

Education Resources Primary & Post Primary

Online Seminars

A number of online education information seminars are available on our website. The seminars have been developed by three members of our team – Nicola Hart (Head of Member Support); Olive Buckeridge (Early Years Specialist) and Fidelma Brady (Education Specialist). Seminars will be available on the following topics:

- Specific Learning Needs of the Student with Down Syndrome
- Strategies and Supports for Children Transitioning to Mainstream Primary School
- Managing Vision & Hearing Issues
- Language & Communication
- Introduction to Behaviour
- In- Class Behaviour Management
- Literacy & Numeracy at Primary School
- Managing the Transition from Primary to Post Primary School
- Pathway through Junior Cycle
- Accessing the Curriculum – Differentiation of Work
- Mental Well Being
- Dual Diagnosis

Available from:

<https://downsyndrome.ie/online-education-seminars/>

Online Training Courses

The following courses are available:

- Supporting early development for children with Down syndrome from birth to 5 years
- Effective education for children with Down syndrome in school
- Implementing the Reading and Language Intervention for children with Down syndrome (RLI)
- Managing behaviour difficulties for children with Down syndrome
- Improving speech and language development for children and young people with Down syndrome
- Supporting the Reading and Language Intervention for Children with Down syndrome (RLI) - Accredited trainer training
- A Parent's Guide to Speech, Language and Communication for Children with Down syndrome

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- A Parent's Guide to Teaching Reading to Children and Young People with Down syndrome.

Available from:

<https://www.down-syndrome.org/en-us/services/training/courses/>

Online Booklets

- Supporting Children with Down syndrome in Primary School
- Supporting students with Down syndrome in Special Schools
- Supporting students with Down syndrome Transition from Primary to Post Primary School
- Getting Ready for Post Primary School-My Workbook
- Supporting students with Down syndrome in Post Primary School

Available as a free download from:

<https://downsyndrome.ie/dsi-launches-new-education-booklets/>

Differentiation in Action

The need for support in differentiating materials for students with Down syndrome has been identified by parents, teachers and other educators as the syllabus for second level subjects – as presented in current text books and materials – is beyond the level of comprehension and reading ability of many students with Down syndrome.

Booklets which show differentiated segments for a number of subjects: Home Economics, English, Science, History, Geography and Civil, Social and Political Education (CSPE) have been developed. Each booklet offers a number of 'sample lessons' and some subjects also have additional lessons in the form of PowerPoint presentations.

Available as a free download from:

<https://downsyndrome.ie/support-type/families/>

Education Support Pack (Primary & Secondary)

Packs giving information and practical advice and strategies for the inclusion of a child with Down syndrome in mainstream educational settings.

Available from:

Down's Syndrome Association

155 Mitchum Road

London SW17 9PG

Telephone: 020 8682 4001

Fax: 020 8682 4012

Email: info@downs-syndrome.org.uk

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Available as a free download from:

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Programmes

See and Learn Programme

The kits and apps provide all the guidance and materials needed to begin to teach children with Down syndrome <https://www.seeandlearn.org/en-gb/>

See and Learn Number

<http://www.seeandlearn.org/numbers/>

RLI Reading and Language Intervention Programme (5-11 year olds)

RLI is a structured programme to teach reading and language in school.

<https://www.dseinternational.org/resources/teaching/rli/>

Numicon

Numicon teaching kits:

<https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/series/numicon/>

Reading Materials

STRANDS - Strategies for Teachers to Respond Actively to the Needs of children with Down syndrome

Available from:

Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick, Ireland T. +353.61.204366 | E. cdu@mic.ul.ie | W. www.cdu.mic.ul.ie

The Down syndrome Issues and Information Education & Development Series

A series of 34 books and checklists that cover developmental and educational issues from birth to 16 years

- Early Years {0-5 years}
- Primary & Junior { 5-11 years}
- Secondary { 11-16 years}

e-mail: enquiries@downsed.org

Website: <http://www.downsed.org/>

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Classroom Language Skills for Children with Down syndrome ~ A Guide for Parents and Teachers Libby Kumin ISBN: 978-1-890627-11-9

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT - A booklet about language development in the secondary school

Available as a free download from:

www.dsscotland.org.uk

Teaching Reading to Children with Down syndrome ~ A Guide for Parents and Teachers

Patricia Logan Oelwein

ISBN: 0-933149-55-7

Literacy skill development for students with special needs: a strength based approach

Broun, L & Oelwein P. (2007) Dude Publishing

Interactive reading books by Joan Green. <http://www.greenhousepub.com/>

Try Reading Again: how to Motivate and Teach Older Beginners age 10 and up

Horstmeier, D. Woodbine House (CD rom of resources)

Gross Motor Skills in Children with Down syndrome ~ A Guide for Parents and Professionals Patricia C. Winders ISBN: 0-933149-81-6

Fine Motor Skills in Children with Down syndrome ~ A Guide for Parents and Professionals Margaret Bruni ISBN: 1-890627-03-8

Teaching Maths to People with Down syndrome

DeAnna Horstmeier ISBN: 978-1-890627-42-3

Teaching Children with Down syndrome about their Bodies, Boundaries and Sexuality – A Guide for Parents and Professionals

Terri Couwenhoven M.S.

ISBN: 978 - 1-890627-33-1

Mental Wellness in Adults with Down Syndrome- A guide to Emotional and Behavioural Strengths and Challenges

Denis McGuire Ph.D. & Brian Chicoine M.D.

ISBN: 978-1-890627-65-2

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Short-term Auditory Memory – Information Sheet

Available as a free download from: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Numeracy and Mathematics – Information Sheet

Available as a free download from: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Behaviour - Information Sheet

Available as a free download from: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Adolescence and sexuality - Information sheet

Available as a free download from: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

NCSE/NCCA Publications (All Available to download <https://ncse.ie/>)

Children with Special Educational Needs Information Booklet for Parents NCSE 2014

Choosing a School a Guide for Parents and Guardians of Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs NCSE 2013

Starting School Guidelines for Parents/Guardians of Children with Special Educational Needs NCSE 2016

Information for Parents/Guardians of Children and Young People with General Learning Disabilities (GLD) (including borderline mild, mild, moderate and severe/profound general learning disabilities) NCSE

Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs to make Successful Transitions Guidelines for Schools NCSE 2016

Delivery for Students with Special Educational Needs A guide for parents/guardians and students - An NCSE Working Group Report NCSE 2014

CHANGING SCHOOLS Moving from Primary to Post-Primary School Guidelines for Parents/Guardians of Students with Special Educational Needs NCSE 2016

Level 2 Learning Programmes Guidelines for Teachers

Framework for Junior Cycle 2015

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