

Oxenhope Church of England Primary School



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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are well, I wanted to contact you all to mention one of our school priorities for next year and what it will mean for your child.

Over the last year we have noticed a growing increase in children receiving Dyslexia diagnosis, showing Dyslexic tendencies and parents and carers asking if we think their child is Dyslexic. As many of you may already be aware the waiting lists for Dyslexia screening and diagnosis are long and challenging (with Bradford Council) and private diagnosis can be expensive and recommend resources which the school cannot provide.

We have decided to mitigate against these barriers and engage in Dyslexia Friendly Schools. This will mean whole staff training of teaching in a Dyslexia friendly manner (which benefit all children not just Dyslexic children), intervention training for support staff, a dedicated skilled practitioner coming into school regularly to support and advise the school.

We hope this will help move the school forward in a way which will enhance SEND provision for children who find learning challenging, give teachers and support staff more ideas and strategies to support and allow parents and carers to speak to specialised professionals for advice, quickly.

As you may or may not know I have Dyslexia myself and I appreciate how important these primary years are when developing confidence, however I maintain that once a child has confidence and strategies (to know how to learn) the sky is the limit!

Yours sincerely

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