

School of Special
Educational Needs
Sensory



EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE

DEAF EDUCATION



SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The School of Special Educational Needs: Sensory (SSEN: S) provides educational support for children with hearing loss and/or vision impairment from birth to completion of school. SSEN: S is based at the Statewide Services Centre in Padbury and supports students in both public and non-government schools throughout Western Australia.

All children with diagnosed hearing loss and/or vision impairment may be eligible for service from SSEN: S. Once eligibility is determined for specialist support; service provision will be allocated according to individual need.





PROGRAMS

The **Early Childhood Service**, supports families with children with a hearing loss from birth to 4 years. Family centred programs, including parent education, are run on-site at Padbury Statewide Services Centre and Southwell Primary School. Individual programs occur either on-site or in the home.

Individual

Deaf Education individualised programs focus on essential skills, concepts and understandings to support child development.

Playgroup

Caters for children aged 0-3 years with a focus on child development through play-based activities. Playgroup enables practical, relevant and effective specialist support to assist children in achieving their optimal educational outcomes.



Lighthouse Littlies

A holistic specialised program catering for children in the pre-kindergarten or kindergarten year that focuses on the whole child and builds upon the skills, knowledge and understandings developed in playgroup; while supporting children in school readiness and transition.



The Early Childhood Service:

- is staffed by experienced teachers of the deaf who plan, facilitate and assess all educational programs;
- provides communication opportunities for children and their families in both spoken English and Auslan;
- delivers a range of tailor-made programs to support the unique needs of children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing;
- works in conjunction with families to determine and plan for individual communication and language priorities;
- provides children with access to a Deaf role model;
- provides the family with ongoing access to a multi-disciplinary team which includes Educational Audiologists and School Psychologists; and
- provides flexible support through dual sites for families North and South of the river, as well as opportunities for home support in special circumstances.

Our Vision

Valuing difference

Equity in learning

Empowering all

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