



Information for SS Peter & Paul Parents



Dyslexia Friendly Schools should ensure that:

- Parents are given clear early notice of any school concerns
- Parents' concerns are respected and acknowledged
- Information from parents contributes to the child's literacy profile
- Workshops are available on supporting their children's learning

"being an effective school and becoming dyslexia friendly
seems to be two sides of the same coin"

Neil Mackay 2001

Staffordshire Primary Schools are working through a Dyslexia Friendly School self evaluation process. Becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School is one of Ss Peter & Paul's priorities for 2014-15

As a school we believe:

- That dyslexia can be identified as a specific delay in literacy skills which persists despite appropriate support
- That early identification and intervention are critical
- That assessment and intervention begin with the class teacher
- That learners' understanding of their dyslexia, and their views on how they are supported, are crucial
- That parents' and carers' views are important

In dyslexia friendly schools the **focus has changed from establishing what is wrong with the child** in order to make them 'better,' to **what is right in the classroom** in order to enhance the effectiveness of learning.

Research suggest that 30% of pupils at risk of literacy failure can be reduced to 3% with effective dyslexia friendly classroom teaching and "compensatory interaction"

What does becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School involve?

In Staffordshire each DFS completes a process of self evaluation which involves:

- Having a designated member of staff who links with key staff in other pilot schools.
- DFS being part of a school's development plan
- Training and awareness raising for all Staff
- Audit of current practice
- Forming a school steering group
- Preparing a DFS action plan
- Including views of parents and children
- Implement action plan



For further information:

<http://www.dyslexiawise.co.uk>

<http://frameworkforinclusion.org/dyslexiaassessment>

<http://www.actiondyslexia.co.uk>

Books for children and young people

My Name is Brian Brain (Apple Paperbacks)

Brian Has Dyslexia (A Dr. Spot Casebook)

It's Called Dyslexia (Live & Learn) (Jennifer Moore-Mallinos and Nuria Roca)

So You Think You've Got Problems? (Rosalind Birkett)

Dyslexia: A Teenager's Guide (Sylvia Moody)