



# The Cathedral School

## SEND Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest issue of The Cathedral School SEND Newsletter. This newsletter will be sent to all parents as hopefully some information will be useful to you even if your child is not on the school SEND Register. If you have any suggestions of what you would like in future SEND Newsletters then please let Mrs Truelove know.

### Meet our SENDCo

Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) is Mrs Truelove. She is usually in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have a SEND concern about your child then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Truelove. She can be contacted either via the school office or by email at [truelove@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:truelove@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk)

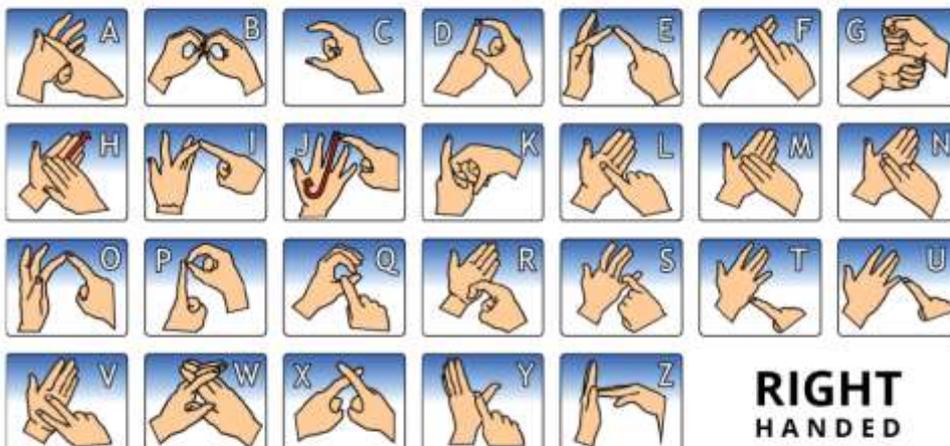
I hope that you and your families are keeping well. In this latest newsletter you will find some helpful information, websites and some activities linked to Deaf Week to have a go at with your families. If you do try any of the Deaf Week activities, I would really like you to share them via Tapestry please. I am really looking forward to seeing the outcomes!  
Stay safe and well.  
Mrs Truelove

### Deaf Awareness Week

This year, Deaf Awareness Week takes place from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Deaf Awareness Week is an annual weekly event that aims to raise awareness about hearing loss and deafness across the UK. It is also to promote the positive aspects of deafness and promote social inclusion.

Challenge 1! Using the British Sign Language finger spelling alphabet, can you learn to finger spell your name?

### BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - FINGERSPELLING



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Challenge 2! Can you complete the fingerspelling word search?

CATHEDRAL

BSL Fingerspelling

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WORDS

-- SCHOOL -- FRIENDS -- CATHEDRAL -- HELLO -- FAMILY --

Create your own BSL fingerspelling word search puzzles online at  
[www.signlanguageforum.com/bsl/](http://www.signlanguageforum.com/bsl/)

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The Essex Local Offer page has been updated and now contains some helpful information about COVID-19 and how children and young people can be supported during these challenging times. For more information go to <http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/category/coronavirus/>

### SEND Navigator Project

The Essex Local Offer have also created the SEND Navigator Project to support the unsettling times for families and children and young people with SEND. In response to COVID-19, they want to let you know that you and your families can be supported by their two SEND Navigator Project Leads: Jenny Kins- ville and Ondrea Bloom. Part of their role is to support and signpost you to Essex County Council SEND services that you may find supportive and helpful at this current time. If you have any questions or concerns about your current situation that they might be able to help with then please contact them at [TheSENDNavigators@essex.gov.uk](mailto:TheSENDNavigators@essex.gov.uk)

### Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

The Educational Psychology Parent Helpline at Essex County Council is also available twice a week. The confidential helpline is for carers and parents of children and young people up to the age of 19 with concerns about their children's education or development.

Call the helpline on Mondays and Wednesdays during term time between 1pm and 5pm.

Helpline – 01245 433293



SNAP (Special Needs and Parents) is a local charity based and they have created a Coronavirus Family Guide. The guide includes information about helping everyone to deal with anxiety and explaining the virus to children. For further information please go to <https://www.snapcharity.org/coronavirus-family-guide/>

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Essex Family Forum is continuing to provide support and guidance to families. They have created some responses to Frequently Asked Questions about the Coronavirus. For further information please go to <https://essexfamilyforum.org/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions/>