Deaf and Hearing Support

Information leaflet about the support available for children and young people who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.
What We Do

We provide support for children and young people with a diagnosed hearing loss/deafness from initial diagnosis to twenty five years old.

Support in life transitions to new educational settings and liaise with relevant people and agencies

Support for the social and emotional wellbeing of the child or young person

Support listening and language development

Support the child or young person’s family

How We Help

Support children and young people in their educational life

Advise, support and provide training around alternative communication systems, including sign language and technical support for hearing loss

Peer groups and activities including opportunities to meet other young, deaf people as well as deaf role models

All children or young people are supported by a teacher of the deaf, as well as specialist teaching assistants

Support the child or young person’s educational setting

Provide key worker roles where appropriate
Specialist Support

- Listening assessments and speech discrimination tests to assess suitability for radio aids or other assistive listening devices
- Hearing aids provided by the NHS—regular feedback on functional wearing difficulties and changes
- Ongoing monitoring of use and maintenance of hearing aids
- Training for the child or young person, families and staff for effective use
- Ongoing assessment of expressive and receptive language
- Information on radio aids, assistive listening devices and sound field systems
- Provide advice on acoustic and visual environment to ensure a good listening environment in school/setting
- Specialist teachers and teaching assistants promote deaf friendly teaching
- Provide specialist teaching & interventions to provide language development, listening skills, as appropriate
Assessing Progress

It is important for us to assess and review the progress of the children and young people we work. We measure the progress by:

- Formal and informal assessment of functional listening skills
- Language development and literacy skills
- Tracking progress over time
- Regular feedback to the child, families, educational setting and other agencies
- Regular review meetings, annual reviews, FEHA meetings, My Plan meetings

Levels of Support

- Teacher of the deaf provides ongoing assessments and liaises closely with parents
- Early years settings, schools and the child agree the degree and types of support
- For some children and young people this may be a one on one visit to schools to give advice to staff, for others there may be more regular visits
- Other children or young people may receive weekly teaching from a teacher of the deaf. We also provide one-off interventions for pupils where a need has been identified, to support different areas, eg. Social & emotional resilience, listening skills, phonics
- Support levels are based on individual need at specific times and are regularly, formally and informally.
- Many deaf and hearing impaired pupils attend their local mainstream setting/school and receive support from the deaf and hearing support team, or at home.
- Some children with attend the central provision for deaf pupils at primary and secondary school.
- All Saints R.C. Secondary School is the designated central provision for secondary age pupils.
- We are currently in negotiation with a primary school to establish the Primary Central Provision.
- Deaf children will have higher teacher of the deaf time in Central Provision to support language, social & emotional well being.
At birth, families are offered the opportunity of a screening test of their baby’s hearing in hospital. At the time of diagnosis, the Deaf & Hearing Support Team is often involved. We accept referrals from:

- Audiology department
- Ear, nose and throat department at York Hospital
- Families
- Early years providers
- Schools

Speech and language therapists
- Other agencies

Referrals are always with parental consent.

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