

Dear families,

During these extraordinary times we are exploring ways of ‘virtually’ keeping in touch with you all to offer support and information. We would like to reassure you that support will continue to be available for you and your family. Your Teacher of the Deaf will remain in contact with you to offer support by email, phone or via video conference calls, according to your preference.

Please contact us for advice and support as required:

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Audiology Service Updates

Audiology - Rochdale

- All appointments have been cancelled.
- Batteries and tubing can be posted out free of charge via:
clickandpost.penninecare.nhs.uk
or
telephone 01706 674913
- For URGENT repairs e.g. broken hearing aids, please phone 01706 674913 for the latest advice
- If your child has lost their ear mould/hearing aid, or requires a new mould, again please phone audiology to enquire whether they can order a replacement on 01706 67913

Yorkshire Auditory Implant Service

- All routine face to face appointments have been cancelled as far as the end of April, and patients have been notified by telephone. Initial switch on appointments are still being scheduled at the moment, if patients are well and able to come. However only one parent is allowed to attend appointments. No appointments are booked for May as yet. This may change if restrictions are lifted.

- When patients can be seen again, patients early on in their CI journey will be seen first, apart from long term patients who have a major problem that can't be fixed with replacement equipment.
- Letters have been sent out to parents of children on assessment to say that the process is currently on hold due to the Covid 19 outbreak.
- Letters have been sent out to patients who might be expecting a routine appointment in the coming weeks, explaining that these will also be on hold for now.
- The YAIS is trying to maintain a skeleton service to deal with spares and repairs and keep patients' hearing. If you have any issues, please ring rather than coming to the centre. YAIS would like people to post equipment in, but if it is brought in person there are strict measures in place which patients must follow. The instructions are clearly displayed on the doors at YAIS. Patients bringing in equipment are not allowed in the building.

Useful Links and Websites

The National Deaf Children's Society has a number of videos to help you with hearing aid management at home.

NDCS 'How to look after your deaf child's hearing aid'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI3WRngfB5g>

NDCS 'How to change the tubing in your deaf child's hearing aids':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVJeA4FEjhQ>

NDCS 'How to change tubing and batteries in your hearing aid with Alex and Grace'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLuOCQKlzLo>

It also has dedicated web pages with support for families and young people during the Coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/blog/coronavirus-and-support-for-deaf-childreninformation-for-families>

The Elizabeth Foundation are waiving all fees until further notice for their online Let's Listen and Talk programme, so that families who need it can benefit from the advice. Along with information the programme provides hundreds of games and activities to use in the home so parents can support listening and talking for their children with hearing loss aged 0-5.

www.letslistenandtalk.org

The hearing aid and cochlear implant manufacturers Phonak and Advanced Bionics have a website which features lots of different listening activities you can try at home with your children.

The Listening Room <https://thelisteningroom.com/>

MED EL has also produced a series of brilliant short videos about supporting your child's listening and language development at home.

<https://blog.medel.com/rehab-at-home/>

Rochdale council has produced a list of websites that may be of interest during home schooling

<http://council.rochdale.local/media/news/srv/Pages/Resources-for-home-school-heroes.aspx>

BBC Bitesize daily lessons for national curriculum years 1-10

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

2-4 year old home learning

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Easypeasy, ideas for playing at home 0-5 years

<https://www.easypeasyapp.com>

Literacy trust, supporting your child's language and literacy

<http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk>

Cbeebies Story time

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cbeebies-storytime-app>

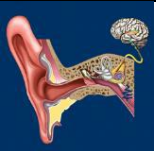


Hungry little minds, 0-5 year fun activities

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

Activities for 0-5 year olds

<https://small-talk.org.uk>

Educational Apps

	Ear ID	Interactive journey through the ear
	VocAB Scenes	Games to promote listening and language development
	What's that Sound?	Increasing difficulty – identify sound

	Animals for Toddlers	Interactive picture
	Farm sounds Lite	Listening to different animal sounds
	Sound Touch Lite	Listening to different sounds
	BabyBeats	Musical activities, helping little ones learn to listen and communicate
	ABC Spelling Games for Kids	Learn to read and write commonly used English First Words.
	Springo's Language Universe	Activities to develop language and listening
	Our Story app	Allows families and children to make stories using their own drawings, noises, speech and text
	Signed stories	Download the best-selling children's stories performed in British Sign language