

British Sign Language (BSL)

At Warren Wood Primary School, our approach to British Sign Language (BSL) is designed to support inclusive communication and ensure that all pupils are able to access learning, develop relationships and express themselves with confidence. BSL is used as part of our commitment to meeting the needs of pupils with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), hearing impairment, and those who benefit from visual communication strategies.

We are committed to creating a communication-rich environment where BSL is used consistently and meaningfully across the school, particularly within the Evergreen provision and in wider classroom practice. This supports pupils to develop their receptive and expressive communication skills, reduce barriers to learning and promote independence.

Through high-quality teaching and modelling, we aim to develop the following essential characteristics in our pupils:

- An increased ability to understand and use key signs to support communication;
- Confidence in expressing needs, thoughts and ideas using a combination of spoken language and/or sign;
- Improved attention and listening through the use of visual supports;
- A sense of inclusion and belonging through shared communication approaches;
- Respect and understanding of different communication styles and needs;
- The ability to apply BSL within a range of contexts across the school day.

Our use of BSL is underpinned by our SEND policy, inclusive practice principles, and our commitment to ensuring all pupils can access the curriculum and communicate effectively with peers and adults.

BSL Policy

Please use the link below to access Warren Wood's BSL Subject Policy:

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