



Weeke Primary School

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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to ensure that we are aware of any children that may be at risk of dyslexia, we are planning to screen key year groups in the school using a dyslexia screening assessment. The assessment is known as the Dyslexia Screening Test (DST) and we will be using it to carry out assessments on all children in **Year 2** in the next few weeks.

The DST is not a formal test, and each part of the DST is designed to be fun and not at all stressful. It takes about half an hour per child and has four sections, which cover a range of early skills, including the child's knowledge, language skills, speed, balance and hand-eye skills. By looking at a range of skills we find strengths as well as weaknesses, and this can be very helpful when considering how to help your child learn as well as possible.

I want to emphasise that this is a screening test not a diagnostic test. Once the screening tests have been completed, you will only be notified if your child is 'at risk' of dyslexia.

Please complete the attached form if you would prefer your child **not to be screened** and return it to school by Friday 10th October. If I do not hear from you I shall assume you are happy for us to proceed.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Headteacher
SENDCO

Dyslexia Screening Test – (DST)

Name of child Class

I would prefer that my child is **not screened** using the Dyslexia Screening Test – Junior (DST)

Signature of parent/carers

