

Worried that your child may have a hearing loss?

Here is some useful advice if you suspect your child may be having difficulty hearing.

Why do you suspect your child may have a hearing loss?

- They don't respond when there is background noise?
- They are turning up the television to be able to hear it?
- Not responding if you call them from some distance away, e.g. calling them when they are upstairs and you are downstairs?
- They are mishearing things you say and becoming muddled or confused?
- Their speech appears affected, such as, missing initial sounds.
- They failed the school hearing test.

First steps

- Make an appointment with the GP
- Speak to their class teacher to establish if there are any problems at school with listening.

What happens next?

- The GP will make a referral to the Hearing Assessment Clinic (HAC)
- HAC will test your child's hearing in a specially designed audiology room.
- HAC will provide detailed information about your child's hearing.

How and when would a SENDsuccess Teacher of the Deaf become involved?

- A teacher of the Deaf would become involved after a formal diagnosis of a hearing loss has been given.
- Our involvement would depend on the type and degree of hearing loss.
- On receiving a referral from the HAC, we would make contact with school and/or families.

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If a diagnosis has been given where can schools and families find further information/support?

- National Deaf Childs Society (ndcs.org.uk) - provide lots of useful information for schools and parents.
- Action on Hearing Loss (www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk)
- [Forresters](#) (North East London Deaf Children's Society)
- SENDsuccess website (sendsuccess.org.uk)

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