

Lifting Barriers

Lottery Funded Dyslexia Support



FAQs - Schools



What is the Lifting Barriers Project?

The Lifting Barriers project will provide highly effective reading and spelling support for children and adults with dyslexic difficulties in the communities of Preston, Blackpool and South Ribble, funded by the Big Lottery.

Support will be provided through the IDL (Indirect Dyslexia Learning) software which uses sight, sound, touch-typing and voice in a multisensory, structured programme. IDL is very easy and comfortable to use and will improve reading and spelling with regular use. Training will be given to teaching and/or support staff in delivering dyslexia support via the IDL programme.

Community venues for delivery of the support sessions will include local authority schools, who will have funded access to the IDL programme and staff training.

Is my school eligible?

If your school's catchment area is in the following postal code areas, you are eligible to apply for funded IDL provision:

PR1, PR2, PR3, PR4, PR5, PR6, PR7, PR25 & PR26, FY1, FY2, FY3, FY4, FY5, FY6, FY7, FY8

How will participating schools be selected?

Priority will be given to schools within the postal code areas who supported the project by attending CENTRA Dyslexia Awareness sessions. Of these, we will further prioritise schools with the highest proportion of SEN.

I'm not sure if the pupils at my school have dyslexia or other learning needs. Can we still apply?

Yes. Even if your pupils do not have a clinical diagnosis of dyslexia, but have difficulties with reading and/or spelling, this project is intended to support them.

What will our school be doing?

1. You will be making provision for each targeted pupil to access the IDL programme, with support, for at least one hour per week. Each pupil will need to complete a minimum of 26 hours on the programme within the 40 weeks of funding.
2. IDL sessions can be up to one hour long but can be delivered, for example, in several shorter sessions if that fits in better with your school timetable.
3. You will use our simple, short assessment to assess each pupil at start and end of project to measure progress in reading and spelling levels.

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Will we be working with a group of pupils or 1-1?

Students work on IDL individually, with support as and when needed. One teacher or teaching assistant can usually support 3 to 4 pupils effectively on the IDL programme, each working on IDL on their own computers at their own level and pace.

When will the project start?

The Lifting Barriers project starts in Autumn 2011. The project is funded for 3 years, so that we can reach a large number of people, who need this support. Your school may be offered funded support during the first year or, if places are full, in year 2 or 3.

How long is the project?

Your school will be funded to provide IDL dyslexia support for up to 40 weeks in the education year. Participating schools wishing to continue using IDL can purchase the programme for a nominal fee of £250 for a site licence with a £50 annual renewal/maintenance fee.

Will our school have to complete the project?

Yes. We would like every school who is offered funded support to be able to complete the 26 hours with every targeted pupil – this will give them the best chance to make significant progress with reading and spelling.

I would like to apply for funded IDL support for our school. What do we do next?

If your school is in one of the postal code areas overleaf, please complete the following documents:

1. Application Form.
2. Terms and Conditions Agreement.

We will contact you to arrange a training session for your staff.

For further information and any queries regarding the Lifting Barriers project, please contact Ros Hynes on 01257 241428 or rosh@centra.org.uk

Can we view the IDL programme?

Yes. Please visit www.dyslexia-products.com and try the short IDL demo. Then register online for your Free Trial; we will send you a login so that you can have a closer look at the programme and try it out with your pupils if you wish.

Where do we send our application forms?

Either by post to Dawn Brocken, CENTRA Limited, Duxbury Park, Duxbury Hall Road, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4AT, or by email to Ros Hynes at rosh@centra.org.uk.