

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: British Sign Language (BSL) Club – Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6)

We are excited to be offering a new British Sign Language (BSL) Club, which will be facilitated by local volunteer, Lisa Eden. Lisa is Deaf and wears cochlear implants. Her first language is BSL – so her expertise and passion for BSL will ensure that each session is engaging, educational, and enjoyable for all!

The BSL Club will run **every Tuesday from April 30th to July 9<sup>th</sup>**; a total of 10 weeks. Sessions will be held from 1pm – 1.30pm and will take place in the Community Room.

Participation in the BSL Club offers numerous benefits for your child, including:

- Enhanced communication skills
- Building friendships and fostering inclusivity within the school community
- Increased empathy towards the Deaf community and culture
- Learning how to fingerspell the alphabet, learn basic BSL signs and their own 'sign name'

### Did you know?

*British Sign Language is the most common form of sign language in the UK. It was recognised as a language in its own right in 2003 and legally as an official language of Britain in 2022.*

*(Royal National Institute for Deaf People, 2024)*

Places are limited to a maximum of 14 and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your child to join the BSL Club, please complete and return the attached permission slip by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Children who have been successful in gaining a place will be notified by 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

Ms Carly Pearson

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to be considered for a place in the lunchtime BSL Club, commencing Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm – 1.30pm.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_