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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