

## *Useful Links*

Dudley Deaf Children's Society  
07912 795 930  
Membership Secretary, Mrs Shelagh James  
01902 887195

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London  
EC1Y 8UR  
London  
Helpline@ndcs.org.uk  
www.ndcs.org.uk

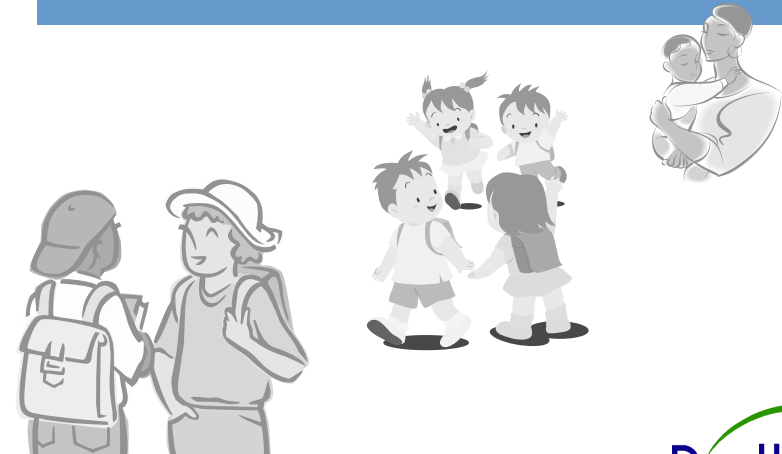
Dudley Parent Partnership Service  
Trafalgar House, 47-49 King Street  
Dudley, DY2 8PS Tel:01384 236677

For more information please contact:  
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The Hearing Impairment Service  
The Mere Education Centre, Lawnswood Road,  
Wordsley, Stourbridge  
DY8 5PQ  
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People Directorate  
**Hearing Impairment Service**

# Supporting Children with a Hearing Impairment



### **Who are we?**

The Hearing Impairment Service is a team of qualified Teachers of the Deaf, Specialist Teaching Assistants and a Deaf Support Worker who support children with hearing difficulties across Dudley.

### **What is our role?**

- To work in partnership with families offering support and information regarding hearing difficulties.
- To provide information, advice and training to college, school and nursery staff.
- To provide specialist teaching and support to children with a hearing impairment.
- To assess functional hearing.
- To support and advise on the use of specialist equipment e.g. hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM radio systems.
- To develop listening and language skills.
- To give advice on the modification of teaching materials and access arrangements for examinations.
- To contribute to individual communication programmes
- To liaise with other professionals in Social Care, Audiologists at the Hearing Centre, ENT Consultants, Speech and Language Therapists and Educational Psychologists and Voluntary organisations.

### **What age group do we see?**

From birth to 16 years (or to 19 by arrangement)

### **Where do we see your child?**

At Home, Nursery or Early Years Setting, Playgroup, School, at College (by arrangement).

### **Which children should be referred?**

Any child with a diagnosed hearing impairment.

### **Who may refer?**

- Parents/Carers
- School staff
- Nursery/Early years setting
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Hearing Centre
- ENT Consultants
- School Health Advisor

### **What to do if you think your child may have a problem**

- For pre-school children, contact The Hearing Centre 01384 321266 and ask for a hearing test appointment.
- For school age children. Ask school to make an appointment for a hearing test with your School Health Advisor.