

IRLEN SYNDROME WARNING SIGNS:

READING BEHAVIOUR

Does your child

- avoid reading?
- dislike reading?
- prefer reading under dim lights?
- have difficulty understanding what he is reading?

While reading, does your child complain that

- the print seems to move or even disappear?
- the print is blurry or fuzzy?
- the page seems too bright or glary?
- he has headaches, sore or watery eyes?

When reading out loud, does your child

- read word by word, or even by parts of a word, if the word is a long one?
- read slowly and with hesitation?
- misread words, skip words or reread words and lines?
- confuse letters that look similar?

BODY LANGUAGE

Does your child

- move around trying to find a comfortable position?
- shade eyes to help eliminate glare?
- move head across the page when reading?
- use a finger to mark the place on the page?
- blink a lot, squint, open eyes wide, rub eyes?
- vary the distance from the page?
- become sleepy while reading?
- become restless and loose concentration?
- have a short attention span and take frequent breaks?

WRITTEN WORK

Do you see

- an inability to write on the line -- writing uphill and downhill?
- unequal spacing?
- errors in copying?
- inconsistent spelling of the same word?
- misaligned numbers in columns?

GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

Does your child show

- poor co-ordination?
- problems with balance?
- difficulty catching a ball?