

5th March 2018

Dear parent/caregiver,

Your child _____ has been identified as having dyslexic type learning needs. I would like to invite you to a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING on **Monday March 19th from 6-7pm in Room 15.**

The purpose of this evening is to share information about how the dyslexic brain works, strategies and resources you can use at home to help support your child and what we are doing at school to help meet your child's needs.

I hope that the evening will be an opportunity for us to share experiences and together we can ask and answer questions about your child's learning.

A little bit of background about me and my experiences working with dyslexic children: My 13 year old son Oscar was diagnosed with dyslexia when he was 7 years old. Learning about how to support children with dyslexia then became a passion of mine. At the time we were not screening for dyslexia in our school and we knew very little about it. Since then we have started screening children and adapting our classroom practices to help teach dyslexic children in ways that they learn best. I have trialled ipad apps, computer programmes, spelling and reading programmes that have been designed to help support dyslexic children. I can share these with you and share information about how you can go about getting your child further assessed if this is something you would like to do.

I hope that you can make it.

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