

# **Helping Hands Tuition: Dyslexia Screening for Primary Pupils.**



## **Parent/Guardian Information Pack**

**'Achieving Potential Together'**



# Dyslexia Mission & Vision

## MISSION

As an accredited, dyslexia specialist, it is my mission to support families and children with dyslexia through evidence-based, compassionate intervention that reduces barriers to learning by building strong literacy skills, confidence, and independence.

## VISION



### Individual

Each child's unique strengths and learning differences are valued.



### Child-centred

A safe, encouraging, child-centred environment where progress is celebrated.



### Support

Personalised, multi-sensory lessons tailored to individual needs.



## **Background**

Suzannah is the founder of Helping Hands Tuition. She qualified as a primary teacher in 2018 and began her career in a P2/3/4 composite class before moving to P6/7, where she spent most of her teaching years. Over that time, she saw first-hand the growing frustration from both teachers and parents who were trying to support children in a system that often fell short.

Driven by her passion for meaningful, child-centred support, Suzannah founded Helping Hands Tuition in 2022 shortly after the birth of her daughter, Eliza. Two years later, she left her permanent teaching post to focus fully on her tutoring business and create a healthier work-life balance for her family.

With a strong belief that every child learns differently, Suzannah successfully completed the BDA-Accredited, OCN Level 4 Certificate: Professional Development in Dyslexia Awareness, Comprehensive Screening & Targeted Intervention to deepen her understanding of dyslexia and deliver evidence-based interventions for the many children and parents needing more support.



## What is Dyslexia Screening?

The screening process is the vital first step in identifying and supporting individuals who are experiencing difficulties in reading, writing and spelling at a young age.

A dyslexia screener is a 'risk assessment' of dyslexia. This is different from a formal diagnosis but it can still provide highly valuable information in terms of interventions and next steps. **Please note: a screener cannot confirm or rule out a dyslexia diagnosis.**

The Delphi Study (2024) found that between the ages of 5 and 8 years, the identification and support of the needs of children with literacy learning difficulties should be prioritised over detailed diagnostic assessment.

## What are the Benefits of Dyslexia Screening?





## **Format of Screening and What to Expect**

The screening is carried out in a child-friendly, purpose-built environment. Children are supported every step of the way, and there are no pass or fail outcomes — the focus is on understanding how your child learns and how best to support them. Your child's comfort, confidence, and wellbeing are always the priority.

Each dyslexia screening session is child-centred and flexible, meaning the exact format may vary slightly depending on your child's age, needs, and confidence on the day.

The screening usually lasts around 1 hour and 30 minutes and is broken into a number of short, manageable stages with regular breaks if needed. Activities are presented in a gentle, supportive way and feel more like structured learning tasks than tests.

Activities may include:

- Parent background information, providing important context about your child's learning history
- A child's voice questionnaire, giving your child the opportunity to share how they feel about learning
- A running record to observe reading accuracy, fluency, and strategies
- A spelling assessment
- A range of activities designed to assess phonological processing skills and working memory



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This is followed by the completion of activities on TALAMO, an online screening tool which further explores key cognitive areas such as:

- Visual and verbal reasoning
- Phonological awareness
- Processing speed
- Working memory
- Reading speed
- Reading comprehension
- Spelling

Suzannah will then carefully analyse all the information gathered and produce a short, clear parent report, including:

- Evidence-based findings
- An explanation of what these may indicate
- Practical recommendations for support at home and in school

Please allow up to four weeks for the completion of this report. All information is treated as strictly confidential. Parents will receive paper copies of all assessments carried out, presented in a personalised folder for their records.



## Pricing

The dyslexia screening is a comprehensive, child-centred process designed to help build a clearer picture of your child's learning profile and to identify possible indicators of dyslexia.

The screening process includes a carefully planned for, one-to-one session lasting approximately 90 minutes. Subsequently, the findings from the session are professionally reviewed and a detailed, personalised report is produced. This report clearly explains the findings and includes practical recommendations to help support your child at home and in school. Therefore, the fee reflects the time, expertise, and specialist resources involved.

It is important to note that screening does not provide a formal diagnosis, but it can identify indicators of dyslexia and help determine whether further assessment or additional support may be beneficial.

**Cost per screening:  
£275**



## Contact Details

I understand that every child is different and that parents may have questions before deciding whether screening is the right next step. I am happy to talk things through and help you decide how to best support your child. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a screener, please do not hesitate to contact Suzannah at your earliest convenience.

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