

Making the impossible become possible with home schooling

For many dyslexic children the one-size-fits-all approach of traditional classrooms often doesn't work and can leave them feeling frustrated, angry, singled out and upset. This experience can affect the whole family and you may be left feeling helpless with little choice.

Home schooling is an increasingly viable option for many families. While the idea may initially seem daunting and too challenging, you can tap into your child's strengths to aid their learning and best of all, the whole process is led by them. At home they can learn at a pace to suit them and in an environment they are comfortable with. If a new concept requires several different approaches before it's really embedded in their mind, then you have the time and space to enable that creativity. You can also explore a wide range of technology to support their learning that isn't permitted in mainstream schools. Home schooling is flexibility and that's key.

For many dyslexic students their low self-esteem is also a major issue but the nurturing approach of home schooling builds this up, giving them the confidence to try new things without the ridicule of their peers should they fail.

Becoming your child's home educator can feel overwhelming in the beginning but many parents use a combination of approaches. From finding free resources on the internet and borrowing library books to meeting up with local home schooling groups who often organise some fantastic activities and trips. Online forums are a great resource for answering tricky questions and the many Facebook groups offer a network of support from families in a similar boat.

While home schooling often means one parent losing their potential income, many families then run home-based businesses alongside home educating. You could also sign up for some home schooling courses online where your child will have their own tutor and learning support. At Wolsey Hall Oxford we help parents identify the best ways they can support their child in order to unlock their potential. We pride ourselves on the learning support we offer students and their families including a mentoring service and development of personal learning plans. Your Student Progress Manager is with you every step of the way to answer your queries and your tutor will follow the pace set by your child. We offer a wide range of courses from Age 7 Primary right through to Secondary, IGCSE and A Level. So you can cherry pick subjects perhaps you feel unable to teach your child yourself. For more information about us and how we support children with additional needs, visit:

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You can also watch Alfie's story on YouTube as he discusses his experience of home schooling with dyslexia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJ2FwXaOg0Y>