



# Winterton Community Academy

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Dear parent / guardian

I am writing to inform you that it is our intention to complete a dyslexia screener on all students in Years 8 and 9. This screener will take place in the first two weeks of the new half term (So early in November)

This should cause no alarm and there is nothing for your child to prepare for. It will happen in an assigned lesson in school time.

We have trialled running the screener on all of our new Year 7 intake this year and have been very impressed with the findings. Ultimately, by ensuring that all students have access to the screener, we are able to identify any needs, sooner rather than later, ensuring the appropriate help and support is put in place.

Once the screener has taken place you will be informed of the result. Where there is an identified need, a further diagnostic dyslexia portfolio will be completed by a specially trained teacher to further identify the level of need and the best form of support. If this is the case for your child, you will receive further direct communication from staff in school about this.

It is also the intention to test the reading ages of all Year 9 students to ensure that from our initial assessments in Year 7, all students are making the relevant progress. Again, the findings will highlight whether any further support needs to be put in place and if necessary, you will be informed of this.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Miss Forman or Mrs Simpson at school.

Have a lovely half term break,

Mrs Louise Daveran