



Dear School Teacher / Administrator / Principal

Re: New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreting services for Deaf people

Deaf people who use NZSL as their first or preferred language often require New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreting services to access services and to ensure their right to communication and right to be fully informed is realised. Written English and lip-reading are often not effective as English is like a second language to many Deaf people.

Deaf Aotearoa is contracted by the Ministry of Education to provide Deaf parents/carers with interpreting services to enable them to access their children's schooling. This contract funding covers the cost of NZSL interpreting services for things like parent-teacher interviews, enrolments, special assemblies, prize-givings, and IEP meetings.

NZSL interpreting services for schools can be booked through Deaf Aotearoa's iSign service, a nationwide booking service providing qualified NZSL interpreters for jobs all around New Zealand.

Deaf Aotearoa advises schools to liaise directly with their Deaf clients around booking an interpreter, including checking if the Deaf person has any preferred interpreters.

iSign interpreting services can be booked by contacting:

Email: bookings@isign.co.nz
Phone: 0800 934 683
Free text: 3359
Website: www.isign.co.nz Online booking form

Please ensure you state the appointment start and end time and venue.

If you have any queries please email askus@isign.co.nz

Sincerely

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