

British Sign Language (BSL) Toolkit for Practitioners



This Toolkit is for practitioners who work with:

- Deaf children, young people and their families
- Parents and carers who use British Sign Language (BSL) and Tactile BSL in education

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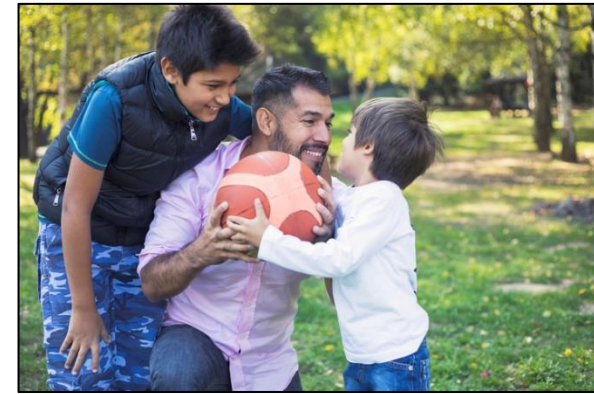
Session 4 – Understanding your rights as Deaf children and young people

16th June 2023

Practical Points / Event Protocols

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- You can use the chat pane to post comments, questions, thoughts or links to resources.
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Overview



- Outline of rights of Deaf children and young people in a school setting
- Discuss how you could learn and use British Sign Language at school
- Discuss ways that children and young people can stay connected to their friends
- Key available support in Scotland for Deaf BSL using children and young people

Rights of Deaf children and young people

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

Scottish Qualification Authority:

- Qualifications in BSL for pupils - <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65529.html>
- Teachers - <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/36298.html>
- Pupils - <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/103011.html>
- Deaf BSL users in Scotland can use BSL for [exams](#)
- Rights of children aged 12-15 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1GJFMnprY8>
- Extra support in exams - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX3RkPb-eVU>
- BSL (Scotland) Act 2015 promotes that information and services will be accessible to BSL users across the Scottish public sector



British Sign Language National Plan 2017-23

10 long-term goals for BSL in Scotland

The Scottish Government's British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 and National Plan has several long-term goals for BSL in Scotland which include early years and education. One of these goals is to help parents who use BSL to be fully involved in their child's education.

Family Support, Early Learning and Childcare

Our long-term goal:
The Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) approach will be fully embedded, with a D/deaf or Deafblind child and their family offered the right information and support at the right time to engage with BSL.



School Education

Our long-term goal:
Children and young people who use BSL will get the support they need at all stages of their learning, so that they can reach their full potential; parents who use BSL will have the same opportunities as other parents to be fully involved in their child's education; and more pupils will be able to learn BSL at school.

By 2020, Scottish Ministers will:

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Work with the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTC Scotland) to remove barriers that make it difficult for BSL users* to become registered teachers.

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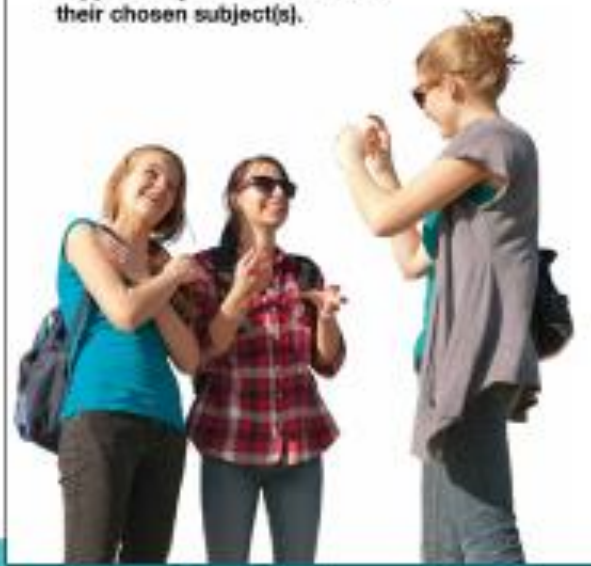
Undertake additional investigations into the level of BSL used by teachers and support staff working with D/deaf and Deafblind pupils in schools.



* Whenever we refer to "BSL users" we mean Deaf and Deafblind people (those who receive the language in a tactile form, but do not have access to or preferred language is British Sign Language)

Post-School Education

Our long-term goal:
BSL users* will be able to maximise their potential at school, will be supported to transition to post-school education if they wish to do so and will receive the support they need to do well in their chosen subject(s).



Discuss how you could learn and use British Sign Language at school



How have you stayed connected to your friends?



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Enter code – 6347 4538

What support is available in Scotland for Deaf BSL using children and young people?



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Parentzone Scotland

Parentzone Scotland provides information and advice about education in Scotland. It includes practical ideas to support learning at home in a variety of curriculum areas, along with information on additional support needs, and tips on how parents can get involved in their child's school and education.

BSL

Access British Sign Language (BSL) translations for key information and advice to help parents support their children's learning including.

My child

Find out what your child is entitled to in terms of learning and support as they progress through their education.

Curriculum in Scotland

This section provides a simple introduction to Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence, including information on the Broad General Education and the Senior Phase.

Learning at home

A positive home learning environment makes a big difference to children's learning.

My school

Find information on some of the different options available when choosing a school for your child.

Additional support

Find out about specific support needs and what you can do to support your child.

Getting involved

As a parent or carer you can make an enormous difference to your child's chances of success in school, at home and in their later life.

News

Find useful news for parents and carers.

Information to support learning



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