

# Sensory Support Team 0-25yrs Weekly Update



Welcome to our weekly update on **17th December** from the **Sensory Support Team 0-25yrs** for children and young people with a hearing loss or visual impairment and their parents, carers, school staff and professionals.

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## Weekly Update 17 December 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that this week's newsletter finds you all healthy and happy.

Well, it would seem that with a mere blink of an eye we only have a couple of days to go before the end of term, and what a busy term we have all had. We have seen an increase in our Family Support Groups (FSG) and the creation of our FSG WhatsApp, task and finish groups to focus on new and innovative ways to deliver sessions, increased joint working with Health, delivery of our additional training for professionals working with Deaf cyp being delivered virtually (VI training is due in January) and all of this while still working hard to ensure that our children/young people receive all of the support they need to encourage them to thrive.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support, this truly is a journey we make together, thank you.

As always, please feel free to contact your QToD/QTVI or myself if there is anything you would like to discuss or anything we may be able to support you with.

I look forward to hearing from you in January with anything you would like to share with our Sensory community.

Wishing you a lovely break and every happiness for the New Year

If there is anything you would like to discuss please feel free to contact me at [sibel.djemal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:sibel.djemal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

My warmest wishes to you all

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Copies of our newsletters can be found at

[Weekly update on 19th November.pdf](#)

[Weekly update on 12th November.pdf](#)

***We would also love to be able to share your stories, videos and real-life experiences so please drop me a line. We are happy to help with the technology side of things!***

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## Inspiring Story

Elin Williams who is severely visually impaired and works locally for the charity LOOK UK has been named one of the BBC 100 most influential Women for her work including her blog My Blurred Vision

<https://disabilitytalk.co.uk/2020/11/29/elin-williams-named-in-bbc-100-most-influential-women/>

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## Watch Living Paintings on Blue Peter – as shown on CBBC at 5.30pm on Friday 13th November and available on iPlayer

Imogen talks about what Living Paintings means to her as a visually impaired young person.

Plus, share in her excitement of being the first library member to receive our accessible version of 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' - hand delivered by Richie Driss, Blue Peter presenter.

<https://livingpaintings.org/news/living-paintings-are-on-blue-peter>

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## NDCS Events for Families

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 1-12pm Christmas Coffee Morning**

Families join the team to start off Christmas Celebrations Zoom-style, as we enjoy an informal, fun, interactive coffee morning, and a chance to chat together.

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7-8pm RADC - Promoting positive behaviour**

Suitable for families with children aged 0-16 years to learn more about reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviour. Learn about the benefits of praise and how strategies can be used that support and encourage a child's positive behaviour at home.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 12.30 – 1.30pm Real life experiences**

Families are invited to come along at lunchtime to hear from some of our fantastic volunteer presenters. They will be popping in to share their personal experiences and give an insight into their lives.

They'll hear from two of our deaf presenters about what they have achieved so far and how they got here. Plus one of our family presenters will share their child's journey.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7-8pm Overcoming sleep issues for deaf children with Nicola**

Suitable for families with children aged 0-16 years.

Nicola Corazzo is our resident sleep specialist and a Raising a Deaf Child course tutor. She leads this online session to help parents understand the causes of sleep issues for deaf children and provide some ways to overcome them.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 10-11.30am Parents as Partners**

Parents can find out how to become part of their local Children's Hearing Services Group (CHSWG) and improve services for deaf children.

Can also find other local forums to have their say, we'll show you them to do this and why it's important

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 5-6pm Supporting parents new to hearing loss**

These online sessions are open to all parents and carers of children, aged 0-12, who have been diagnosed in the past 18 months as having hearing loss. They're a great way to learn more about the support available for parent and child and to be part of a community of parents and carers of deaf children.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 5-6pm Supporting parents new to hearing loss - understanding your child's hearing loss**

This session will be led by Vicki Kirwin, our Lead for Audiology and Senior Policy Advisor. Vicki will be providing more in-depth information about childhood deafness and providing advice on the best ways to support their child.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 7-8pm RADC - learning and motivation**

Suitable for families with children aged 0-16 years. This session helps parents/carers to find out more about the different ways they and their child approach learning. Our experts will help them recognise situations that demotivate their child and show how they can encourage learning

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 7-8pm RADC - communication with your child**

Suitable for families with children aged 0-16 years to explore some of the ways that can help a child communicate. Focus will be on strengthening the building blocks that support the parent-child relationship, which leads to good communication. They will learn simple techniques to encourage communication with a deaf child as they grow and their needs change.

Please visit our website at [Information & Advice Sessions](#)

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## The Snow Queen

The New Wolsey Theatre are livestreaming the British Sign Language interpreted performance of the Snow Queen pantomime on Wednesday 23rd December 2020 at 7.00pm. When you're logging in to the show from home, make sure you select the BSL stream if you need to use this service. Once you have got the livestream set up, you will see their BSL interpreter in a corner of the screen, interpreting the show live.

*The Snow Queen* livestream will also have **Audio Description** and **Captioning** available for you. Like with the BSL option, you'll need to choose the right stream when you're setting up the show from home. These options will be displayed clearly on the screen once you've logged in.

Book livestream tickets for The Snow Queen [here](#)

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