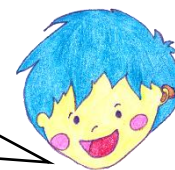


Sensory Service for Hearing Impairment

Welcome to the third edition of our Sensory Service Newsletter for Primary School aged learners - filled with tips and ideas to help you all stay happy & healthy - and keep learning!



A note to parents & carers:

We are sending advice to schools to help them consider the needs of HI pupils with regard to communication, social distancing and audiology equipment. If you are worried your Teacher of the Deaf is available to help! However, increasing your child's independent skills can make for a smoother transition back into school life. Depending upon their age and developmental level, you could tackle:

- Independent life skills including cleaning and putting own ear moulds in, doing up own buttons and shoelaces.
- Maintaining a healthy routine and beginning to move back towards a routine of a school day.
- Lunches – sending your child in with items they can open independently & checking they know how to use a knife and fork if having school dinners.



Chat to your child: school might look very different, but teachers will explain the new rules – emphasise the importance of following teacher guidance.

- Learning to wait – your child may have been able to get an instant reply to questions during home learning, but at school they may need to wait for an adult! This may take some getting used to 😊
- Its okay to get things wrong – we learn through making mistakes... don't give up and try to work things out yourself when possible.
- Some children will be continuing to shield, so you might not see all your friends in school. Your friends might not be in the same group as you.
- If you are shielding, you can still practice independence in your home learning tasks.

It will soon be
summer holidays.

Try to get out, have
fun and be active
even if things look a
little different!

Stay in contact with your friends, but remember to follow the guidance on social distancing if you meet up!

Remember to **#BeKind** in your conversations with friends on social media. If a conversation or situation upsets you, always tell an adult.

Beware of “over-sharing” personal information.



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