

## What will teachers do?

- Teachers will be informed via Year Head/Class teacher/SEN Co-ordinator/Resource teacher of the students with SEN
- Your child may be entitled to learning support. This will help your child access the curriculum and support the child's learning difficulties. The learning support teacher will work with mainstream teachers to help the student reach his/her potential.
- RACE (Reasonable Accommodation in Certificate Examinations) Your child may be entitled to apply for a reasonable accommodation in the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams. These could include:
  - Access to a reader
  - use of a word processor/tape recorder
  - A spelling and grammar exemption

## CCS promotes dyslexia-friendly teaching through

- The use of multi-sensory teaching methods as much as possible
- Use of mind maps and other graphic organisers
- Not asking the student to read aloud without prior notice
- Providing photocopied/typed notes where possible
- Use of keyword posters
- Use of co-operative learning where possible
- Use of assistive technology to support literacy levels, developing reading and spelling and writing support for students who receive resource/learning support hours.
- Typed notes where possible and notes displayed on yellow background on a data Projector.

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## Tips for Parents of Children with Dyslexia



**Transfer from Primary to Post Primary can be a difficult transition for many students and it can be more so for a student with dyslexia.**

Below is a list of tips to help ease the transition:

- Have all the necessary books and equipment bought in good time.
- Help to organise books and get school bag ready for the next day.
- Help to colour code, label and organise books by using timetable.
- Help the student to memorise the name of their year head, class teacher, mainstream teachers and resource teacher.
- Talk your child through their homework routine.
- Get in touch early with the Year Head, class teacher, resource teacher and/or Special Needs Coordinator if you have any concerns about your child.

#### **What will be different?**

- Different teachers for different subjects
- Different classrooms for each lesson

#### **Help with spelling**

- Personal dictionary - write words on different pages
- Look at it, Say it, Cover it and Write it. Check if it is right.
- Check spellings two letters by two letters.
- Break the spellings down into syllables.
- Use of a spellchecker
- Use of subject specific keyword lists
- Use of mnemonics e.g. Never believe a lie.

#### **Tips for students**

- Record homework in the diary; ask a friend if you miss it.
- Write it on the day it is set, write when it is due and tick when it is done.
- To end, check your timetable and pack your bag ready for the next day.
- Colour code your subjects
- Make a copy of your timetable for use at home
- Decide which books need to be left in your locker and which you need to take home for each day, use your homework diary to help.

#### **How to access digital copies of textbooks**

##### **EDCO**

- The EDCO learning app is available for download from the App store for iPad, Google Play store for Android and Windows Store for Windows 8.
- Text-only versions which contain all the text from the book with the formatting, images and graphs removed area also available. The company asks for an application form to be completed and returned with proof of purchase of the book and the student's medical report.

#### **Folens**

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<http://support.folens.ie/home>
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