# Dyslexia: Information for Parents/Carers



## <u>What is Dyslexia?</u>

- 1 in 10 people have Dyslexia.
- Dyslexia exists in all cultures and across the range of abilities and backgrounds.
- Dyslexia often runs in the family.
- There is no cure bit lots of practical things can help overcome some barriers at present.
- Dyslexia is a learning difference, which means that the brain can approach things in different way to other people.
- Dyslexia can affect the way people communicate, and is different for everyone.
- Dyslexia is not just about reading and writing and has nothing to do with intelligence.



## Difficulties associated with Dyslexia

- Problems with reading, taking notes
- Remembering numbers, names and details.
- Difficulty with time keeping, organising work or managing projects.
- Difficulties with spelling and writing
- Short-term memory problems and sequencing difficulties such as following instructions or directions



### Strengths associated with Dyslexia

- Creative and good at practical tasks
- Strong visual thinking skills, e.g., can visualise a structure from plans
- Good verbal skills and social interaction
- Good at problem solving, thinking outside the box and seeing the whole picture

### Identifying Dyslexia

- Learners with Dyslexia will benefit from early identification, appropriate intervention and targeted effective teaching.
- Everyone with Dyslexia is different and will experience varying strengths, difficulties and strategies that work for them.
- <u>Support Tips</u>; help by being, understanding, encouraging, supportive, patient, positive and organised.
- <u>Any Concerns?</u> Contact staff at <u>Bryn y Deryn and Carnegie</u> <u>Centre</u> where we can support learners with Assessments, Personalised Teaching Programmes, Specialist Teaching and

Intervention Support

