

PRESTON MANOR SCHOOL

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Wednesday 19th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday 14th October was Developmental Language Disorder Day.

Our wonderful pupils at Preston Manor Lower School are understanding, tolerant and celebrate the diversity of our school community.

What is DLD?

- Stands for Developmental Language Disorder
- A 'new' diagnosis brought about in 2017 previously may have been called 'language delay', 'language disorder' or 'specific language impairment'
- On average, 2 children in every classroom have DLD
- May present as difficulties following instructions, answering questions, joining classroom discussions and using language socially
- May impact on other areas such as literacy development and social-emotional wellbeing
- DLD is a lifelong condition and has no known direct cause
- DLD currently goes undiagnosed for a lot of individuals
- DLD is different from other neurodevelopmental conditions (e.g. autism)
- DLD can co-occur with other medical conditions (e.g. ADHD)

On **Friday 21st October 2022** you may see staff wearing something purple and/ or yellow to raise awareness in school.

For more information about Developmental Language Disorder, you can visit the following website:

https://radld.org/

and for resources for parents who may be concerned about their child's speech and communication

https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/talking-point/parents/resources/

I hope you find it useful information.

Yours sincerely

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