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GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET

Basic Facts for Leaders

Dyspraxia



GENERAL FEATURES

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

- Co-ordination difficulties
- Difficulties with throwing and catching
- Following sequential instructions
- Getting dressed
- Handwriting
- Confusion left/right actions
- Inability to recognise potential dangers
- Appear awkward and clumsy
- Limited ability to concentrate
- Understanding special concepts of in/on/behind/under etc.

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

ANCHORS

- Games (co-ordination, following instructions)
- Crafts (clumsiness , following instructions)

JUNIOR SECTION

- PT (dressing, poor spatial awareness)
- Figure Marching (left/right confusion)
- Badge Work (concentration, writing)

COMPANY SECTION

- PT (dressing, poor spatial awareness)
- Drill (left/right confusion)
- Badge Work (concentration, writing)

USEFUL STRATEGIES

- Give clear and unambiguous instructions
- Always check the boy's understanding of a given instruction or task
- When writing make sure seating allows a child or young person to rest both feet on the floor
- Sloping surface to write on
- Limit the amount of writing
- Break down activities into small steps
- Allow extra time for finishing work
- In games/outdoor activities be aware of the child's or young persons limitations and allocate a position/activity which offers the best chance of success
- Give extra praise and encouragement

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

DYSPRAXIA - THE FACTS

- Dyspraxia is an immaturity in the way the brain processes information, resulting in messages not being properly transmitted.
- Dyspraxia presents difficulty in coordinating their movements
- Four times more boys than girls display Dyspraxia

USEFUL WEBSITES

The Dyspraxia Association of Ireland www.dyspraxiaireland.com

Disability Advise Network www.boysbrigade.ie/dan