**Deaf Young Person letter to request evidence from a Teacher of the Deaf (ToD) for a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claim**

Dear [NAME OF YOUR TOD],

I am making a claim to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

**Name:** [YOUR FULL NAME]

**Date of birth:** [YOUR DATE OF BIRTH]

Please could you write a letter explaining how my deafness/hearing loss affects my daily life so that I can send it to DWP as evidence of my needs. The information will help DWP decide if I satisfy the tests for an award of PIP.

**Please provide your response to the questions below on headed paper with the date, your job title, and signature. If you do not have information to answer all the questions, I would be grateful if you could answer the questions that you can.**

**Teacher of the Deaf (ToD) Questions**

1. Can you provide a brief outline of the background to your professional involvement with me?
2. Can you explain about any technology that I use in school, such as a radio aid, and explain what the technology does and why I need it?
3. Is the technology available to me outside of class? If not, would you expect me to have difficulty due to my hearing loss when outside the classroom setting?
4. Do I have any other help in or out of class? Please give details.
5. Do I have any special arrangements for exams agreed by the examination board? Please give details.
6. Can I follow everything the teacher is saying when there is background noise, including when other young people are talking?
7. Am I able to follow what other young people in class are saying?
8. Are there any risk assessments or additional instructions for staff about supporting me on school trips due to my hearing loss and/or technology?

Thank you for your help.

[YOUR FULL NAME]