



Provision for Dyslexic Students

Holy Trinity Academy
SEND Department

Immersive Reader

Microsoft Office 365

Watch a short video about the features of Immersive Reader



Immersive Reader is a free tool from Microsoft that offers techniques to improve reading and writing for people, regardless of their age or ability.

It can help build confidence for those wishing to read at higher levels and offer text decoding solutions for students with learning differences such as dyslexia or visual processing disorders such as Irlen Syndrome.

Immersive Reader can help to improve reading comprehension and increase fluency for English language learners.

It is available in OneNote, Word, PowerPoint and the web version of Outlook. It is also available in Office Lens for iOS and can be used to assist with the reading of web pages in Microsoft Edge

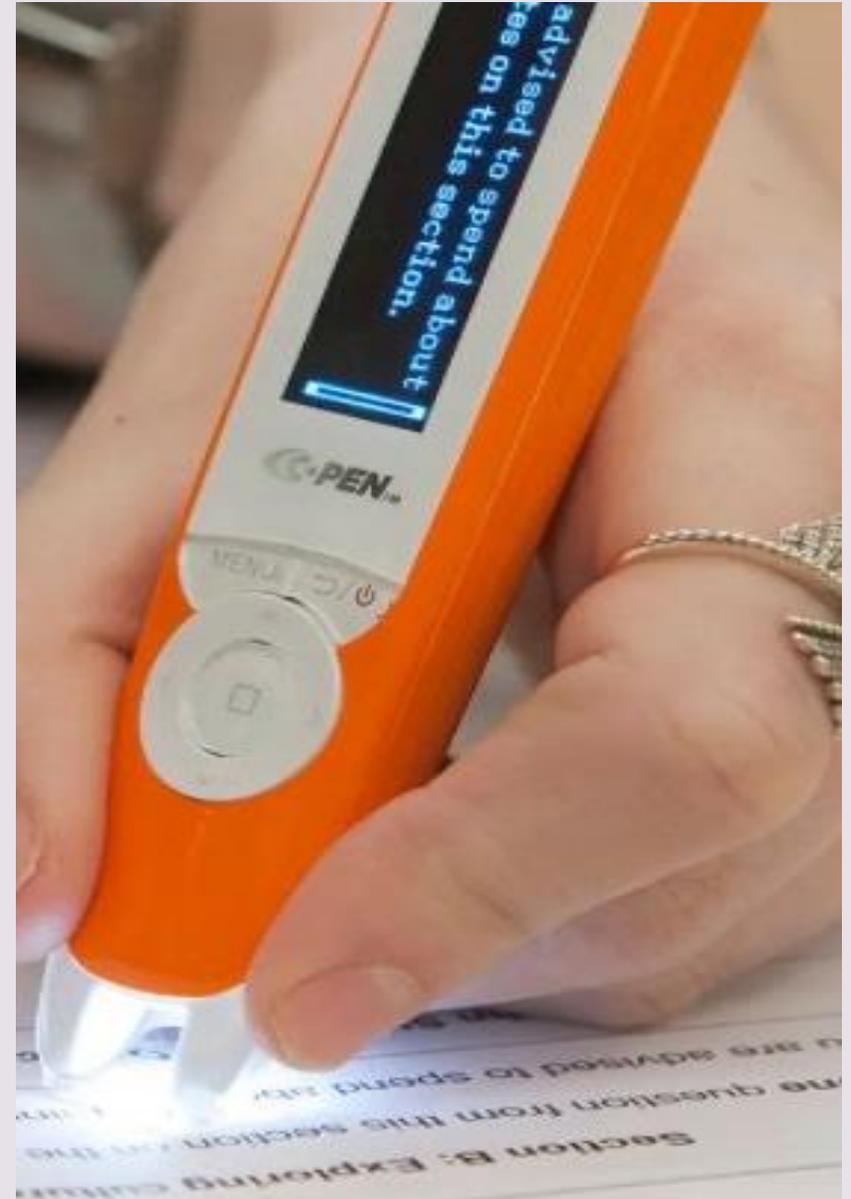
Reading Pens

The department has pen scanners that students are able to access for lessons/assessments/exams.

