

# Face coverings and deafness

**Our tips for communicating with deaf children and young people when face masks and coverings are being worn in public places.**



## **Keep it clear**

If you choose to wear a mask, make one with a clear panel if you can, so your mouth is visible.



## **Write it down**

If speech isn't working, write it down or use a text message.



## **Find a quiet place**

This will make it easier to hear, especially if technology is used to support hearing.



## **Be patient**

Be flexible, creative and most of all patient in how you communicate with deaf children.



## **Use an app**

There are mobile apps that can translate speech into text – why not try one?



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