



Cheshire Dyslexia Services

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Covering Chester and Surrounding Areas

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Full Dyslexia Diagnostic Assessments

The full diagnostic assessment of dyslexia offers a comprehensive analysis of how the individual learns and their current academic achievements. The purpose of the assessment is to obtain a holistic understanding of the young persons learning abilities, including strengths and areas of difficulties. It also aims to identify any indicators of dyslexia that may be hindering their academic progress.

After assessing the individual's cognitive abilities, learning processes and writing skills, we move on to evaluating their reading abilities. This includes assessing reading accuracy, fluency, comprehension and phonetic decoding skills. In addition, we examine their ability to recognise and understand words and asseir their knowledge of vocabulary. Overall, the assessment provides a comprehensive understanding of the individual's strengths, weaknesses and areas of need in order to develop appropriate interventions and support strategies for their future learning.

The assessment itself can vary in length of time, depending on the age and developmental ability of the young person. We suggest setting aside between 2-3 hours for the full assessment – possibly longer if your child requires additional breaks. Whilst some assessments take 90 minutes, others do take longer – it all depends on the individual being assessed. The assessment is a rigid standardised process, and it can be quite an intense few hours. However, careful consideration is given to the structure and timings of the session to ensure that they remain happy and engaged throughout. The assessment is presented to younger participants as enjoyable activities that demonstrate how their brain learns. Whilst many of the subtests resemble reading, writing and spelling tasks, we try to approach these in a friendly manner to so that the individual feels at ease. Rest assured that tasks are approached with sensitivity, providing lots of praise and encouragement throughout.

Following completion of the assessment, a full report will be issued within 4 working weeks* and where there is sufficient evidence this will lead to a full dyslexia diagnosis. The full report can be shared with educational establishments (primary/secondary schools, colleges and universities) and will detail onward steps for teachers and schools. Where suitable, recommendations for additional time in examinations can also be provided. The report can follow the young person throughout their educational journey and it can be used to support a DSA application when in university.

The cost of a full dyslexia assessment is £440, with 50% being paid within 2 weeks of booking and 50% being paid 2 weeks before the assessment date.

We do book up a few months in advance so please do get in contact to secure a date for your child's future assessment.

Registered with the BDA and SASC.

**Subject to all payments having been received.*

British Dyslexia Association

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