

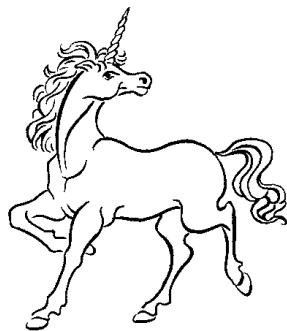
Blossom House SpLD (Dyslexia) Provision

We are proud to announce that we are a 'Crested' school in the 'Specialist Provision Category' (Council for the registration of schools teaching dyslexic pupils) which recognises our expertise and extensive dyslexia support and provision. Many of our children are considered to have SpLD (specific learning difficulties) due to the nature of their difficulties. Dyslexia is considered on the continuum of language difficulties. Our teaching styles, methods and resources benefit our children regardless of a dyslexia diagnosis.

Our specialist provision includes:

- A high number of SpLD trained teachers **OCR Level 5** and **Diploma Level** including the majority of our Literacy/English teachers.
- All maths teachers SpLD trained in **Unicorn Maths Course** (teaching maths to pupils with dyslexia and or dyscalculia accredited by OCN at Level 2)
- A whole school awareness of Dyslexia and ongoing in-house training for all staff.
- Blossom House is running the OCR level 5 course in conjunction with PIE (Partners in Education) in teaching pupils with SpLD.
- 1:1 extra sessions with SpLD trained teachers on a needs basis for Literacy and Maths.
- **Synthetic phonics** approach to teaching reading and phonics reading schemes
- **Cued-articulation** used to support phonics teaching for younger pupils
- **Multi-sensory teaching** and resources across the school
- High-interest-low level reading books and library books
- Teaching of **touch-typing**
- **Brain-Gym** based learning breaks devised by the onsite Occupational Therapy Team.
- Brain based teaching methods e.g. **mind maps**
- Lessons structured to support optimum remembering and learning (different small tasks that increase the 'primacy and recency effect' thus enhancing memory and recall)

- Access to a variety of specialist well recognised **SpLD software** that are recommended by dyslexia organisations such as Dyslexia Action, the BDA, Iansyst including:
Word and Number Shark, Nessy (phonics and spelling programme), Units of Sound, Lucid Memory booster, Clicker 5
- **Assistive technology** in Secondary: **Read Write Gold** (text-to-speech software), laptops, voice recognition software (where appropriate)
- **Study skills** lessons in Secondary delivered by Speech and Language Therapists and SpLD-trained teachers
- **Access Arrangements** for : ELCs, GCSEs, Keyskills and Diplomas
- Visual timetables
- Caring and sympathetic ethos with strong communication between staff and from school to home.
- School planners and timetables for homework/ organisation
- **Irlen Syndrome Screening**: we can diagnose Irlen syndrome which frequently affects children with SpLD and prescribe Irlen coloured overlays or refer for coloured lenses. [Click here](#) for further information



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