

<u>Hearing Impairment</u> A full or partial loss of hearing in one or both ears. This can be temporary or permanent. Many children with a hearing impairment respond well to support strategies for hearing.		1 in every 5 children before the age of 18 [1] (Please note – many of which respond to hearing rehabilitation or support)  		
<u>Skills you may have:</u> • Super senses in vision and taste. • A great visual memory from things you have seen. • Be very resilient and positive. • Patience with yourself and others.		<u>Challenges you may face:</u> • Feeling confused and left out when there are no visual prompts or signals around you. • Following instructions if those around you are unaware of your hearing loss. • Frustration at not being understood. • Knowing how to ask questions and receive answers when out and about.		
				
Bill Clinton 42nd President of the United States of America	Rose Syling-Ellis Actress	Karen Hardy Professional Dancer and Winner of Strictly Come Dancing	Jean Christophe Novelli Chef	Millie Bobby Brown Singer and Actress
All these famous people overcame challenges associated with a hearing impairment to achieve incredible life and career accomplishments.				

<u>Helpful Tips:</u>	• Find out how your child likes to communicate and support those they interact with in using their preferred method. • Gain eye contact before communication. • Use touch/hand signals to gain your child's attention. • Encourage your child to find out about others living with hearing loss. • Ensure there are lots of visual prompts to support your child.
<u>Useful Websites</u> <u>(Hyperlinks)</u>	Hearing loss - NHS (www.nhs.uk) RNID - National hearing loss charity Deafness and hearing loss (who.int) [1] Hearing Loss in Children: A Review - PubMed (nih.gov) • If you have any ongoing concerns about your child, please contact the Special Educational Needs Coordinator at your child's setting (school, college or nursery) or contact your GP for further advice.