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National Deaf Awareness Week 1st – 7th May
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**SANDWELL SENSORY SUPPORT,
HEARING SUPPORT TEAM**



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NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

13th – 19th March 2023

SANDWELL SENSORY SUPPORT HAVE PUT TOGETHER SOME IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE USED IN SCHOOLS

www.signlanguageweek.org.uk

The British Deaf Association are working with Signature to deliver the largest British Sign Language lesson online, with primary schools across the UK all learning BSL at the same time! The lesson will give children the opportunity to learn BSL from a native Deaf teacher and find out more about the deaf community.

If you are a Primary school and would like to sign up to take part in the lesson, please head to the website and complete the application form for more information



WHY NOT LEARN TO SIGN A SONG?

Sign 2 Sing Charity offer a full tutorial on learning “The Greatest Day of Our Lives”. Why not join Jayne Fletcher Brander aka Fletch and get the whole school singing. Follow the tutorials for a step by step or full song version →

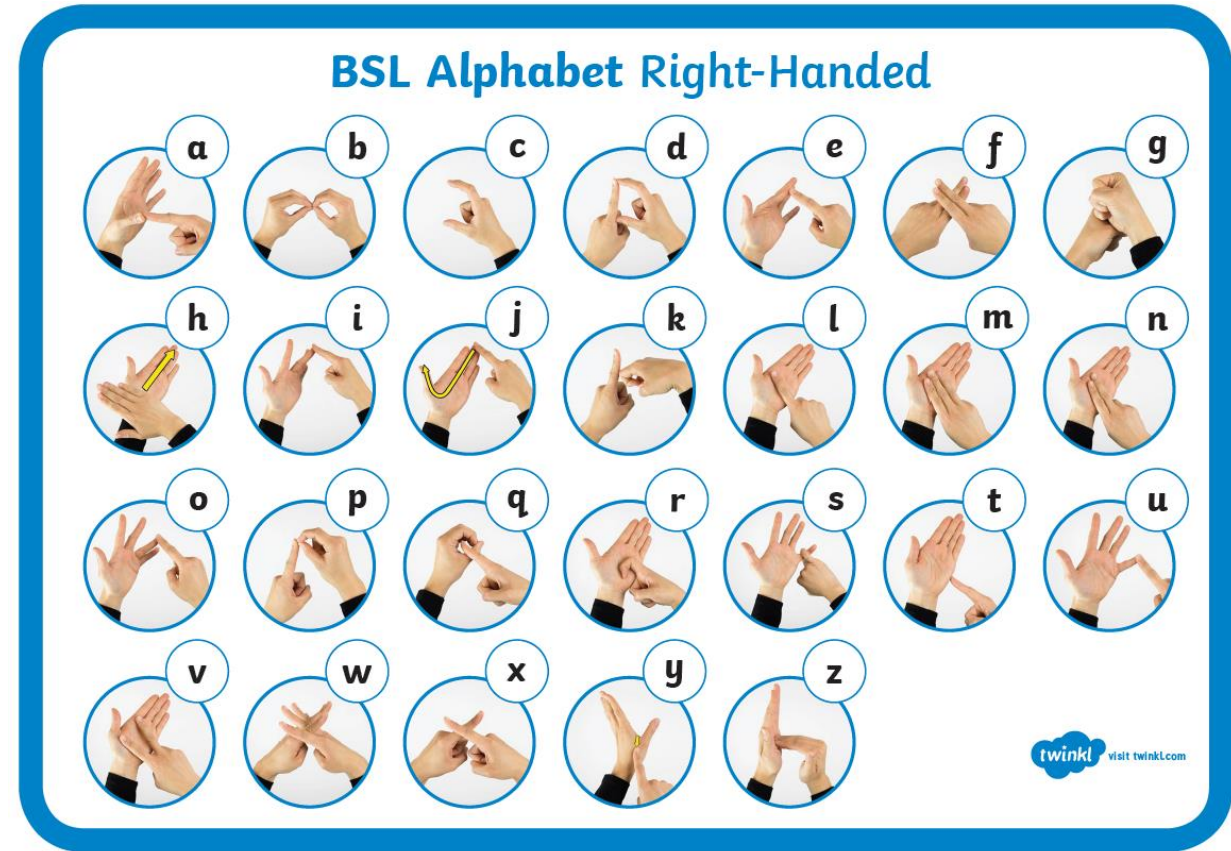


LEARN TO SIGN... THE ALPHABET

Use the video or handout on this page to learn the British Sign Language Alphabet.

Why Not Try...

- Spelling your name, first, middle, surname
- Spelling the names of family members
- Spelling the name of your favourite animal
- Spell to a partner, can they recognise it?

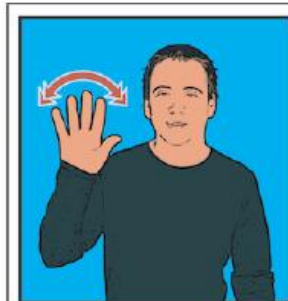


It's easy to communicate using British Sign Language... Why not start with some of these greetings!

