



Information about Screening for Dyslexia:

Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association (WFDA) is pleased to offer a service for screening children and adults for dyslexia.

For children aged 5 – 15 years

We offer a screening service which utilises the LUCID Rapid Screening programme, a computer programme which tests working memory, phonological processing and visual-verbal integration memory (5–7 years) or phonic decoding skills (8-15 years), looking at the areas of difficulty that are most common to dyslexic children. It is a fun process and the results are available in an easy to understand print-out which gives an indication of the likelihood of dyslexia. We also use LASS and an analysis of handwriting.

This is a useful tool for parents, who are concerned that their child may be dyslexic, and can provide a starting point for either a more comprehensive assessment for dyslexia, or evidence that the child is unlikely to be dyslexic, so that parents can move on to try and support their child's learning in a different direction. This service is helpful for parents who are trying to negotiate with their school or Local Education Authority for help for their child, as it can provide some 'ammunition' for the case for additional learning support. It also helps parents to understand how their child's difficulties affect their learning, and their behaviour at home and at school, and to identify ways of helping their child.

A screening is not a full assessment but provides a probability of dyslexia and should be used as a 'red flag warning' to help parents raise any issues found in the screening report with their child's school. A screening can be the starting point in helping to identify your child's needs; it should not be taken as a definitive report into their difficulties/needs.

The Rapid Screening assessment together with a consultation with the screener, which may also include testing for visual difficulties using coloured overlays if this seems appropriate, lasts about one and a half hours. **We charge £45 for this service.** However, **concessionary fees are available.** WFDA do not want anybody to be unable to access our screening service because of cost. If you are unemployed, on benefits, on a low income or are not able to afford the full cost please discuss this at the time of booking the screening.

For older children (16 upwards) and adults:

There is also a LADS computer-screening programme which is suitable for older students and adults, and gives a swift, objective indication of dyslexia. It takes around 30 minutes to administer and provides an immediate report with automatic interpretation. It tests verbal and non-verbal reasoning, lexical access, phonological processing and working memory. We can also test for visual difficulties using coloured overlays if this seems appropriate. For adults who are concerned that they may be dyslexic, this is a first step to identifying whether dyslexia is a possible reason for many of the problems that they have experienced through school, and into their adult working life.

This test together with a consultation takes approximately one and a half hours and **costs £55**. However, **concessionary fees are available**. WFDA do not want anybody to be unable to access our screening service because of cost. If you are unemployed, in full time education, on benefits, on a low income or are not able to afford the full cost, please discuss this at the time of booking the screening.

To Arrange a Screening:

Please contact our Co-ordinator, Angela Brockway, on 07852 232 509 or email wfdacoordinator@outlook.com, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (during term time). Please note that there is a waiting list for a screening. Screenings take place on Monday evenings, during term-time. It would be helpful if you would bring a photocopy (that you can leave with us) of any previous assessments, IEPs or statements for your child, which will be confidentially stored and passed on to our dyslexia tutors if you wish to join one of our classes.

Screening Address Details:

Child Screening: Bookings on Mondays after school. **Venue:** Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, Walthamstow, E17. Please do not park in the school. Permit parking restrictions outside the school, park further down Church Hill (Church Hill Road and Prospect Hill after 4pm may have spaces). Parking vouchers for 50p per hour can be bought from our Class Co-ordinator. Walthamstow Underground and Bus Station 10 minutes' walk.

Adult Screening: Bookings on Monday evenings, during term time. **Venue:** Walthamstow School for Girls – details as per Child Screenings.

Data Protection Act: Please note that your details will be held on computer. WFDA works in accordance with the Data Protection Act to protect your information. It is held confidentially and will be used by the WFDA only to allow us to assist people with specific learning difficulties (dyslexia) and their families. It will not be passed or sold to any third party.

Future Help: If the screening carried out indicates that your child is dyslexic, it may be that you would like to arrange additional classes for them outside of school. We offer low cost literacy, numeracy, touch typing and handwriting support in small groups, for dyslexic children. If you would be interested in this, please let us know (details as per 'To Arrange a Screening'). We keep a waiting list for our classes, and children are placed as appropriately and sensitively as possible, with children who have a similar level of need.

All our classes are run by qualified dyslexia tutors.

Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association is a registered charity, and all our activities are possible only through grant funding, fundraising, donations, and the contributions that parents make through the fees that we charge for classes.

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