

Dyspraxia/Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) Webpage

At The Howard, students with dyspraxia can bring a range of strengths, and we aim to develop these strengths whilst supporting them to engage successfully within a secondary school environment. Dyspraxia (Developmental Coordination Disorder) is a neurodevelopmental condition that can affect physical coordination, organisation, and the planning and execution of tasks. We recognise that this can present challenges within an academic setting. These may include difficulties with handwriting, fine and gross motor skills, organisation, sequencing tasks, or processing instructions, alongside challenges such as fatigue.

What does support look like at The Howard?

At The Howard, we are committed to continually reflecting on and improving our practice. We draw on specialist advice where appropriate and ensure staff are supported in developing their understanding of dyspraxia and inclusive classroom strategies.

On a day-to-day basis, we provide structured and supportive learning environments to meet students' needs. This may include clear routines, scaffolded instructions, chunked tasks, and opportunities for overlearning and repetition. Adjustments may include adapted approaches to note taking within lessons (such as the use of a laptop where appropriate), adapted resources, additional time, support with tool use and strategies to support organisation and task completion. We also consider seating arrangements and classroom layouts to support mobility and access. Staff use clear and consistent language to promote understanding and independence.

We work closely with families and primary schools to ensure appropriate provision is in place from the outset and adapt support where needs are identified later, including regular review of strategies and personalised plans. Progress is carefully monitored, with adjustments made to support organisation, independence, confidence, and wellbeing, ensuring students are well prepared for their next stage of education.

Further Information

Further information on dyspraxia can be found on the following websites:

Dyspraxia Foundation – [Dyspraxia Foundation](#)

MINDWORKS – <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/our-services/neurodevelopmental-services>