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**DDCS Committee**

Chairperson: Mrs. Helen Fox  
Secretary: Mrs. Karen Forbes-Chapman  
Treasurer: Mr. Nick James  
Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs. Dawn Bevington  
Newsletter editor: Mrs. Jan Evans.  
**Next committee meetings: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 via ZOOM**

Our next meeting is due to take place at **8.00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.  
If you wish to join in on the meeting, please email Jan and a link to join the Zoom meeting will be sent to you nearer the date.

**YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!**

Would you like to be involved with the DDCS Committee?  
Would you like to have a say in upcoming events and activities affecting your child and other deaf children in our area?

Then please come and join the DDCS Committee. We usually meet every 6 to 8 weeks in an evening. Currently we meet online via Zoom but we are hoping to restart face to face meeting soon at a venue to be arranged. It is not expected that you attend every meeting as we are aware of how precious your spare time can be but if you are only able to attend a few times a year, your input would be invaluable and much appreciated. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact us at [dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com](mailto:dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com)



**WELCOME!**

DDCS sends a warm welcome to new members **DEEN BABRI** and **SEYNABOU BADIANE** and their families.  
We look forward to seeing you all at one of our events very soon.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DDCS have secured two family days out for this summer and we hope you will all join us.**

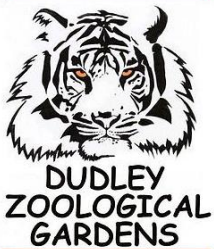
**SYCAMORE ADVENTURE**

The first family day out is at **The Sycamore Adventure, Sycamore Green, Dudley DY1 3QE on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. The centre will be open exclusively to DDCS members and their families from 10am to 4pm. Entry is **FREE**, however we will need an idea of how many will be attending. If you would like to take advantage of this exciting day out, please complete the booking form attached or simply email me ([jaevans63@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jaevans63@hotmail.co.uk)) with the names and ages of the children attending along with the names, addresses and contact details for the parent/carers who will be attending with them by **no later than FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**.

**The responsibility for the children, on the day, will remain with the parent/carer and you must therefore ensure an appropriate adult to child ratio attends in order to maintain safety of the children.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**





DDCS have also arranged a family day out to **Dudley ZOO on WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST.**

The Zoo will be open from 10m to 5.30pm so you will be able to spend the entire day exploring this wonderful zoo.

**DDCS is offering free entry for a deaf child along with 2 parent/carers.**

Additional family members are welcome to attend and will be charged at:

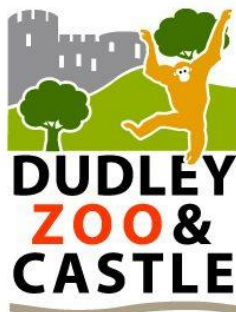
£9.00 per additional adult  
£8.00 per additional child

DDCS Committee members will be at the venue to meet and greet you, please come and say Hello!

A booking form is attached, please complete and return to me (Jan Evans) at the address shown (or by email) as soon as possible but **no later than FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022.**

Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer.

We look forward to seeing you all for another fabulous family day of fun. Please note that there is a charge for parking, payable on entry to the zoo. Token is then required to exit the car park.



Plans are also in motion for our DDCS Christmas party this year with the provisional date being Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 so keep your diary free! Again, more information on all planned events will be sent to members as soon as possible.



Hearing/Visual Impairment Services

**Parents/Carers  
& Toddlers Group**

The Stourbridge Children and Families Centre,  
Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF

Fortnightly Friday Sessions  
9:45 'til 11:30  
See back for dates



Our group is open to all  
Parents/Carers,  
and their hearing impaired and visually  
impaired babies,  
toddlers and pre-school brothers  
and sisters



**Session dates 2021/2022**

May 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
July 8<sup>th</sup>

Contact Louise Westwood on  
**07824598809** to confirm location.



