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## GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET

### Basic Facts for Leaders

# Dyslexia



## GENERAL FEATURES

Children and young people with Dyslexia generally display the following:-

- Difficulty recognising and remembering letter names
- Poor visual tracking
- Lack of intonation
- Mispronounces words
- Difficulty paying attention
- Poor short term/long term auditory memory
- Written work can appear messy
- Difficulty with spelling
- Difficulty with reading
- Difficulty with writing
- Difficulty sequencing events
- Prone to tiredness
- Often display behaviour problems due to frustration

Areas of the BB programme which would present difficulty for the child or young person

## ANCHORS

- Crafts (remembering sequence of events)
- Games (remembering instructions)
- Story (attending to story teller)
- Activities which involve oral instructions

## JUNIOR SECTION

- Written badge work
- Figure Marching (left/right confusion)
- Activities which require a written element

## COMPANY SECTION

- Written badge work
- Drill (left/right)
- Activities which require a written response

## USEFUL STRATEGIES

- Use a multi-sensory programme of activities
- Make use of pictures, plans and flow charts
- Use tapes, video and encourage other ways of recording details
- Provide key word lists linked to an activity
- Allow sufficient time for all activities
- Encourage the use of book markers, coloured arrays

***Please note these are general strategies. Each child or young person is unique. It is therefore important to speak to their parent(s) to gain individual relevant information***

## DYSLEXIA - THE FACTS

- It affects the ability of the child or young person to read quickly and accurately
- Children or young people with Dyslexia often have poor short term memory and difficulty in processing information
- 5-10% of the population display Dyslexia

## AREAS OF STRENGTH

Possible strengths are:-

- Good speaking skills
- Good comprehension skills
- Good spatial awareness

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Dyslexia Association of Ireland [www.dyslexia.ie](http://www.dyslexia.ie)

Disability Advise Network [www.boysbrigade.ie/dan](http://www.boysbrigade.ie/dan)