

Dyscalculia - Parents/Carers



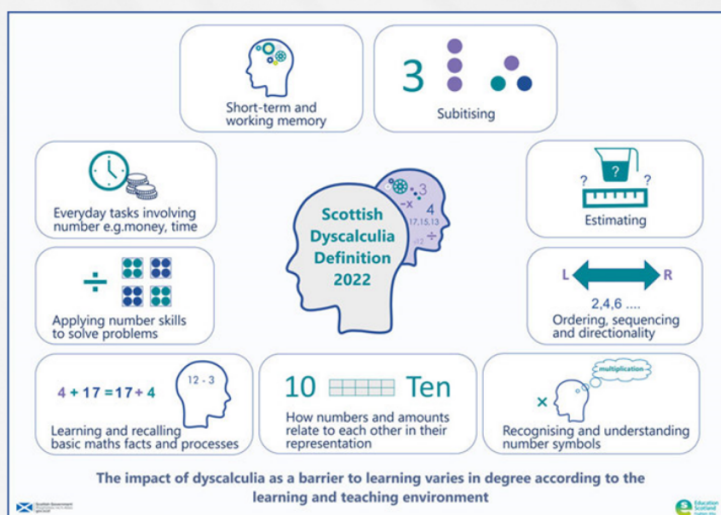
What is dyscalculia?

Dyscalculia is defined as a specific and persistent difficulty in understanding and dealing with numbers, which can lead to a range of difficulties with mathematics.

It occurs across all age ranges, levels of education, and abilities.

It can occur on its own or can co-occur with other specific learning difficulties, mathematics anxiety, and medical conditions.

What are the indicators of Dyscalculia?



Top tips for parents/carers of a dyscalculic child

- Liaise with your child's school: **good communication and good relationships are essential.**
- Ask the school what you can help with at home and practice with your child: **little and often, revise and repeat, is key to success.**
- Use hands on manipulatives at home: **preferably the same manipulatives that are being used in school.**
- Talk about maths positively at home: **your enthusiasm as a role model will rub off on your child!**
- Use real life examples of maths around you: **talk about maths in everyday situations such as when baking, doing DIY or craft or at the supermarket.**
- Give your child/young adult pocket money in cash: **help develop budgeting skills by having money boxes for spending and saving.**
- Use the power of 'yet' when they say they can't do it/don't understand: **say you can't do it/don't understand it yet.**
- Use praise as much as possible: **hearing we are good at something goes a long way to improve confidence.**
- If you consider an assessment or a tutor privately ensure they have the correct specialist dyscalculia qualification/s: **an index can be found on our website.**
- Find support for you: **being well supported you will be in a better position to help your child.**

For more information visit - www.dyscalculianetwork.com