



HI Sensory Support Newsletter May 2020

Hello, we hope you are safe and well.

Welcome to our first newsletter for children and young people with a hearing loss and their families. We hope you find the information useful. We would love to have your input on our future newsletters, so if you have a story or achievement to share, please send your suggestions to senandinclusion@peterborough.gov.uk

Deaf Awareness Week 4th - 10th May 2020



This year's theme is 'acquired deafness'. About 50,000 children have a hearing loss in the UK, around ½ lose their hearing after birth.* Find out more about different types of deafness on [The Buzz](#) and [NDCS](#) websites.

The Buzz
The website for deaf young people



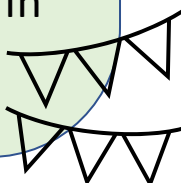
How can we raise 'Deaf Awareness' during lockdown?

Why not try making posters or bunting to add to your windows or making your own video that you can share with friends or your school?

We'd love to share photos of your posters in the next newsletter. Get in touch through the email above.



(last year's poster)

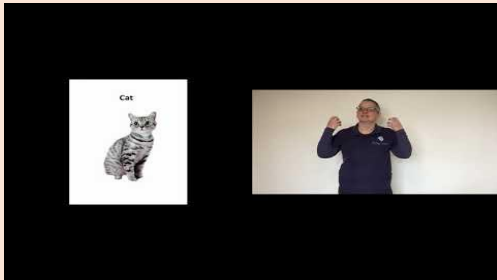


* Statistics taken from www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

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Learn BSL

Do you want to learn BSL so that you can communicate better with deaf friends or family? [Doncaster Deaf Trust](#) are currently offering free level 1 courses.



Nicki from My Sign Tuition has created a video of the [first 100 words in BSL](#). Why not challenge yourself and family members to see who can learn the most!

Learn how to spell your name using BSL [fingerspelling](#).

Want to keep fit in lock down? Join in with James for signed keep fit sessions [here](#).



Cambridgeshire
Deaf Association

Keep in touch with friends or make new ones at a [CDA drop-in session](#). Currently they are hosting them online via Zoom.



Children's guide to [Coronavirus in BSL](#).

Lockdown Alphabet Challenge!
[Watch Daniel](#) taking part in a 2.6 challenge to support his chosen charity – Hearing Dogs.

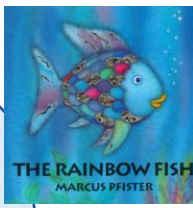


Do you need BSL support during health appointments? "[BSL Health Access](#)" can help.





Do you like stories?
 The [RAD](#) and [Frank Barnes school for the Deaf](#) are regularly uploading videos of well-known children's stories in BSL. For read along versions with signed options also, visit the [BookTrust](#).



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For support for your child's listening and communication skills, follow a home learning and support programme from the [Elizabeth Foundation](#), for children from birth to 5 years. Access is currently free!



The [Pamis](#) website is offering a whole host of multi-sensory ideas and activities getting the whole family involved, including multi-sensory stories, drama, sensory crafts, art sessions and sporting activities.



[BBC Bitesize](#) are uploading new lessons daily to support home learning.



Activities and Resources

If you would like more suggestions on activities and resources available to support home learning, they can be found on our [Local Offer](#) page.

Technology Problems?

If you are having problems with your hearing technology or need new moulds, you can still contact your normal audiology department for help.



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Contacting Sensory Support

- Call / text / email your specialist teacher directly
- Phone or text the duty line between 10-11am 07970 492948 (Sara Brierton) or 07816 597785 (Megan Williams)
- Phone or email the main office and they will pass on your message to your specialist teacher 01733 864720 (n.b. during lockdown period only)
senandinclusion@peterborough.gov.uk

Need Extra Support?



Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People



CHUMS The Mental Health and Wellbeing Service are currently offering [virtual drop-ins](#) for children, young people, parents and professionals needing extra support.

The [Local Offer](#) page has regularly updated advice on SEND services. You can access more information about support services available during the Coronavirus pandemic on the main [council website](#).