

## High Bank Junior Infant and Nursery School



### Becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School

#### What is Dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a learning difference, a combination of strengths and weaknesses which affects the learning process in reading, spelling, writing and sometimes numeracy. Dyslexic learners may also have accompanying weaknesses in short term memory, sequencing and the speed at which they process information. These are skills that everyone needs if they are to learn effectively in a busy classroom. They are also key skills for life.

#### What is a Dyslexia friendly school?

Dyslexia friendly schools are able to identify and respond to the 'unexpected difficulties' that a dyslexic learner may encounter. They are proactive because they believe in the importance of rigorous scrutiny followed by immediate intervention.

Teachers are expected to identify and respond to a range of diverse learning needs in mainstream settings.

#### The BDA Quality Mark

The aim of the BDA Quality Mark is to identify, promote and celebrate excellent practice by schools. Here at High Bank J,I and N we are working with pupils, parents and governors to support our pupils with Dyslexia by implementing the policies and practices leading to becoming a Dyslexia friendly school in 2016.