As well as promoting independent reading these pens are beneficial for :

- Hearing words and/or lines of text read aloud
- Allowing students to be fully integrated with their peers in classrooms by plugging headphones into their pens.
- Providing students who have reading difficulties such as dyslexia with the reassurance that they can independently take tests/exams knowing that they can read and understand the questions.

Our pens are approved by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)* for use in exams and no additional access arrangements are required if this is the student's normal way of working





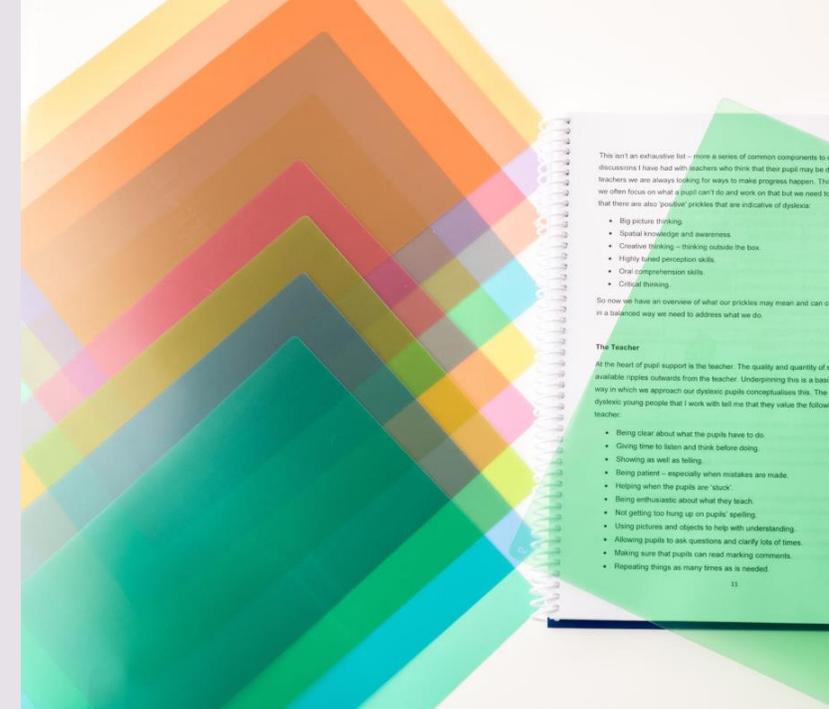
Laptops

Some students may find it helpful to word process and/or spellcheck their work if handwriting/spelling are areas of concern.

The department has headsets available to enable students to use the dictation feature in Microsoft Word. This can be particularly useful for extended writing.

Overlays and Reading Rulers

- Some students may find that their symptoms are reduced by using a coloured overlay or reading ruler.
- We have a screening tool to assess whether this may be beneficial and whether a consultation with a qualified optician would be recommended.
- Please note - We **cannot** supply a diagnosis for Irlen Syndrome.



Core Universal Provision

- We are a dyslexia-friendly school and the following strategies are written into our whole-school Core Universal Provision, which is implemented across the curriculum.
- Full details can be found in the SEND area of the school website

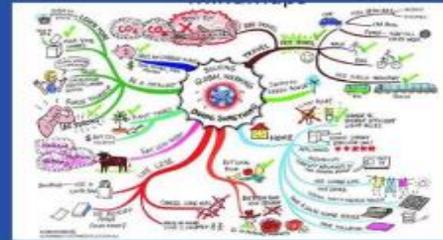
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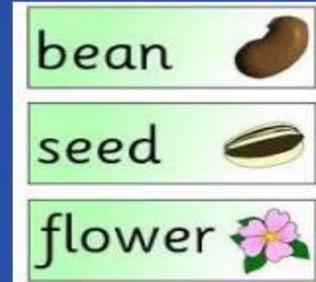
Dyslexia friendly fonts

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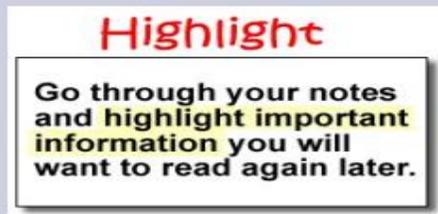
Mind mapping



Vocabulary lists/ glossary



Highlighting key info



Homework club



Access to IT



Visually supported learning

