

STRATEGIES TO OPTIMISE YOUR CHILD'S HEARING

At Home:

- ❖ Ensure you have your child's attention prior to speaking.
- ❖ Allow your child full view of your face when speaking.
- ❖ Reduce the level of background noise or move away from background noise.
- ❖ Use a louder than normal voice.

At School:

- ❖ Let your child's teacher know about your child's hearing loss.
- ❖ You and your child's teacher can locate the best seating position for your child in the classroom – generally this will be close to the teacher's usual teaching position but away from possible sources of background noise (eg: open windows, classroom door, heater, fish tank).
- ❖ Ask your child's teacher to:
 - secure your child's attention before speaking.
 - reduce background noise to minimal levels during critical listening times.
 - use a louder than normal voice level.
 - check that key instructions are understood.
 - ensure that only one person speaks at a time during class discussions.
 - monitor the child's interactions in acoustically difficult situations (eg: playground, swimming pool, gymnasium, activity periods).
 - encourage your child to ask for clarification or for repeats if he/she is unsure of what was said.