A summary of the results for children who have had a hearing test at the Deadly Ears clinic.

Understanding the ENT outreach daycare summary sheet

These children have been identified because of concerns about their speech and hearing.

Right hearing, Left hearing

This explains the level and type of hearing loss for each ear (see below for information about impacts of different levels of hearing loss).

Contact details

If you have any questions these are the details of the Audiologist to contact at Deadly Ears. Details for the next trip are also found here.

It is important to know that hearing can change. Even if a child has normal hearing at the time of their Deadly Ears hearing test, you still need to look out for signs of a hearing loss in the future.

What does mild hearing loss mean?

Children with mild hearing loss may be able to hear okay in quiet places. If a child has a mild hearing loss in both ears, they have difficulty hearing when:

• there is background noise (e.g. radio, other people talking).
• they are not close enough to the person speaking.
• they cannot see the face of the person explaining or demonstrating something.
• the room is echoy. This happens when there are high ceilings or lots of hard surfaces in a room. Having soft cushions, carpet or curtains can help.

What does moderate hearing loss mean?

Children with moderate hearing loss may have trouble hearing speech at a normal level. They may hear you talking, but it will sound soft; even when you are facing them. They will have the same problems as children with mild conductive hearing loss as well as the following:

• Trouble hearing clearly even when the person speaking is close to them.
• Trouble hearing other children they are playing with.
• They may act up or seem like they aren’t listening.
• You may have to repeat yourself a lot.
• They may be very tired by the end of the day.
• They will often respond better if you show them what to do as well as tell them.
• They might have a hearing aid or an FM system they need to wear.

Signs of hearing loss can include:

• trouble concentrating.
• needing things repeated.
• difficulty following verbal instructions.
• becoming extra tired at the end of the school day.
• difficulty knowing where sound is coming from.
• difficulty playing in groups.

Strategies to help

If you need help with strategies for children with a mild or moderate hearing loss in your classroom/kindy please speak to a Deadly Ears Audiologist by email or phone. Contact details are listed at the bottom of the summary sheet. For further information please visit the Deadly Ears or Care for Kids Ears websites:

* www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/deadly-ears-resources

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