



TARGET DYSLEXIA

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A GUIDE TO TARGET DYSLEXIA FOR NEW PARENTS

What is dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a type of neurodiversity which simply means that the brain works differently to the majority of people.

Significantly, dyslexic people are no less intelligent than others.

Unfortunately, mainstream education is designed for the majority so it can create difficulties for dyslexic children whose poor short-term working memory impacts on spelling, comprehension and personal organisation. Children who struggle at school suffer from low self-esteem.

More positively, dyslexia often heightens a person's creativity and many dyslexic people go on to enjoy highly successful careers in the arts or science and engineering.

What does Target Dyslexia offer?

Mainstream schools mostly lack the understanding and resources to teach dyslexic children properly. Target Dyslexia provides:

- Weekly tutoring focusing on restoring confidence and teaching techniques to overcome the constraints dyslexia imposes.
- Dyslexia screening as a low-cost alternative to a full Educational Psychologist's (EP) report.
- Full EP assessments where necessary.
- Parental consultations to help support children at home.
- Summaries of the latest research via our website.

Who are our tutors?

Our principal tutor is Lorraine Walsh, a qualified dyslexia specialist who has supported special needs learners in schools for almost all her career.

Lorraine is supported part time by other qualified dyslexia tutors.

Except in cases of tutor absence, all children have the same tutor each week.

Our tutors are DBS checked.



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Why do our lessons work?

Target Dyslexia's teaching principles are the secret of our success:

- Tutors form empathetic and trusting relationships with the children.
- We support children's self-confidence as well as teaching learning skills.
- Lessons follow a structured format based on Lorraine's implementation of the successful Dyslexia Institute Learning Programme (DILP).
- Lessons are fun and friendly so that children enjoy coming.

What form do our lessons take?

All lessons are planned individually but follow a standard format:

- Revising prompt cards produced during previous lessons.
- Short dictations using spellings from previous teaching points to ensure the student has understood and retained knowledge.
- Testing high frequency words.
- Introduction of new teaching points including preparation of prompt cards for future use.
- Comprehension exercise (older students).
- Five-minute game to conclude.

We introduce age-appropriate National Curriculum grammar at relevant points in lessons.

Where and when do lessons take place?

Our teaching room is in Cross & Craig Architects practice at Vine House in Dorridge village. The room is set out in the style of a classroom.

Lessons are one hour long, starting on the hour, between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm each weekday.

Each lesson has two students to inspire mutual support and camaraderie. New students may be taught alone for the first few weeks whilst we assess them.

Our tutors meet students at the front door so it's important that children turn up for their lessons on time.

Parents are welcome to sit in for the first lesson.



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How do our lessons interact with school?

Our lessons integrate with the National Curriculum. All of our students improve in confidence and skills which is soon reflected in their school performance.

We also support and guide parents so that they can ensure their child's needs are being met by school.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from school for our tuition.

What is your commitment?

New students can leave at any time during the first half term and pay only for the lessons received.

Otherwise, we expect full-term commitments from parents. Our programme only works effectively if children attend regularly. We also have ongoing costs and set our lesson price based on payment for the full term.

We understand that children may not be able to attend every lesson so we are happy to re-arrange up to two lessons each term. Re-arranged lessons usually take place during school holidays.

We do not charge for lessons that we have to cancel.