

## Signs of Hearing Loss

If your child is having difficulty hearing, they may:

1. Strain to watch a speaker or “hear” better when watching the speaker’s face.
2. Fail to pay attention when spoken to.
3. Give the wrong answers to simple questions.
4. Frequently ask for repetition of words or sentences.
5. Often confuse consonant sounds.
6. Pronounce some speech sounds incorrectly.
7. Have frequent earaches, colds, running ears, upper respiratory infections or allergies.
8. Function below potential in school.
9. Have behaviour problems at home and at school.
10. Be withdrawn and moody.

If you suspect that your child may have a hearing loss, contact your family doctor or paediatrician and speak to them about having your child’s hearing tested.

Don’t neglect the warning signs of a hearing loss. Early discovery and treatment can minimize the learning delays caused by hearing loss.