

Face coverings and deafness

Our tips for communicating with deaf children and young people when face masks and coverings are being worn in public places.



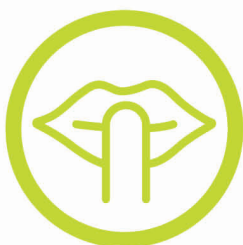
Keep it clear

If you choose to wear a mask, make one with a clear panel if you can, so your mouth is visible.



Write it down

If speech isn't working, write it down or use a text message.



Find a quiet place

This will make it easier to hear, especially if technology is used to support hearing.



Be patient

Be flexible, creative and most of all patient in how you communicate with deaf children.



Use an app

There are mobile apps that can translate speech into text – why not try one?



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