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Headteacher/SENCO
All LEA maintained schools

Dear Headteacher/SENCO

Dyslexia Friendly Schools

The 4th edition of the updated Achieving Dyslexia Friendly Schools pack has new sections on information for young people and the changes in legislation resulting from the Code of Practice 2001, the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement - Responding to pupil's diverse needs and Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001.

As I previously wrote, when the original packs were distributed in 2000, "We are collectively committed to the development of an inclusive education system in Norfolk and I believe that raising standards of attainment in literacy is critical to success. Children who experience specific learning difficulties (dyslexia) seem to process information differently than the majority of their peers. They can have different, highly individual, learning styles and teaching approaches need to be adapted to ensure success. 'Achieving Dyslexia Friendly Schools' outlines a variety of ways in which teachers can approach this challenge."

A web-site link for you to get a copy of the above updated pack is at www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk/main/campaigning.dfs.asp Colleagues from the Pupil Access and Support Service will be pleased to provide you with further advice and information concerning dyslexia. Further advice can also be obtained from the Norfolk & Norwich Dyslexia Association and Norfolk Parent Partnership.

Yours sincerely

Dr B Slater
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