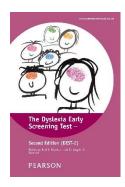
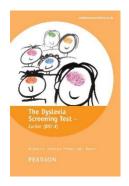
## Cycle of Literacy/ Dyslexia Screening

St Hilary uses the same Dyslexia Screening test that the Cognition and Learning Service use.

This is the DEST screening test for infant children, for children from 4 years 6 months to 6 years 5 months. We routinely screen a number of children at the End of Year 1.





This is the DST-J screening test for Junior children for children from 6 years 6 months to 11 years 5 months. We routinely screen a number of children in Year 3, but will also screen children when a teacher or parent make a request.

Both of these tests give us a 'picture' of a child's strengths and needs. Since Dyslexia is not a disease it cannot be diagnosed in the same way as a medical condition. Since it is best thought of as a continuum or spectrum, the test will give the child a score that places them on this continuum from 0-3:

Continuum of Need

0

2

3

0= No literacy difficulties

3=severe literacy difficulties

The screening test can also be analysed to find out in which areas a child's needs lie; are they difficulties with phonological awareness, verbal memory, verbal processing speed and / or visual memory, visual processing or slow processing?

Then we can design interventions and individual / group support around their needs.

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