For more information please contact: Cathryn Skidmore QTVI or Louise Westwood TOD  
The Mere Education Centre, Stourbridge, DY8 5PQ  
Tel: 01384 818003 Text: 07827873498

**TERM DATES 2022**

**Summer Term**

Term starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
½ term Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Term ends Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

**Autumn term**

Term starts Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
½ term Mon 24<sup>th</sup> to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Term ends Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



May	June
Rory H	Connie - Mai B
Aisha N	Jaiden W
Rhys P-J	Holly H
Ameen Y	Joshua H
Harper H	

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If you wish to enquire via text, please use this number  
**07520632500**



- AUG** Mekkin' the Black Country  
Saturday 6 August
- SEP** Poverty and Plenty  
Saturday 10 September
- OCT** Black History and the Black Country  
Saturday 8 October
- NOV** Forging Ahead and the Elephant & Castle Pub  
Saturday 12 November
- DEC** Unwrapping Christmas  
Saturday 10 December



### Access Tours at BCLM

Audio Descriptive  
tours:  
10.30-12.00pm

British Sign  
Language tours:  
2.00-3.30pm



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for our  
Access  
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Join our qualified  
British Sign Language  
interpreter and Historic  
Characters as they  
reveal inspiring stories  
from the Black Country.

- FEB** Love in the Black Country  
Saturday 12 February
- MAR** Women who stood up to be counted  
Saturday 12 March
- APR** Sugar Plums and Sherbet  
Saturday 9 April
- MAY** Deaf Awareness Day  
Saturday 7 May
- JUN** A Day in the Life of Danny the Horse  
Saturday 4 June  
*Supported by Warrens Hall Riding School.*
- JUL** Wartime Kitchens and Gardens  
Saturday 9 July



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## GREAT NEWS

### **BSL: BBC Newsround launches signed weekday bulletins**

Newsround's weekday bulletin is now accessible for people who use British Sign Language.

The programme is now fully signed, with an in-vision interpreter each weekday.

It will be available to watch on the Newsround website from lunchtime every Monday to Friday and will remain online to watch at a time to suit individuals or schools.

It is hoped that the new service will help children who use BSL to access news and encourage them to watch the programme.

**WELL DONE BBC AND NEWSROUND!**

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## NDCS NEWS

After sadly having to suspend their Technology Test Drive in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, NDCS are delighted to announce that it is now back up and running!



**Bellman & Symfon Vibio Bed Shaker £79.98** – available to borrow for free from our Technology Test Drive service. This product is a wireless vibrating alarm clock that connects to your smartphone via Bluetooth. The free Vibio app allows you to create multiple alarms, adjust the vibration power and receive notifications from calls or messages.



**Geemarc CL7400 Wireless Headphones £143.80** – available to borrow for free from our Technology Test Drive service. These wireless headphones are used for listening to music or watching TV. They've been designed specifically for users with hearing loss and offer a 50-metre wireless range from the transmitter, which plugs straight into your TV. For more information, visit [www.ndcs.org.uk/technology-](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/technology-loans)

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## CHANGEMAKER GROUPS

NDCS are now running changemaker groups. Young people who join the groups will:

- . meet other deaf young people and make new friends
- . take part in exciting activities
- . talk about issues that affect or interest deaf young people
- . find out how they can make a difference!

### What it means to be a Changemaker.

A changemaker is someone who comes up with creative ideas to solve a social problem

NDCS want to equip and empower deaf young people with the skills, knowledge and experience to be changemakers for themselves, others and their communities.

### Changemaker Groups

Each changemaker group will be made up of young people from places around the UK. They are an exciting opportunity for deaf young people to learn from other inspiring deaf people, develop new skills and make a difference.

The groups will meet every month and plan their own sessions about issues that are really important to them. These could be making the environment a safer place, accessing subtitles at the cinema, changes in education or anything else that matters to them.

### Who can take part?

To take part, deaf young people must be aged 11 to 18 and live in the UK. Group members will have different levels of deafness and communicate in different ways. We use the word 'Deaf' to describe someone with any level of deafness from mild to profound.

### How to join a Changemaker group

If a young person is interested in joining a Changemaker Group, they can complete the form online. NDCS will then let them know about their nearest group and they can start getting involved and make a difference. For more information see <https://cypteam.typeform.com/to/o9Phjpyr?typeform-source=www.ndcs.org.uk> or email [cyp@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:cyp@ndcs.org.uk)