



Literacy Difficulties at Park Hill Junior School

Dyslexia is a common learning difficulty that mainly causes problems with reading, writing and spelling. It's a specific learning difficulty, which means it causes problems with certain abilities used for learning, such as reading and writing.

Supporting Literacy Difficulties at Park Hill Junior School. When a student displays signs of literacy difficulties in learning, the first step is to complete a dyslexia screening check. This gives the probability of a student having literacy difficulties/dyslexia and indicates the area of need. As a school we share this with parents / carers and staff.

We then use the following to support the student at school:

- Not asking children to read aloud in lessons – unless they would like to
- Test for a coloured overlay to see if this helps with reading – this can make reading easier due to a reduction of visual distortions or improved clarity or comfort)
- Touch Typing – this can enable students to recall letter sound correspondence more easily than forming letters when writing.
- Access arrangements for assessments

We do not seek a formal diagnosis, as the support within school will not change if there is a formal diagnosis.