

Blossom House SpLD (Dyslexia) Provision

All of our children are considered SpLD due to the nature of their difficulties and we consider Dyslexia on the continuum of language difficulties. We are working towards gaining **Crested** (*Council for the registration of schools teaching dyslexia pupils*) in order to gain recognition for our extensive dyslexia support and provision.

OCR (Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations) is a leading UK awarding body.

Our specialist provision includes:

- A high number of teachers trained to **OCR Level 5** Certificate in teaching learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD/Dyslexia) and **Diploma Level** including the majority of our literacy/English teachers.
- All maths teachers SpLD trained in **Unicorn Maths Course** (teaching maths to pupils with dyslexia and or dyscalculia) accredited by the BDA.
- A whole school awareness of Dyslexia and ongoing in-house training
- 1:1 extra sessions with SpLD trained teachers on a needs basis for Literacy and Maths.
- **Synthetic phonics** approach to teaching reading and phonics reading schemes
- **Multi-sensory teaching** across the school
- High-interest-low level reading books and library books
- Teaching of **touch-typing**
- **Brain-Gym** based learning breaks
- Brain based teaching methods e.g. **mind maps**
- Lessons structured to support optimum remembering and learning (different small tasks that increase the 'primacy and recency effect' thus enhancing memory and recall)
- Access to a variety of specialist well recognised **SpLD software** that are recommended by dyslexia organisations such as Dyslexia Action, the BDA, Iansyst including:
Word and Number Shark, Nessy (phonics and spelling programme), Units of Sound, Lucid Memory booster, Clicker 5

- **Assistive technology** in Secondary: **Read Write Gold** (text-to-speech software), laptops, Speech recognition software (where appropriate)
- **Study skills** lessons in Secondary delivered by Speech and Language Therapists and SpLD-trained teachers
- **Access Arrangements** for : ELC's, GCSE's, Keyskills and Diplomas
- Visual timetables
- School planners and timetables for homework/ organisation
- **Irlen Syndrome Screening**: we can diagnose Irlen syndrome which frequently affects children with SpLD and prescribe Irlen coloured overlays or refer for coloured lenses. [Click here](#) for further information



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Irlen Syndrome is a specific type of perceptual problem.
It can affect reading, academic and work performance.

We can screen for **Irlen syndrome** on our premises and can prescribe Irlen coloured overlays and/ or refer for coloured lenses.

About Irlen Syndrome:

Irlen Syndrome is a specific type of perceptual problem that affects the way the brain processes visual information. It is not an optical problem.

For those with Irlen Syndrome, the brain is unable to process full spectral light. This results in:

- a range of [distortions in the environment](#).
- a range of [distortions on the printed page](#).
- [physical and behavioural symptoms](#).

It is exacerbated by environmental factors such as lighting, brightness, glare, high contrast, patterns and colours. Irlen Syndrome affects people of all ages. Irlen Syndrome and dyslexia frequently coexist, but can also be separate conditions.

Despite being supported by leading experts in the fields Dyslexia and Vision such as Professor John Stein, there has unfortunately been some scepticism surrounding this condition. However, much like programmes such as the 'Myth of Dyslexia,' this scepticism is unfounded and Irlen syndrome like Dyslexia does in fact exist and is widely backed by the majority of professionals.

