



**02/10/2017 13:00 - 16:00**

**Title:** Visual Stress Assessment Training

**Venue:** The Green Britain Centre - Eco Centre,  
Turbine Way,  
Swaffham,

Norfolk

PE37 7HT

Tel No: 01760 726100

**Trainer:** John Rous Milligan

## Virtual School Sensory Support Service

### Visual Stress Assessment Training

**Do you work with a child that could be suffering from visual stress, including squinting, becoming distracted or restless, needing to read with a ruler or following words with their finger?**

#### Outline

Visual stress is thought to be the most common visual reason for reading difficulties and describes unpleasant visual symptoms when viewing text, especially for long periods of time. Alternative names may be used to describe this condition including, Meares-Irlen Syndrome, Irlen Syndrome and Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome.

The prevalence of visual stress has been reported as occurring in 5 – 20% of the population (British Dyslexia Association 2012), many of which suffer unknowingly or may be misdiagnosed. In people with dyslexia this is thought to be higher at around 35-40% (Wilkins 2003).

It is not a diagnosed visual impairment or eye condition and is more like a Specific Learning Difficulty. Therefore, Virtual School Sensory Support is, from September 2017, only able to provide an assessment for Visual Stress as a Traded Service to education settings across Norfolk.

#### Description

VSSS would like to offer a half-day training session each academic year to support staff in settings to assess in-house. These training events will be designed to enable settings to carry out their own assessments and the assessment materials will be supplied by VSSS with extra materials available at cost.

#### Outcome

- Raise awareness about Visual Stress and impact on learning.

- To support staff in settings to assess in-house.
- To explain what can be done to help children/ young people who are susceptible to Visual Stress. (Description of overlay selection procedure and rate of reading, test use of the assessment pack, information about other ways to manage the condition in the classroom).

## Audience

This training welcomes SENDCOs, class and subject teachers and learning support assistants

## Booking Information

Please note if you cancel within 21 days before course commencement, you will be charged the full amount. Bookings should be made through Educator Solutions Website or by contacting Claire Hogston (Resources Assistant) on 01603 704040, or email [claire.hogston@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:claire.hogston@norfolk.gov.uk)

If this course is fully booked or you would prefer different date and location, please check the below course:

14 Sept 2017 09:00 - 12:00 - Norwich PDC

Course code: VSS-0917-T001

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Code: VSS-1017-T001

Price per delegate: 75.00

Sign up deadline: 25/09/2017