

Information for parents of children with a hearing impairment

Like all children, children who have a hearing impairment have a wide variety of needs when it comes to going to school. We also know that children with a hearing impairment also have particular educational needs.

Together, parents, the school and the Department's regional personnel identify the supports that may be required for their individual child at school.

In deciding where to enrol a student and what supports may be needed, a range of information is taken into account. This includes:

- the nature of the child's hearing loss,
- the age of diagnosis,
- method of communication used by the child,
- the use of amplification and audiological management, and
- the educational needs of the child.

Students with a confirmed hearing impairment may be enrolled in regular schools with additional support.

Specialist classes for students with a confirmed hearing impairment are located in some schools. These can be found using the school locator at the following link:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/locator/>

Specialist teachers, known as Itinerant Support Teachers Hearing, work with students who have a confirmed hearing impairment across all educational settings in NSW government schools. These specialist teachers support students, their teachers and families from the point of diagnosis through to Year 12.

Regional personnel can provide further information about the enrolment options and supports available locally for students with a hearing impairment and how these are accessed.

For more information please contact your local regional office or telephone 131 536.