



# December Newsletter 2021- for Deaf Children, young people and Families



This term's newsletter...



Welcome to the latest newsletter for deaf children, young people and their families in Peterborough. It has been another busy term and unfortunately we are still all being affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We all look forward to the day when we are no longer talking about facemasks and social distancing particularly as we know how challenging this can be for anybody with a hearing loss.

We really hope your families have been able to keep safe and well and as always please do contact us if you need our support. Have a safe and happy break when the end of terms comes and we look forward to seeing you in 2022

**NHS**

## Coronavirus news updates in BSL

**THE DEAF HEALTH  
CHARITY  
SIGNHEALTH**

Please find the latest information about Coronavirus in BSL with captions.

[click here](#)



**You Tube**

### Resource Hub:

**Supporting deaf children around the world during COVID-19**

We want to make sure that:

- Deaf children and young people aren't facing further barriers as schools and many workplaces close.
- They have access to information to help keep themselves safe.
- Their families have access to information and resources to support their deaf child.



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What's new?



Multi-sensory

Ideas and information for active learning, [click here](#)

BSL Family sign language course



YouTube

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## Terminology

There has long been a debate around the way to refer to people who do not hear the same as others. Historically, many pejorative names were used; very little was understood about the impact of deafness on communication, intelligence and the ability to learn. Fortunately, research, technological advancement and evidence have shown that outcomes for deaf people are as varied as they are for non-deaf people.

In the Sensory and Physical Support Team we are moving away from using "hearing-impaired" and using the term 'deaf' to refer to all types of hearing loss from mild to profound. The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) have done this for some time after consulting with families and adult deaf people. Like the NDCS we are using the term "deaf" to include a clinical diagnosis deafness in both ears or one ear or temporary hearing loss such as glue ear. We are happy to use the terminology chosen by families or young people where they indicate a preference for an alternative to be used. If you would like to comment on this or to let us know what term you or your child/young person wishes to use please let your Teacher of the Deaf know, or contact Service Manager [sara.brierton@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:sara.brierton@peterborough.gov.uk)

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Immeline Centre for hearing implants

Battery issue form



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## Glue ear

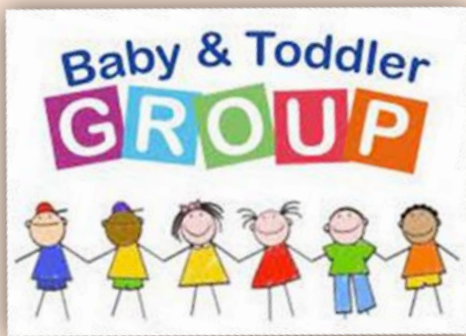


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## Free BSL and Winter-printables



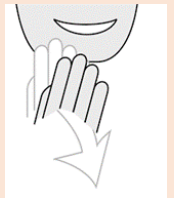
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## News



Our Deaf, Vision impaired and MSI baby and toddler group has been a great success over the last few months and we wish to extend a big thank you to all those involved and all of those who attended.



It has been great meeting all the children and families and having some fun through play and sensory stories. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022 for more fun.







## PCC Early Years Family Support Group

For pre-schoolers who are deaf/vision impaired/multi-sensory impaired and their families.

Come and join us for play, coffee and to meet other families.  
All family members are welcome.



### Where?

First Steps Children's Centre  
20 Scalford Drive  
Welland  
PE1 4TR.

(There is limited road parking but more is available behind the shops opposite the centre).

### When?

1.30-2.30 p.m. on Wednesdays:

12th January 2022

2nd February

2nd March

30th March

For any queries, contact:

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Claire Edwards 07957417081 [claire.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:claire.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk)

# Upcoming online Events



## **Raising a Deaf Child: online courses for parents and carers**

26 January to 9 March 2022

Parents and carers of deaf children aged 0 to 13-years-old.

Take part in our free, online courses to learn more about ways of raising a happy deaf child.

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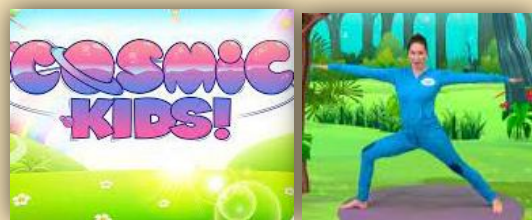
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## **Online Information and Advice Sessions**

We have a range of free online events that you can join. You'll be able to get lots of information, join discussions with other families, and ask questions to our experts.

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- Aimed at 3 to 5 year olds and each video is **British Sign Language (BSL)** interpreted.
- Fun, signed stories with colourful visuals.
- Improving, balance, coordination, concentration, flexibility and all round improved mental and physical health.

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## Upcoming Events



Cambridgeshire  
Deaf Association



### Deaf Basketball

### Activities for siblings and young carers

The Siblings and Young Carers Service supports people aged 5-18 that have a brother, sister or parent with a disability.

Sense and Cambridgeshire Deaf Association are running some new fun and friendly basketball sessions for people aged 14+ who are deaf .

To book a place or for more information, please contact Andrew Palmer [andrew@cambsdeaf.org](mailto:andrew@cambsdeaf.org)

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**Open Event – Tuesday 8th  
February, 6pm – 8pm**

[click here](#)



**Stamford  
College**

### Future Open Events

- Tuesday 8th February 2022
- Tuesday 26th April 2022
- Thursday 9th June 2022

[click here](#)





Cambridgeshire  
Deaf Association



## JUNIOR DEAF FOOTBALL SESSIONS

We're running junior deaf football sessions from 6th  
September for children aged between 8 and 16!



### BOOK NOW

[www.theposhfoundationcourses.com](http://www.theposhfoundationcourses.com)

[foundation@theposh.com](mailto:foundation@theposh.com)



Mondays



5pm - 5:45pm



Nene Valley  
Community Centre



**FREE**



## PL KICKS PAN DISABILITY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

We're running PAN Disability football sessions from 6th September  
for children aged between 6 and 16!



Premier  
League  
Kicks

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## CHILDREN'S MARTIALARTS PROGRAMMES

Our curriculums are age-specific and  
are the perfect blueprint for healthy  
child development.

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# Upcoming Events

Save the Date!



## Event details

DATE: Thursday 16th December 2021

TIME: 1.30pm – warm up | 1.45pm –

2.40pm – one act pantomime

LOCATION: Your school, front room or  
anywhere where you can sing along  
and join in!

[click here](#)

The performance is signed and  
captioned.



Peterborough and District  
Deaf Children's Society

Peterborough and District Deaf  
Children's Society (PDDCS) is  
organising two exciting events in  
December-

- 11th December - Laser Force 7-9pm for children and young people aged 8-14 years
- 29th December - Beauty and the Beast panto at the Cresset with signing

Contact [Peterborough@ndcsgroup.org.uk](mailto:Peterborough@ndcsgroup.org.uk) for more details



A big well done and round of applause to Rose Ayling-Ellis who is inspiring people all over the nation with her heart warming personality, incredible dancing and raising awareness for deaf people.

A true role model for all children and young people.



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The [Local Offer](#) page has regularly updated advice on SEND services.



From all of us at the  
Sensory and Physical  
Support Team we wish you  
a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy new year!



Tell us  
what you think



**Would you like to write something for our  
next newsletter?**

It could be about your experiences of face masks, your first term back at school or a review of new technology or resources. If you have something to share, speak to your ToD or send us an email to [senandinclusion@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:senandinclusion@peterborough.gov.uk)