

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

**Question asked by Mrs Sue Whiting:**

“Please could the chair advise which plans are being made for Dyslexia Awareness week in October, as part of the International awareness month for Dyslexia globally?”

**Response by the Chairman:**

The Learning Support Team will be sending out a ‘Dyslexia Awareness Week’ flyer, which highlights this year’s theme, support strategies and signposting links. This will be shared directly with schools, via the Headteachers’ briefing and via SEND news in preparation for the week.

As part of ongoing dyslexia support, training and awareness raising, the following approaches are embedded in the Learning Support Team’s year-round offer:

- The Learning Support Team attend the Local Offer Roadshows and provide information about Dyslexia and support available to parents, carers and other agencies.
- Leicestershire County Council schools are able to book consultations and access a comprehensive range of training to support learning difficulties and dyslexia.
- The Council’s Learning Platform provides schools with the opportunity to sign up to a range of training, includes Dyslexia Awareness training designed at a universal level.
- The recently launched Inclusive Practice Toolkit on the Leicestershire County Council’s SEND website and includes advice and support for Cognition and Learning needs. This was created in conjunction with schools and education services including educational psychology and the Learning Support Team.

In addition, Leicestershire’s Learning and Development Team are hosting a ‘Dyslexia & Neurodiversity – Lunch & Learn’ for all Leicestershire County Council staff on 9th October. This is offered as part of Dyslexia Awareness month and is a one-hour, virtual session exploring what Neurodiversity is and how we can develop an approach that encourages a sense of belonging at work.

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