

Hearing loss

If you would like to talk to a Teacher of the Deaf, please contact Lisa Turner or Lyndsey Hignett below for an informal chat.

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Visual Impairment

If you would like to speak to a Teacher for Visual Impairment, please contact Julie Metcalf or Ian Hebborn:

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Who are we ?

We are a team of Qualified Teachers of the Deaf and Qualified Teachers for Visual Impairment who work on behalf of the Local Authority to support children and young people with a diagnosed hearing loss.

We help families, nurseries and schools meet the needs of pupils with a hearing loss or visual impairment.

The service supports children and young people between the ages of 0-25, who experience a hearing loss, from the time of diagnosis through to leaving full time school based education.

The Teachers of the Deaf/ Visual impairment work in partnership with parents/carers, all school staff, teachers, health professional and any other relevant agencies in order to ensure the best educational provision for children and young people.

How Can We Help?

Advise and give information to parents/carers, all school staff and any other relevant professionals or agencies, on different strategies for supporting the child

Provide advice and support to nurseries and schools to enhance learning opportunities.

Provide in service training for people working with children and young people with a hearing loss or visual impairment in an educational setting.

Provide advice on different forms of communication, including aural, sign language or total communication.

Provide the level of support each individual child needs to access the school curriculum.

For visual impairment: Assess and support the development of functional visual skills (how the child functions with their residual vision) and offer recommendations on how their needs can best be met.

How to access support

The service operates an open referral policy. For children with a hearing loss, the child has to have been seen by audiology and has a diagnosed hearing loss.

Referrals are accepted from parents or any other person involved with the child. The majority of referrals come through education or health professionals via a Named Child Form found on the Local Offer. Parental agreement **must** be obtained.

How do we allocate support?

The Service for Sensory Impairment allocates support using criteria from the National Sensory Impairment Partnership (NatSIP). This ensures equity of provision.

How is our support delivered?

Support will usually take place in a school or nursery setting. Babies may be seen at home or in appointments with other professionals at times.