

June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists in Northern Ireland (RCSLT NI) is working closely with our colleagues in health and education on the upcoming Raising Awareness for Developmental Language Disorder Event on 18 October 2024.

This year the theme is '**Speak Up for DLD**' and we want to celebrate how amazing your child is! We would love to display artwork, stories, poems, photographs, short video clips on what DLD means for your child, what they would like people to know about support/strategies which help them and/or what they enjoy doing in school or their spare time. We appreciate that the content will be age dependent and there are no rules to follow. If your child loves dancing, they can send in a videoclip, or if they enjoy judo, they could send a picture of themselves in their judo gi! They may wish to share what has helped them succeed in school or a story/poem/videoclip on DLD – there are no limits.

Please note that all submissions will be displayed at our event in October – a consent form is attached for completion. We would request that submissions be emailed/posted by Friday 28 June 2024.

We would also like to extend an expression of interest to attend our DLD Awareness Day event at Stormont Long Gallery on Friday 18 October 2024 from 12noon to 2pm. This will be a family friendly event which is being sponsored by Nick Mathison, MLA, along with guest speakers including Engage-DLD and Chris Quinn, Children's Commissioner for Northern Ireland. If you are interested in attending, please email sue.mcbride@rcslt.org with your child's name, year group and school and how many people would be in attendance. Spaces are limited for this event; we will be in contact with all families closer to the time.

We are keen to listen to the children and young people's voice, if your child would like the opportunity to speak at the event, please indicate this on the above email address. There is also the opportunity for parents/siblings to use this event as a platform to 'Speak Up for DLD'. If you would like to explore this, please do not hesitate to contact Sue for a further discussion.

All submissions for artwork, poems, stories, videoclips etc can either be posted to:

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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Sue McBride on sue.mcbride@rcslt.org.

We look forward to your submissions and welcoming as many families as possible in October.

kind regards

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