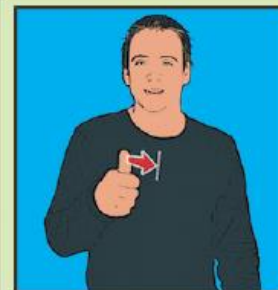
LEARN TO SIGN.. GREETINGS



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - GREETINGS



HELLO



GOOD



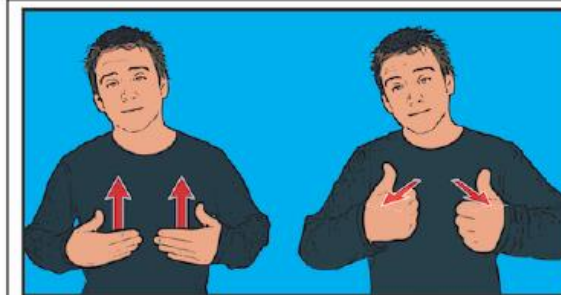
MORNING



AFTERNOON



NIGHT



HOW ARE YOU?



THANKS/PLEASE



SORRY



GOODBYE

STORY TIME WITH BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

Why not click on one
of the links → to
listen to some family
favourites read
aloud and
accompanied by Sign
Language.





DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

1st – 7th May 2023

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK IN THE UK



The aim of this campaign is to highlight the impact of hearing loss on everyday life and increase visibility and the inclusion of Deaf people.

Every deaf child or young person is different. Levels of hearing loss, communication methods and use of hearing technology can vary widely. It's important to remember this and find out what everyone's individual needs are so you can make sure everyone is included in whatever you are doing together.

Whether you're a parent, relative or you work with deaf children and young people, there's lots of simple things you can do to be more deaf-friendly!



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'BE DEAF'?

Being Deaf means different things to different people. Over 1 in 6 people in the UK have a hearing loss; this can be mild, moderate, severe or profound. Some people are born deaf, others lose their hearing due to illness and many lose their hearing as they age.

Some people need to use a hearing aid to amplify the sounds they hear. Others may have a cochlear implant which sends sound to the brain. Some Deaf people do not use any of these.

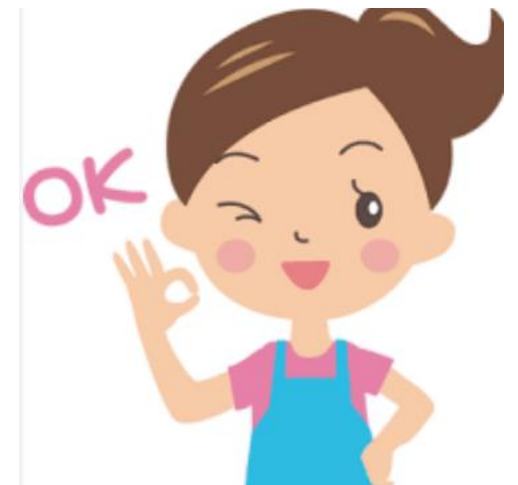
Here are some of the hearing aids and implants you may see...





HOW DO DEAF PEOPLE COMMUNICATE?

LIP READING
HEARING AIDS / COCHLEAR IMPLANTS
FACIAL EXPRESSIONS
GESTURES
SIGN LANGUAGE
WRITTEN LANGUAGE E.G. TEXT MESSAGE, EMAIL ETC



HOW CAN I HELP?



National Deaf Children's Society

TALKING TO YOUR DEAF FRIENDS

Some deaf people speak, some use sign language and some use both.

Find out what your friend does.

Five top tips

- 1 Get their attention. Try waving or tapping their shoulder.
- 2 Speak normally. Not too slowly or too loudly.
- 3 Face them when you talk. Make sure they can see your mouth.
- 4 Use your hands. Point at what you're talking about.
- 5 Keep trying. Try texting on your phone or writing a message down.



www.ndcs.org.uk www.buzz.org.uk

Get Deaf Aware!



Every deaf child is different. Some may sign, some may lipread, some may listen and some may speak. Some may do all of these things. Get deaf aware!



I need subtitles on when we watch DVDs.



DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM?

Talk normally and clearly. Shouting makes you look angry and I can't understand you.



I like it when you wave to get my attention.



I like having deaf and hearing friends.



Make sure you know how to use all of my equipment, and don't shout into radio aids!



I like it when you look at me when you're talking.



I like doing the same as other children and being treated the same.



I don't like people staring at my hearing aids.



Pictures and objects can help me understand new things and hard words.



I need to see you clearly when you talk so please don't cover your mouth.



Please don't stand in front of a window when talking to me, I can't see your face.



Hearing aids make everything noisy, it helps me when my classroom is quiet.



Please talk one at a time, it makes it easier for me to understand.



I'm not ignoring you! Maybe I didn't hear what you said properly.



Please use helpful technology, like flashing light alarms.



Why not learn sign and talk to more children?



Even though I'm deaf, it doesn't mean I can't play the violin!

We asked deaf children from all over Wales to get arty and help us create this poster – thank you!