

Our whole school has a strong commitment to the use of sign language. To promote the positive use of signs across the whole school, every child receives a lesson in British Sign Language each week. As a result, children across the key stages build up a strong foundation in sign language, enabling friendships between Deaf and hearing children. In addition, we have a range of BSL resources in all playgrounds so that BSL can be developed during social times. For pupils who are part of our Deaf Learning Base (PSA DLB), we want them to see themselves as experts and advocates of BSL and Deaf awareness. This will further develop their Deaf Identity and increase their confidence so that they are proud, empowered Deaf individuals with the highest of aspirations for themselves. As a Centre of Excellence for inclusion, we also aim to share our practice with other settings.

We also offer complimentary weekly parent BSL sessions. Additionally, our staff are invited to develop their BSL skills and gain qualifications ranging from Level 1 – Level 6.

Our Deaf Learning Base runs various Deaf awareness events every year, including NDCS Bake-off, Sign2Sing, Deaf Awareness, and BSL recognition week.