

## GET TO KNOW ME

- Hello, my name is
- I am      years old and in

### MY GOALS



### MY INTERESTS

### PARENT/CARER VISION STATEMENT

### WHAT WORKS FOR ME

### WHAT DOESN'T WORK FOR ME



# GET TO KNOW ME & DLD

## ME & DLD

We have put this information together, because you have a child with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) in your care. They are very capable of learning, but need some additional supports. Below is some key information about DLD to help you understand the supports needed for a child with DLD. To learn more, visit [TheDLDProject.com](http://TheDLDProject.com).

## ABOUT DLD

DLD is a hidden but common condition. A child with DLD is as intelligent as anybody else but they have difficulties understanding and/or talking for no known reason. These difficulties present in childhood and continue throughout adolescence and adulthood.

**DLD AFFECTS APPROXIMATELY TWO STUDENTS IN THE AVERAGE CLASSROOM.**

A child with DLD may experience difficulties with:

- understanding instructions
- putting words together to speak in sentences
- reading text
- answering questions
- writing sentences
- learning new words
- telling stories
- social interactions

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER DLD WILL LOOK DIFFERENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ACROSS THEIR LIFETIME.**

## KNOW THE SIGNS

A child with DLD may struggle to follow longer and more complex instructions (i.e. “before you go to the car, put your shoes on and get your lunchbox”) and use shorter and simpler sentences when speaking (i.e. “Him running ball” instead of “He is running to get the ball”).

People with DLD can have co-occurring difficulties with behaviour, attention, reading, writing, and motor skills. Together this puts children with DLD at risk of struggling at school, struggling with mental health or being bullied. However, with the right support, people with DLD can be recognised, understood and empowered to live their best life.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Consider the children you know who struggle with reading, learning or social difficulties and consider ‘could this be due to language difficulties?’ Speak to the child one to one and observe their responses to whole group instructions. Children with DLD may be good at copying others, so their difficulties are not always obvious.

If you think your student may have DLD connect them with specialist services such as Speech & Language Therapy. The right support can make a big difference.

## THE DLD PROJECT

The DLD Project is an innovative social enterprise providing evidence-based information, resources and training for people who empower people with DLD.

If you would like to know more, visit our website [TheDLDProject.com](http://TheDLDProject.com) or email us at [connect@TheDLDProject.com](mailto:connect@TheDLDProject.com)