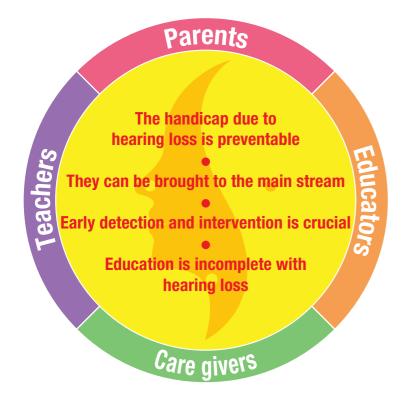


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# Hearing, 'The Sense of Life'

The most important input for Academic learning is Hearing followed by Vision. The other special senses play only a minor role. It is through hearing that the child learns sound, words and language. Since language and verbal communication is what makes man a social and intellectual being, a person suffering from hearing loss would also suffer in interpersonal interactions [social, psychological and emotional handicap].



# **Recommendation of American Academy of Paediatrics**

The American Academy of Paediatrics advises that children should have their hearing tested several times throughout their schooling. A common protocol recommended is

- 1. When they enter school.
- 2. At ages 6, 8 and 10.
- 3. At least once during middle school.
- 4. At least once during high school.

# Hearing loss 'A Silent Disability'

Hearing loss unlike vision is an invisible disability, hence not recognised easily. 15 to 20% of unattended primary school children have some hearing deficit. Most common being wax ears.

# The hidden danger

A child with hearing loss is at a higher risk than their peers. They experience educational and academic difficulties. Even mild hearing loss can retard acquisition of language skill, resulting in learning handicap.

#### **Understanding the Problem**

Just press both your Ears with your fingers and try listening to speech and other sounds around. This is the difficulty your child encounters with mild hearing loss [e.g wax both ears]. This child will have mainly speech assimilation difficulty. The child says "I can hear but cannot understand".

#### Parents, 'There is no second chance'

If Hearing loss is not detected and corrected on time, your child becomes The Innocent Victim. We spend thousands to educate our child in a good school but forget to give them adequate hearing.

## **Recommendation of Shravan**

Shravan follows a more comprehesive protocol keeping academic interest in mind. It includes

- 1. ENT check up,
- 2. Speech, Language and voice evaluation,
- 3. Learning Disability identification in addition to Hearing evaluation as recommended by AAP.

To bring out the potential in our children Shravan recommends every child to undergo our comprehensive ENT evaluation every year. Starting from pre-school.

For further help / information contact Shravan.