



# Deaf Education through Listening and Talking

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**We know  
that the  
majority of  
deaf  
children can  
learn to  
listen and  
talk**



DELTA is a national charity supporting deaf children and their families through:

- Providing information, training, presentations, stories and support for parents and professionals
- Online video calls with other parents, deaf adults and professionals to ask questions and make connections within our community
- Online themed workshop sessions for each stage of the deaf child's education
- Information Days throughout the UK

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more**

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**DELTA** stands for Deaf Education through Listening and Talking. **It is a charity** that is run by deaf adults, parents of deaf children/young people and professionals whose aim is that deaf children, especially those who have a severe or profound hearing loss, should be able to achieve their full potential, despite their deafness.

**The key** to this, for the majority of deaf children, is in following a Natural Aural Approach. This is based on the development of listening skills using digital hearing aids and cochlear implants, to enable them to listen and pick up language, just as hearing children do. This is possible even for profoundly deaf children. DELTA's aim is to make sure that all families know about this option before they make life choices for their deaf children.

**It is Natural** because it's about learning to talk in the natural way - the way all children do in the beginning. They learn to talk by picking it up from the language people use when they interact with them - when Mum and Dad, Grandparents, siblings coo to them, play peek a boo, sing to them, listen to them and chat with them.

**It is Aural** (to do with the ear) because it is based on hearing and listening, which are the first steps in developing oral (spoken) language, which is speaking. With good equipment, worn all the time, carefully looked after, their hearing can become the basis of a listening and talking life.

**It is an Approach** to emphasise that it is not simply 'giving them hearing aids and letting them get on with it'. Parents, families, schools, teachers all need to realise that it is not haphazard, or leaving things to chance. It means keeping an eye on progress, being disciplined about hearing aid and cochlear implant maintenance and use and giving them as much lovely, meaningful language in the home and in all their other activities, as possible.

**DELTA** has evidence and research that this approach works and has produced young people who are talking and achieving well in their exams, their jobs and their lives.

***'DELTA has been a constant support to us. We have found the information very valuable and have learned a lot that normally you wouldn't be told. It has changed our lives and given us hope for the future' - Parent***