



Hearing Aids

Why do they Matter?



"The ear is the doorway to the brain"

"The better you hear, the better you learn"

The facts!

"Takes up to six years for a hearing impaired child to hear what a hearing child hears in one year"

70% of school day involves listening - if can't hear well - how can they learn?

80 -90% learning is from incidental learning/hearing



Useful Practical Tips

- Battery routine - batteries should last about 2 weeks (without FM) but still need monitoring
- Check hearing aids are working - how often? Expectation is daily?
- Earmoulds - how well fitting? Cleaning - how often, and re-tubing to be changed every six weeks
- Expectation that hearing aids are worn all the time (relate that hearing people hear all the time....)
- Impact of background noise, TV/outside
- Road safety & spatial awareness