

Hearing Loss

Parent/Carer Checklist

Childs Name: _____

- Below are some indicators of hearing loss.
- Please **TICK** the box if your child shows these characteristics and leave **BLANK** if they don't.
- If you feel your child needs a hearing test phone Hear our Heart.

Behavioural Identifiers

It is <u>obvious</u> that your child watches your face to lip read	Aggressive to others - spontaneous and out of character	
Watches others to see what to do	Erratic behaviour- can be on/off	
Appears not to be listening on/off	Loses interest easily	
Often says "what" or "huh"	Poor socialisation skills	
Responds inappropriately or is slow to respond to instructions.	Gets confused or mood changes when there is a lot of noise or sudden loud noises	
Sits close to the TV, or has TV too loud	Doesn't like to join in with others	
Fidgets or easily distracted	Has separation anxiety	

Learning Identifiers

Has learning difficulties	Demands a lot of attention at home	
Delayed language development		



Please remember that 'glue ear' comes and goes.

Some may have symptoms **some weeks/months** but not the next.

Physical Identifiers

**Runny nose —often or for long periods	Ooze from the ear
**Constant nasal allergies - this blocks the Eustachian tube as it swells shut	Complaining of sore ears and throat
**Mouth breather — easy indicator as when the nose is full you have to use the mouth to breathe!	Puts head to the side as if to shake fluid out
Re-occurring ear and chest infections	Redness around the ear (toddlers)
Poor gross motor skills/ difficulties with balance	Rubbing or pulling of the ear (toddlers)

Speech Identifiers

Difficulty in understanding their speech	Speech development below age
Speaks in very soft or very loud voice	Has trouble with or doesn't use: s, p, t, f, th, sh

Please ✓ if there are known additional disabilities.

Autism	Ushers Syndrome	Downs Syndrome
Cleft Palate		Cytomegalavirus (CMV)
Bacterial Meningitis (at what age?)		Treacher Collins Syndrome

Was your child ever given antibiotics at birth? (Some antibiotics are known to cause hearing loss)
Please give details

Please comment if there are other known diagnosed conditions or relevant information you would like to share.
