



Specific Learning Difficulties

What are literacy difficulties/dyslexia?

These are difficulties with reading and spelling. They are likely to be associated with visual and phonological processing difficulties, and dyslexia.

What is developmental coordination disorder/dyspraxia?

Dyspraxias are difficulties arising from inefficient motor coordination, processing and planning. They may arise from a number of factors – including cerebellar, vestibular and proprioceptive deficits – and may sometimes be associated with retained primitive reflexes. They can also be associated with other factors such as organisation, language development, dyslexia and processing speed.

What are difficulties with written expression/dysgraphia?

Dysgraphia is a specific learning difficulty that impacts on written expression (writing process is harder and slower). Dysgraphia is a brain-based issue. Children struggle to hold a pencil and organizing letters on a line. Handwriting tends to be messy, and some people struggle with spelling and putting their thoughts on paper.

What is Dyscalculia?

Dyscalculia is specific learning difficulty that impacts a persons' ability to do maths. People who present with features of dyscalculia may have difficulty understanding number-related concepts, using symbols or functions needed to do mathematics.