

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

Top tips on how to be deaf aware



Make sure you have the attention of the person before you start speaking.



Check whether the person understands what you are saying and, if not, try saying it in a different way. Never say "don't worry about it".



Places with good lighting and little or no background noise are best for conversations.



Keep your voice down as it's uncomfortable for a hearing aid user if you shout.



Use plain language, normal lip movements and facial expressions.



Learn finger spelling or some basic British Sign Language (BSL)

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This Deaf Awareness Week, the National Deaf Children's Society, are highlighting findings from their published research on the experiences of members whose children have mild to moderate hearing loss and teachers, in conjunction with the Ear Foundation. The research also draws out issues and concerns about the support that families receive.

Mild and moderate hearing loss can often be overlooked because of a perception that it is not a serious condition or that children are 'coping' at home and at school.

Do you know that 15% of the population are deaf to some extent? Out of every 10,000 people, ten will be extremely deaf and 100 will be partially deaf. Find out more about the benefits of becoming a member of the National Deaf Children's Society.

Find out more

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