

Where do we get help?

Ask your School Health Adviser to do a hearing test.

Refer for a Hearing Test to:

Brierley Hill Health and
Social Care Centre
Venture Way
Brierley Hill
DY5 1JF
Tel: 01384 321266

*For details on Parent Workshops or information
contact:*

The Hearing Impairment Service
Council House
Mary Stevens Park
Stourbridge
DY8 2AA
Website: www.dudley.gov.uk/sis

Tel: 01384 818009
Text: 07827 873498



Directorate of Children's Services

Hearing Impairment Service

Hearing Loss?



Some
warning
signs

A hearing loss is very common in young children. This can be a temporary condition as in 'glue ear' or it may be permanent.

Research indicates that 1 in 4 pupils are affected by hearing loss at any time during their early years.

Some Warning Signs that may indicate a hearing problem.

- Child does not respond when called
- Speech is delayed
- Speech is unclear or slushy. Some sounds are mispronounced or omitted
- Unstressed words in speech eg in, on are omitted
- Watches face of speaker intently
- Reluctant to speak—may nod or gesture
- May display temper tantrums, frustration through inappropriate behaviour
- Inaccurate use of tenses
- Difficulty focusing during circle and story time
- Frequently asks for repetition—says 'What?' 'Pardon?'
- Does not follow instructions straight away
- Misunderstands or ignores instructions
- Requires repetition
- Watches others and copies their actions
- Continues activity when asked to stop 'daydreams'
- Dominates conversations—talks but does not listen
- Withdrawn, quiet
- Shouts, talks loudly
- Talks very quietly
- Asks you to speak louder
- Asks friends what was said
- Fails to participate in group discussions
- Frequent colds
- Mouth breather
- Has weak phonic skills