

Visual Communication and Reading Development project – University College London

Visual spoken language input (visual speech/ lipreading) is increasingly being recognised as important to language development and reading development not only in deaf children, but also in hearing children. The importance of sign language knowledge to reading development in deaf children is also well established.

In our research project we aim to examine the contribution of visual speech and also sign language to reading development in deaf children over 3 years from Reception to Yr 2. We have already recruited children who joined Reception in 2022.

Could you help us recruit more children by sharing information about the project with parents of deaf children at your school?

We are recruiting deaf children who:

- will start Reception in September 2023 or 2024 (approx. 4yrs old)
- were diagnosed as severely or profoundly deaf before 3yrs old
- have lived in the UK for at least the last 6 months
- have no disabilities that would prevent them from completing 10-15mins of tasks on a computer



For further information please visit:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/icn/research/research-groups/visual-communication/visual-communication-reading-development-project> which you can also access by scanning the QR code below.

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