home during this period of home learning.

When we return to school:

Class teachers, parents and children may be asked to complete a referral form detailing areas of difficulty the child is experiencing which is then passed on to Miss Murray.

Miss Murray and the class teacher will discuss support strategies for the areas of difficulty. This information about how the child will be supported in school and how they can be further supported at home will be shared.

Some time to work on and observe how the support strategies are working will be suggested and reviewed.

It may then be suggested for your child to undergo an initial dyslexia screening test with Miss Murray.

Dyslexia screener tests are typically completed when children reach Primary 4 level, this is with guidance and advice from the Dyslexia Outreach Service Aberdeen, as



the tests involve a certain level of reading ability and phonics knowledge for the child to be able to access the screener test.

If the screener test shows signs of dyslexia a subsequent more detailed test (Dyslexia Portfolio) involves further assessments of reading, spelling, phonics, working memory and writing which can be completed in short sessions with Miss Murray.

The results of the dyslexia screener and dyslexia portfolio test along with individualised support strategies will be discussed at a meeting together with parents, class teacher, Miss Murray and the child.

For additional reading on dyslexia and support strategies please see these links:

Dyslexia Scotland information for parents:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/parent>

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/our-leaflets>

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/InfoForParents.pdf>

What is dyslexia:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/WhatIsDyslexia.pdf>

Dyslexia checklist:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/Checklist%26Indicators.pdf>

Spelling support:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/SupportingSpelling.pdf>

Reading support:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/SupportingReading.pdf>

Maths support:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/SupportingMaths.pdf>

A fantastic, colourful, **free ebook** to help understand dyslexia and helpful supports:

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/e-book/>