



LITERACY ASSESSMENT VIA TELEHEALTH ONLINE

Information Pack

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

At SPELD Victoria our mission is to support all students with learning difficulties to achieve their full learning potential.

What does it involve?

A Literacy Assessment - Via Telehealth online with a SPELD Victoria Psychologist involves an online/telephone parent consultation meeting, an online assessment session with the student, and a detailed report with assessment results and recommendations for parents to support their child now at home as well as their teachers. Our reports are always tailored to each child based on their individual literacy profile.

What information will I receive about my child's learning?

Based upon the assessment results, the psychologist can provide information and recommendations in relation to your student's development in the following areas:

- **Phonological Awareness:**
Ability to identify and manipulate the individual sounds in words
- **Phonological Memory:**
To recall brief verbatim auditory information and to hold and decode sounds in words
- **Phonemic Decoding:**
Use of letter-sound knowledge for decoding nonsense words
- **Word Reading Accuracy:**
Ability to read individual words, reading accurately and fluently within a passage of text
- **Reading Comprehension:**
Respond to literal and inferential comprehension questions after reading a passage of text
- **Spelling:**
Ability to spell a range of words of increasing complexity
- **Writing:**
Ability to compose a grammatically correct written piece of text

What information will be in the report?

A report will provide a summary of the students' strengths and weaknesses in the areas of literacy that were assessed. Recommendations from the psychologist will be focused on what the parent might be doing with their child in the home environment, and also will include recommendations for the school and how they might provide support. The report will be sent out to your primary email account, within two weeks after the assessment date.

Who is eligible for this service?

A Literacy Assessment can guide parents in what support their child may require before participating in a full diagnostic assessment. If previous intervention has been implemented, this online assessment may provide an indication of whether the support has resulted in improved literacy skills, whether there are traits indicative of a learning disability, or whether to recommend further intervention.

Will my child receive a diagnosis?

The Literacy Assessment aims to provide parents and teachers with guidance and recommendations on how to support your child. Once the child has received the recommended support, a follow up diagnostic assessment can be administered in 6-12 months to determine if your child has a learning disability.

What do we require before an assessment?

Before an assessment the psychologist will require the parent to complete a parent questionnaire and email through the most recent school report, NAPLAN results, and any previous assessments reports (i.e., previous reports from a psychologist, speech pathologist or occupational therapist). We also have a consent form specific to Telepractice that needs to be completed prior to any online assessment.

How much will it cost?

The cost of the Literacy Assessment is \$600. A 50% deposit is required to hold the booking, with the remainder to be deducted from your primary bank account one week after the assessment date. If parents proceed with a diagnostic assessment in 6-12 months, this cost will be deducted from the total cost of a Partial / Full assessment.

Want to book or need more information?

Should you wish to take up this option, please visit our website under assessments to complete our online booking form OR phone **03 9480 4422** and **press 1** to be directed to our administration OR email **hello@speldvic.org.au**