

## Educational Psychology Assessment - Dyscalculia Consent Form (Children and Young People)



An educational psychology assessment for dyscalculia at the Dyslexia Association of Ireland (DAI) consists of a series of activities to determine levels of numeracy, and other relevant cognitive skills. The assessment covers a range of numeracy skills including arithmetic, mathematical reasoning and estimation of numerosity. Related cognitive skills including memory, processing speed and relevant language and literacy skills may also be investigated.

DAI educational psychologists take account of background information from parent(s)/guardian(s) and teachers. This information is analysed alongside results of tests that are administered by the educational psychologist on the day of the assessment. All referral information is reviewed by the educational psychologist before an assessment appointment date is offered. In a small number of cases the educational psychologist may contact parent(s)/guardian(s) in advance to get additional information.

The assessment process takes approximately two to three hours. This includes speaking with the educational psychologist before testing; test administration with the child/young person; and finally verbal feedback given to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and child/young person (as appropriate). A written report is sent within four weeks. Reports are sent by email but a hard copy can be sent by post if preferred. Parent(s)/guardian(s) can contact the DAI at any time after they have received the report, if they have a query or are seeking extra information.

The DAI will only conduct an IQ test with a child or young person if the educational psychologist deems it necessary and in the best interest of the child/young person. For example, an IQ test score may be needed to support an application for certain specific resources or accommodations.

DAI educational psychologists all have accredited qualifications in educational psychology at postgraduate level, and are guided by the Educational Psychology Dyscalculia Assessment Policy. This policy is reviewed annually to ensure it remains in line with current best practice and the most up to date psychological and educational research and evidence. The policy was last reviewed in 2022.

If you understand and are happy with the above information please sign the overleaf **Declaration of Informed Consent** and return it to us.

Please note that if you are the sole legal guardian with 100% custody, please sign the form clearly stating your circumstances. Alternatively, if one parent is out of contact, please give the last address at which the person was known to live. We will then send a copy of the consent form by registered mail to this parent. If this letter is returned because the other parent cannot be traced then the assessment may go ahead. We do all of this to protect the rights of parents and we thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any queries about the assessment process, please don't hesitate to contact us on (01) 877 6001 or [assessments@dyslexia.ie](mailto:assessments@dyslexia.ie).





Has your child ever had any involvement with a psychologist, speech and language or occupational therapist before? If so, please provide details below and include copies of any reports.

Date	Diagnosis/Conclusions (if any)	Who did this assessment?

Please note any family history of dyscalculia, or problems with maths or arithmetic:

Please note if your child had any significant changes to their schooling arrangements, attendance issues, repeated or deferred a year:

What are your main concerns and when did they first arise?

**Please describe your child's school progress in general:**

**What is the average time spent on homework each evening? Does your child need a lot of support?**

**Is your child aware of the difficulties they are having in school?**

**Please provide details about the type and nature of any additional school support:**

**Please add below any further information that you feel is relevant or may be helpful.**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please return it to [assessments@dyslexia.ie](mailto:assessments@dyslexia.ie) or via post to

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland, Office Suite, Block B,  
107-110 The Windmill, Windmill Lane, Dublin 2, D02 E170.**



**LITERACY SKILLS** *(please comment as appropriate)*

Reading:

Spelling :

Writing:

**Engagement with learning in class** *(Please tick as appropriate)*

- Easily distracted/daydreams
- Fidgets
- Disrupts others

- Gets frustrated easily
- Forgets easily
- Needs instructions repeated

Further comments:

**Please provide a brief description of overall achievement and progress including results from school-administered tests. Please include the name of the test, date and standardised scores.**

Date of Test	Test Name	Result

**Any further comments:**

--

**Name of teacher(s) who contributed to the completion of this form:**

Name of Teacher	Position / Role / Subject	Date