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***HEARING***  
***IMPAIRED***  
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We are a team of peripatetic specialist teachers, who provide support for children and adults aged 0-25 with a diagnosed hearing impairment. We work in the Tees Valley area, covering the Boroughs of Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Hartlepool and Stockton.



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We offer support and advice to children and their families which is provided by specialist teaching staff known as Teachers of the Deaf. It begins at diagnosis and continues throughout the child's education when appropriate.

A range of support is offered according to the individual needs of each child, from an occasional school visit to monitor progress, to weekly visits at home or school.

Children can be referred to the Service by ENT Consultants or Paediatric Audiologists. Parents who are concerned about their child's hearing should visit their GP.

The range of support offered to individual children and families can include:

- Pre-school visiting at home and in nursery.
- Information about local support groups.
- Individual support to children in mainstream schools.
- Support and advice to parents and teachers.
- Liaison with other professionals including audiologists, social workers, speech and language therapists.
- Support to learn sign language in the early years.
- Deaf Awareness training.
- Provision and maintenance of specialist equipment in school.

We run a weekly Playbox group for our pre-school children which is a good opportunity for families to meet and chat in an informal setting as well as having different activities each week for the children.