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# Communicating with Deaf Children - NDCS

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Every deaf child has different levels of deafness and ways of communicating. Here are some tips to help you communicate effectively:

- **Find out how they like to communicate.**
- Try **waving** or **tapping their shoulder lightly** to get their attention.
- Speak **one at a time** and make the topic clear.
- Ensure your **face is visible** and in the light.
- Speak **clearly** and don't shout.
- Try to **reduce background noise**.
- Consider **writing your message down** or **texting on your phone** if you're struggling.
- Use **gestures** and **facial expressions** and don't give up!

For more tips, visit [www.ndcs.org.uk/communicationtips](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/communicationtips).

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