

Hearing Aids

What are hearing aids?

- Worn behind the ear (BTE)
- For mild to profound hearing loss
- Are finely adjusted to each individual's hearing loss
- Amplify sounds - especially speech sounds
- BUT also unwanted background noise
- Do NOT restore normal hearing
- Are most effective at up to one metre
- They are ineffective over 2 metres and more
- Should be worn routinely to be most effective
- Turned on and off by opening/closing the battery door
- May be connected to a radio aid via receivers

Hearing aid



Hearing aids come in a variety of styles and colours.

Moulds can also be different shapes and colours and can include pictures and glitter



Quick Tips

- Ensure the CYP is wearing their hearing aids, the correct way round
- Red dot for the right hand side
- Blue dot for the left
- Check that the batteries are working
 - ✓ If you cup the hearing aid in your hand you should hear 'whistling' or feedback. Ask the CYP to demonstrate to you.

NOTE: Parents should maintain hearing aids

Refer to 'Hearing Aid Daily Check List Information Sheet' for more help to ensure that they are working

Related links

www.berkshiresensoryconsortium.co.uk
www.ndcs.org.uk

Related sheets

- Hearing Aid Daily Check List Information Sheet
- Radio Aids