

## **Supporting a hearing impaired child with a mild hearing loss**

A child with a mild hearing loss may be given hearing aids. However, some children cope very well without and may have few problems in accessing the curriculum.

It is important to be aware that a mild loss can still present some challenges when listening in a busy classroom.

### **A pupil with this type of hearing loss may:**

- struggle with phonics
- miss out on instructions
- have difficulties listening in background noise
- have difficulty locating the speaker/sound source
- lose concentration easily
- hear better on some days than others.

### **To support the pupil with a mild hearing loss:**

- position them near to the speaker/sound
- position them so they can see the teacher clearly and also see the rest of the class
- repeat what the other children say in discussion/talk sessions
- ensure you have the pupil's attention before you begin to speak to the class
- check they understand instructions/tasks with open ended questions