

EWING FOUNDATION

for deaf children

Developing Listening

This is a skill that underpins the acquisition of spoken language, access to learning in the classroom and successful social interaction. It is a daily life skill and as such its development is a core part of the role of teachers of the deaf. However, at times it does not receive the focus that it requires and there is sometimes an assumption that with modern hearing technology it will develop without intervention. Whilst this may well happen it cannot be assumed.

It is not the role of adults – whether family members or professionals - to make sense of the listening world for deaf children but to foster the necessary skills to do this for themselves.