**…………………………………’s personal passport**

**I am …………. years old.**

I am OK for this profile to be shared with:

If you aren’t sure about anything, please ask me and my caregiver first. Our contact details are:

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| **About my deafness** |
| * My hearing loss level in my **left ear** is:
* My hearing loss level in my **right ear** is:

**I like to communicate through…** [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  [ ]   |

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| **The technology I use is…** |
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**Notes from me and my parent or carer**

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| **My deafness** |
| *Do doctors say that I have mild, moderate, severe or profound hearing loss? Are one or both of my ears affected? How does my deafness affect my daily life? (For example, can I hear someone speaking in a noisy room?)* |

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| **My communication preferences** |
| *How do I like to communicate with other people? Do I sign, use speech or a mixture of both? Are there any specific non-verbal signs or gestures that I use a lot?* |

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| **The technology I use** |
| **Remember:** Always keep hearing devices dry! |
| *What kind of technology do I use? Where are the spare batteries kept, and who can change them? Do I feel confident about my hearing technology? If I use a radio aid, how does it work, and where is it kept? Can my technology be worn around water? If I’m having a problem with my technology, how would I like to be helped – even if I don’t feel confident enough to ask in front of a group?* |
| Find out more about assistive technology at [ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/assistive-technology/](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/assistive-technology/). |

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| **How you – and others – can support me** |
| *What can others do to support me? Do I need extra breaks? Would visual cues help me understand instructions? Do I need to see other people’s faces when they speak?* |
| Watch five tips that help hearing peers communicate, support and include their deaf peers: [ndcs.org.uk/get-involved/become-more-deaf-aware/early-years-deaf-awareness-videos/](Check%20out%20these%20deaf-friendly%20videos%20for%20hearing%20peers%3A%20ndcs.org.uk/get-involved/become-more-deaf-aware/early-years-deaf-awareness-videos/). |

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| **Things I find challenging** |
| *What are the signs that I haven’t heard or fully understood? (These could be things like not completing tasks, acting worried or frustrated, or changes in my behaviour.) How can others support me with this?* |

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| **When I haven’t heard something**  |
| *Are there any specific things that I find particularly difficult? (These could be things like loud environments, wearing hearing technology, or travelling to and from school or nursery.) How can others support me with this?* |

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| **Other information (and maybe even some art from me!)** |
| *This is a space for me to include anything else I (or my grown-ups) think you should know. If I feel up to it, I might even draw some pictures or share about my favourite things (like my favourite colour, food, animal, TV show, sport, movie, game, hobby, book, place or person)!* |

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| **Health and safety: Important things to consider** |
| [ ]  I struggle to hear fire alarms or other announcements. Please check I’ve noticed them![ ]  I need easy-to-understand, written versions of any health and safety information.[ ]  If my sources of communication support aren’t around, the backup communication method I’m most comfortable with is ……………………………………………………………………….[ ]  If you’re dealing with sensitive topics (like self-care), please make sure you’ve thought about how that would translate in my preferred communication method(s).[ ]  If you notice I’m feeling isolated or struggling socially, please help me by …………………….  |