When talking with your child, check that they are listening and watching. Check as you go along that they have understood.

It is important to be aware, that when tired, listening can be harder work for your child.



Don't forget to inform relatives and friends who have contact with your child of the hearing difficulties your child may be experiencing.

When informing your child's teacher, ask if they can move your child to the front of the class. The teacher will also be able to let you know if your child needs any extra help at home or school.

Contact us

For more information call Audiology on **0113 843 3620**Monday to Friday 9.00am–5.00pm.

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If you would like to talk to someone outside the service contact the **Patient Experience Team** on **0113 220 8585**, Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm or email **Ich.pet@nhs.net**

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Communication Tips

For parents of children with hearing difficulties

It is important that a hearing loss is identified as soon as possible. A hearing loss can sometimes cause children to have difficulties with communication and/or socialising.

This leaflet tells you about some of the tactics that could help reduce the impact a hearing loss may be having on a child, helping them to feel more understood and less frustrated.

Before speaking, firstly get your child's attention by calling their name or by touch.

Speak clearly, but don't shout.

If repetition is needed, try using different words.

Avoid giving instructions or having important discussions in a noisy surrounding. Turning down any music or the television when you are talking to your child may help.





Try talking face to face, sitting or bending to your child's face level. It can be helpful to have light on your face and avoid standing in front of a window which can make lip reading difficult.