



Children's
Audiology



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Every day instructions have to be repeated lots of times.

The child keeps saying "what?" when you are talking to them, especially in noisy places such as the car or in the playground. The child turns up the volume on the TV or radio.

The child has stopped putting up their hand to answer questions in class.

The child is easily distracted and finds it difficult to concentrate on work - giving up quickly as tasks become difficult.

Signs of Glue Ear

The child seems very tired or irritable - especially at the end of the school day. This could be because they have to try harder to listen to things. You observe changes in play activity e.g. having less stamina or not enjoying some activities, especially in noisy environments.

Glue ear may be a result of frequent colds or ear infections. If a child is often congested and usually breathes through their mouth they may also have glue ear.

The child dominates conversations and is really bossy. The child does not seem to listen to what is said. Only able to hear conversations that take place face-to-face or at a short distance.

The child is less responsive to sounds or does not seem to hear what is said. The child seems to have "selective hearing".

Most people find it difficult to understand what the child says due to poor pronunciation. The child misses off the ends of words when they write. The child is slow to develop speech and language.