

Sign Language Courses in Warwickshire

Makaton

Signing is offered to families and childcare settings of children on the case load of WCC Birth to Three Portage. There are also paid courses online and face to face courses. Information can be found on the [Makaton](#) website.

For those learning Makaton, these additional resources may be of interest:

- [Welcombe Hills School](#) – topic vocabulary (parents and families section)
- [Singing Hands](#) – topic vocabulary, songs and stories for Early Years on YouTube, Facebook and the website
- [Evergreen School](#) – sign of the week and Forest School
- [East Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre](#) – latest news and news archive

Warwickshire Speech and Language Therapy Team

The [Warwickshire Speech and Language Therapy Team](#) have produced two YouTube videos of Makaton signs to use at home and at school. Click on the pre-school or school age drop down links to access the relevant pages and then click on the understanding and use of language drop down link.

They have also produced a range of Chatter Matter videos.

More information to support speech and language development can be found on the drop down links from the main page and from the schools pages.

Covlearn

[Covlearn](#) offer the following online courses: Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL) and Level 1 BSL. You will need to create a student user account to access them.

British Sign

[British Sign](#) offer online courses for British Sign Language (BSL). Currently they are running a 'pay what you can' scheme, where you can access the course with a minimum payment of £3.

BSL

[BSL](#) offer paid for online/virtual courses, starting at £250 for BSL Level 1, with a free trial of some modules available.

Doncaster Deaf Trust

[Doncaster Deaf Trust](#) offers the British Sign Language Level 1 course online, free of charge, if you are a member with them. There is a charge for the exam at the end but this is not believed to be too expensive.

Sense Sign School

[Sense Sign School](#) offer free basic online training. Enter your email address and you will receive five sign language lessons over five days.

Coventry and Warwickshire Association for the Deaf (CWAD)

[CWAD](#) do not offer sign language courses but may be a useful resource as they provide support for deaf people or members of the deaf community throughout the West Midlands. They offer services such as interpreters, assisting deaf service users and deaf awareness training.

CELST

[CELST](#) is a voluntary (not for profit) charity offering lipreading courses in various locations in the Warwickshire area. They also offer some online options. The courses are free but a donation of up to £25 per term is asked for from those who feel able to make a contribution.