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## Brooke Weston Trust Primary SEND Newsletter—October 2023

Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day was held on **Friday 20 October 2023!**

On average 2 students in every class of 30 have a neurodevelopmental condition called Developmental Language Disorder or DLD. The theme for #DLDday 2023 is DLD Around the World!

## What is Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)?

You've probably heard about autism and dyslexia but how about Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)? With 1 in 14 people having DLD, it is time we talk more about this hidden but common lifelong condition.

DLD causes difficulties with speaking and understanding for no known reason. There are serious and long-term impacts, as it puts children at greater risk of failing at school and struggling with mental health and future employment. The biggest challenge with DLD is you can't tell by looking at a person that they have DLD and therefore, DLD individuals often get overlooked for support.

People with Developmental Language Disorder can be as different as you and I. However, it is important to know that with the right support, DLD individuals can thrive!

People with DLD are as intelligent as their peers, but may experience difficulties with:

- understanding instructions
- answering questions
- learning new words
- putting words together to speak in sentences
- reading
- writing sentences
- playing with others

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**DLD** Developmental Language Disorder

**SIGNS OF DLD** | People with DLD will often:

- find it hard to understand words, follow instructions or answer questions
- struggle to find the words to express ideas
- have trouble saying words in the right order, engaging in conversations or telling a story
- have difficulty paying attention
- experience challenges with reading and writing
- struggle to remember what they have been told

**A DLD diagnosis can lead to an individual accessing supports and highlight their many strengths such as being:**

- Thinkers
- Creative
- Social
- Unique
- Compassionate

Learn more about DLD at [TheDLDProject.com](https://TheDLDProject.com)

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### DLD Fact 1

When provided with high quality support and understanding, an individual with Developmental Language Disorder can achieve social, academic and professional success.

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### DLD Fact 2

Learning to read relies on language skills, which are the primary problem for people with Developmental Language Disorder.

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### DLD Fact 3

People with Developmental Language Disorder do not look different from their peers and it may not be immediately obvious.

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### DLD Fact 4


A person with Developmental Language Disorder has difficulties with language not intelligence.

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# DLD

## Developmental Language Disorder


**1 IN 14** people have Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), an invisible, lifelong disability.




DLD is a diagnosis given to a person who has **difficulty talking and/or understanding language**.



Diagnosis is made by a **speech pathologist** however a person with DLD may need support from other health professionals.




DLD is the **accepted term in English-speaking countries** replacing specific language impairment, language disorder and language delay.



DLD affects an individual's life, **regardless of their nationality and language**. Speaking more than one language does not cause DLD.


DLD has a genetic and biological basis, but **there is not a single known cause**. DLD is not caused by how parents verbally interact with their children.




Children with DLD are **4 times more likely to have math disabilities** and **6 times more likely to have reading disabilities**.

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Co-occurring conditions can include **learning difficulties, ADHD, dyslexia, and mental health issues**.



People with DLD can **succeed in life**, with the right supports that meet their unique strengths and areas of need.



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The Schools SEND information report can be found at :

<https://www.oakleyvaleprimary.org/page/?title=Equalities%2FSEND&pid=49>

The Local Offer can be found at:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/send/local-offer/Pages/default.aspx>

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