

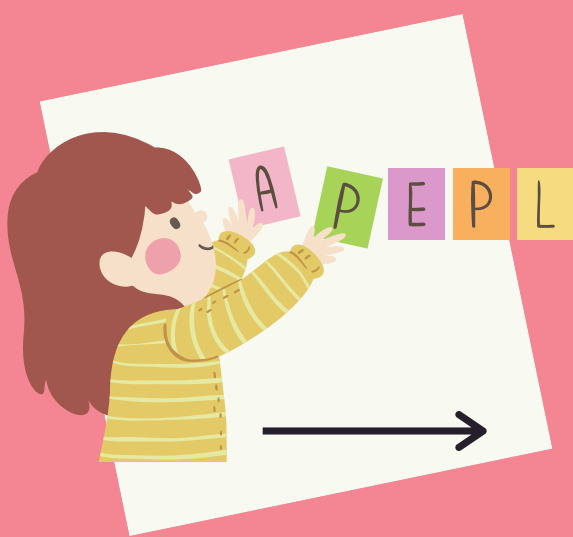
# Are you Dyslexia Aware?

Early diagnosis of dyslexia could make the world of difference to a child who is struggling at school.



## Reading

- Introduce new words slowly.
- Never ask a dyslexic child to read out loud unless they want to
- Use a multisensory approach – audiobooks are perfect accompaniments
- Use a structured reading scheme where the child can clearly see their progress



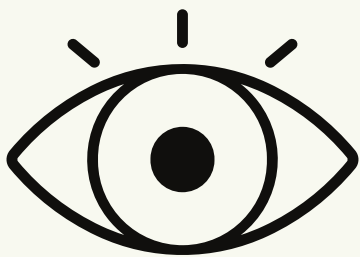
## Spelling

- Remember that poor spelling is not a sign of poor intelligence
- Don't correct all mis-spellings
- Set topic-based spellings
- Use technology when possible to take advantage of spell checkers



## Writing

- Don't focus on poor handwriting
- Use text-to-speech when possible
- Use computers when possible
- Use spelling prompts
- Present a small amount of work



- Always give credit for effort
- Recognise creativity
- Praise, praise, praise
- Give one instruction at a time
- Write homework tasks down
- Write messages down
- Have a visual timetable
- Use a visual planner
- Highlight essential information



## Why be dyslexia aware?

- Early detection & intervention are key.
- Dyslexia affects one in five people – almost 20% of the population.
- It is hereditary.
- Children will not grow out of it – there is no quick fix or cure.
- Research has proven that systematic phonics & a multi-sensory approach can help students with dyslexia learn to read.

**Without awareness, too many children will slip through the net!**

