



## Wave 1 SEN Support

# Dyslexia

Things you need to know	Support you can offer students
<p>Dyslexia friendly classrooms are great for all pupils.</p> <p>Dyslexia is often associated with finding reading and spelling difficult. It can also affect processing and organisation. It has no impact on a student's ability.</p> <p>Dyslexia is a 'specific learning difficulty' SPLD.</p> <p>Students with a standardised score below 85 in reading or spelling will be allowed a reader or a scribe in their exams. This will only be allowed if it is their 'normal way of working' in the classroom.</p> <p>Many dyslexic learners are sociable, verbally able, have a good general knowledge and can be interested in current affairs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Use cream paper for printed resources</li> <li>➤ Avoid black fonts on white backgrounds</li> <li>➤ Use blue board pens</li> <li>➤ Allow additional time to complete tasks</li> <li>➤ Give thinking time</li> <li>➤ Say "Hands down I'll choose"</li> <li>➤ Minimise copying</li> <li>➤ Provide photocopies of power points</li> <li>➤ Print out homework with a due date</li> <li>➤ Allow students to record work in different ways e.g. mindmaps, storyboards, flow charts, scribed work, video, oral presentations, diagrams</li> <li>➤ Differentiate tasks e.g. must, should, could</li> <li>➤ Provide opportunities for peer tutoring</li> <li>➤ Provide opportunities for paired reading</li> <li>➤ Allow scribed work when appropriate</li> <li>➤ Allow the right to pass</li> <li>➤ Invite all pupils to read out loud</li> <li>➤ Visually teach spellings</li> </ul> <p>(Mackey 2005:230)</p>