

Our Resource Base for Deaf Children

At Tany's Dell school we have a Resource Base for deaf children. We offer highly qualified staff to support deaf children throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6. We have two specialist Qualified Teacher's of the Deaf (QToD) and experienced staff who specialise in working with deaf children. We use a child-centred communication approach using speech and sign language (Signed Supported English and British Sign Language). We work both in mainstream classes and also offer small group work in Base Camp. Our aim is to provide each child with a safe, inclusive environment to enable them to reach their full potential. All children are fully included in mainstream activities.

Communication Support for pupils

The Resource Base at Tany's Dell Primary School follows a child centred approach to communication and as such, staff will use either one of or a combination of the following communication methods when supporting individual pupils in class:

- *Spoken English (with necessary amplification equipment in place)
- *Sign Supported English (SSE)
- *British Sign Language (BSL)

What does our provision offer?

- Experienced Class Teachers and Learning Support Assistants trained in deaf awareness.
- Full time access to radio aids.
- Full time access to audiology trained staff to support your child's equipment.
- Daily audiology checks by a specialist member of staff.
- Daily learning support with a specialist staff member.
- 1:1 individual support or small group work when appropriate, with a QTOD.
- Social and emotional support for deaf children.
- Deaf awareness lessons for all mainstream children to promote inclusivity.
- One plans and Annual reviews with a QToD and Class Teacher.
- Transition support for new starters, between EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and moving on to Secondary school.
- QTOD working alongside Class Teachers to support deaf children in class.
- Opportunity for children to take part in events in the wider community with other deaf children E.g Deaf swimming gala.
- Weekly sessions with a BSL tutor.
- Access to support from Speech and Language therapists, Speech and Language assistants, Educational Psychologist, Educational audiologists, audiologists and other professionals, when appropriate.



Our Staff

<u>Staff member</u>	<u>Role</u>
Miss Reay Masters in Education with children with a Hearing impairment Qualified Teacher of the Deaf BSL Level 2	Head of Resource Base Qualified Teacher of the Deaf
Mrs Brignal Post graduate Diploma in Education with children with a Hearing impairment Qualified Teacher of the Deaf BSL Level 2	Qualified Teacher of the Deaf
Miss Brown BSL Level 2	Specialist Learning Support Assistant with a focus on BSL
Mrs Ensinger BSL Level 1 Elklan Level 3 Speech and Language support	Specialist Learning Support Assistant with a focus on Early Years
Mrs Hall BSL Level 2 Elklan Level 3 Speech and Language support	Specialist Learning Support Assistant with a focus on Speech and Language

Visits to the school are always welcome.

Please feel free to telephone the school on

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