

# St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School



Supporting Dyslexia

Dear Parents

At St Mary's CE School we are committed to supporting all of our children. Importantly we recognise the challenges that are faced by children with varying degrees of Dyslexia. We want to support our children to develop strategies to understand their dyslexia and help them to become independent in their learning.

Each child is unique and will have specific needs. At St Mary's support will take many forms including, providing children with an ACE Dictionary. The most effective way in which a child will benefit from using the dictionary is with guidance in school and by using the same dictionary at home. If resources allow, you may wish to purchase a copy for your child, if you have not already done so. In addition, after a basic assessment of our children, we have funded software 'idCloud', which can be used by the children at home and in school.

We have also established a group in school to help children understand their dyslexia and to provide additional writing support, this is called Think Tank. Whilst funding is not available to support children with dyslexia, we believe it is crucial to support them where possible.

We are also exploring working with overlays and coloured paper to see if the use of these, assists our children when reading.

To further understand your child's dyslexia we direct parents to SCuDA (South Cumbria Dyslexia Association). This provides family support for those experiencing dyslexia in their family. They also provide an assessment for children. This typically costs £300 or a shorter assessment is £60. School is unable to fund this assessment in part or whole and we recognise this is a substantial amount of money. However, if family resources allowed, it will provide you with an in-depth understanding of your child's needs and possible ways to further support your child. Please contact SCuDA for family support, training or for an assessment.

#### **South Cumbria Dyslexia Association**

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[www.scudauk.co.uk](http://www.scudauk.co.uk)

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Another valuable opportunity is to visit **LM Baverstock** in Milnthorpe. They provide an '*Intuitive Colorimetry*' service which looks at the use of coloured lenses to reduce eye stress and support reading difficulties related to dyslexia. Again school cannot fund this service but it may provide extra support for your child.

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TheSquare,  
Milnthorpe,  
Cumbria  
LA77QJ

**Telephone** 015395 62633

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We will make every effort to support children with dyslexia and or literacy and processing needs.

Mr Jones