



## **Middleton SEND Hub for children with hearing impairment and deafness.**

Middleton Primary School is commissioned by Peterborough City Council to host a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) hub focussing on Hearing Impairment / deafness. We work to raise the quality of support for all children and young people with SEND in the Peterborough area and to promote the "SEND is everybody's Business" approach.

We also offer a small number of hub places for children with Education and Health Care Plans placed by Peterborough City Council.

Further information on the Peterborough SEND hub network and details of how children are given a hub place is on the [Local Offer](#)

There are many hubs in different schools across Peterborough. In our school we have the Peterborough Primary Hub for pupils with Hearing Impairment. Our hub has two roles:

1. To support other schools
2. To support a small number of pupils who may find that they need communication support, due to a hearing impairment, to access the learning opportunities in a mainstream school.

### **What do we do at Middleton?**

#### **For pupils:**

We work with specialist services, to provide pupils with appropriate and individualised support, so that all pupils feel they belong and are fully involved in school life.

- Hub staff support the pupils to access all areas of learning and many extracurricular activities.

- Hub staff deliver specialist intervention programs, such as SMILE, which focuses on developing the children's social and emotional wellbeing as well as skills for social interaction.
- We are a deaf aware school and the hub staff have a supportive role in maintaining deaf awareness with the school environment and provision.
- Hub staff work with the Teachers of the Deaf to develop up to date knowledge and expertise in HI equipment and can support children and staff with equipment issues.
- Hub staff have BSL qualifications and knowledge to support language development and communication across the school.

### For other schools and professionals:

We offer training for teachers, teaching assistants and others on:

- Supporting literacy, numeracy and cross-curriculum access for HI learners.
- Accessing mainstream peer learning groups using deaf aware practises and resources.
- Developing a Lending Resources Library to provide resources to aide and support HI learners in other schools.
- Specialist support programs for HI learners including Visual Phonics and Shape Coding.
- BSL training courses hosted at Middleton.

Professionals can arrange to observe our teachers and Hub support staff delivering deaf friendly lessons.

Additionally, our Hub staff can meet with you to offer advice about deaf aware best practises and suggest support programs or resources that can be used.

We also run drop-in sessions for professionals to observe inclusive practice for pupils with hearing impairment and also offer support to differentiate and resource planning.

We deliver this training in partnership with professionals from sensory support services to extend knowledge of working with pupils with sensory impairments.

## Who?

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