

Profound Hearing Loss

What does this mean?

The young person (CYP) will have little or no hearing without hearing aids. They will have either behind the ear hearing aids or one or two Cochlear Implants (CIs)

Implications for learning

The CYP may

- need significant support to access the curriculum.
- be vulnerable to under achieving
- find listening in a busy environment very challenging
- have little access to incidental learning – which is important for language development
- have speech and language delay
- may have a limited vocabulary
- have difficulty concentrating and become tired quickly
- may find social interactions challenging e.g. break times
- not hear important sounds, warnings and instructions e.g. FIRE BELLS



Ways to help

- ✓ CYP should sit at the front and to the side of the classroom with a clear view of the board and the teacher's face. CYP should sit next to a good role model.
- ✓ Keep the background noise to a minimum. Close doors and windows and switch off unnecessary equipment.
- ✓ Speak clearly, naturally, at a normal pace, facing the CYP. Ensure your face is not in shadow.
- ✓ Do not move around the room when speaking.
- ✓ Get the CYPs attention before speaking – use their name or touch them on the shoulder if you are approaching from behind.
- ✓ Repeat questions and contributions of other pupils to ensure they have been heard clearly.
- ✓ Use careful questioning to ensure the CYP's understanding.
- ✓ Rephrase rather than repeat statements if they are misunderstood.
- ✓ CYP may need pre and post teaching of new/key vocabulary and concepts.
- ✓ Reinforce new/key vocabulary visually e.g. writing on the board, using pictures and artefacts.
- ✓ Provide opportunities to work outside the classroom for group work.
- ✓ Ensure the CYP is using hearing aids/CIs and radio aids consistently and effectively.
- ✓ Always use subtitles on videos (check accuracy). Ensure that discussion does not take place with the lights off



Other resources

www.berkshirescs.btck.co.uk

www.ndcs.org.uk

Related Sheets

- Hearing aids
- Cochlear Implants
- Radio aids
- Room acoustics