

Deaf Awareness Week 2024

6 to 12 May

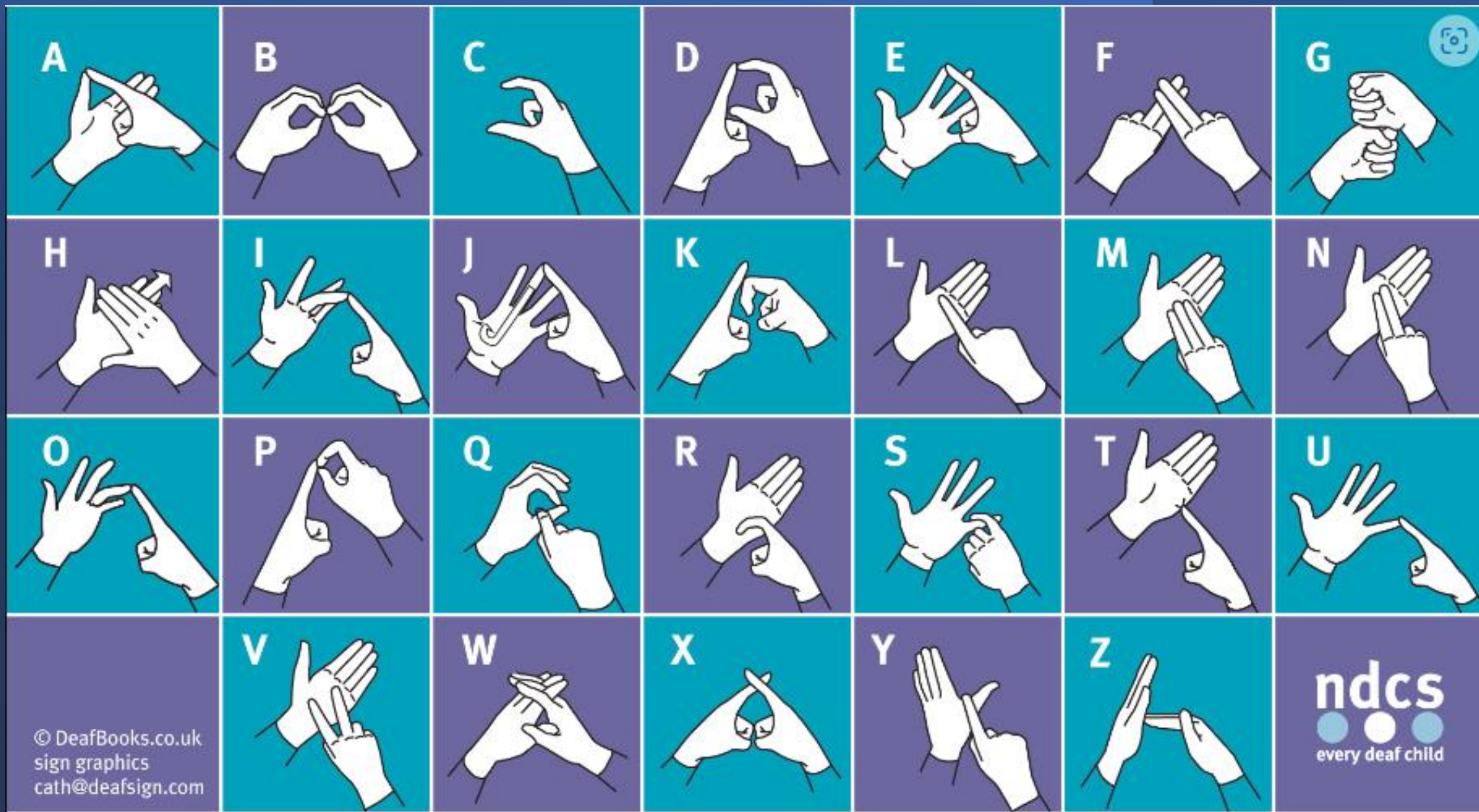
Please do take some time to look through the RNID resources, we have included a selection in this presentation please follow the link below for the full website presentation from the RNID

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- The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Team (Advisory Teachers) are raising awareness this Deaf Awareness week of learning BSL during their visits and sessions with staff and CYP in the settings they visit.

Can you learn to fingerspell your name? use the letters on the next slide to practice. BSL Alphabet used from the NDCS (National Deaf Children's Society website).



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Let's celebrate Deaf Awareness Week 2024

- This is an annual celebration and recognition of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community in the UK
- Raising awareness helps to promote inclusion of all Deaf/Hard of Hearing people into their schools, shops, workplaces, public amenities



Deaf Awareness tips for successful communication and inclusion:

- **Re-phrase what you said**
- If someone doesn't understand you, repeat what you said or phrase it differently, use plain language.
- **Face the person you're speaking to**
- Make sure you are facing the person you are talking to and speak clearly – avoid shouting, speaking too fast or unnecessarily slow.
- **Use an interpreter**
- You should always follow the advice of the person with communication needs. If that's booking an interpreter or speaking to a friend or relative.
- **Write it down**
- Use pen on paper, text on device screens, or whiteboards to write what you want to say.
- **Get their full attention**
- Use simple gestures such as pointing or waving to get someone's attention.
- **Reduce background noise**
- In a noisy place, move to a quieter area if possible.





What is BSL? British Sign Language

- British Sign Language is the most common form of sign language in the UK. It was recognised as a language in its own right in 2003 and legally as an official language of Britain in 2022.
- British Sign Language (BSL) involves a combination of hand shapes and movements, lip patterns, facial expressions and shoulder movements. It has its own grammar and is structured in a completely different way from English.
- In BSL, you start with the main subject or topic. After that, you refer to something about the topic – for example:
 - English: What is your name?
 - BSL: Name – what?