

## HOW TO HELP A CHILD WITH A HEARING LOSS

- **speak clearly** – use a strong voice, speak naturally and at a normal rate. Use whole sentences and not single words.
- **reiterate** what the other pupils are saying – at a distance, the pupil with a hearing loss may not hear the comments, questions or answers.
- **get close** – when talking try to be as close as possible to the pupil. The pupil will need to see your face and lips.
- **don't hide your mouth** – face the pupil when you are talking and try not to cover your face with your hands.
- allow the pupil to **see your face and expression**.
- **make sure you have the pupil's attention before starting**
- **give clues** – cue in the pupil so that she/he knows what you are going to talk about.
- **attract attention** – make sure you have got the pupil's attention before you begin to talk, or the first part of the conversation will be lost.
- **include the pupil** in group discussions and story time.
- **keep noise levels to a minimum**.
- try to make sure that only **one person talks at a time**.
- make constant references to **the point of conversation**.
- make **visual as well as verbal referrals** to the topic discussed.



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