



**Te Tāhuhu o  
te Mātauranga**  
Ministry of Education



# Interpreters for Deaf parents



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## About this Easy Read



This Easy Read tells you how you can get a **New Zealand Sign Language interpreter** if you need one to talk to the school your child goes to.



**New Zealand Sign Language interpreters** support people who use:

- a **spoken language** to talk to people who use New Zealand Sign Language
- New Zealand Sign Language to talk to people who use a spoken language.

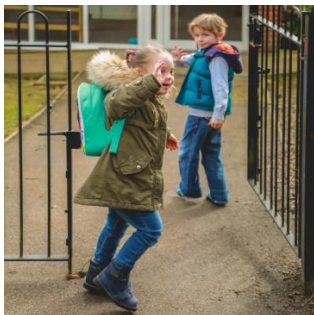


Here a **spoken language** means:

- English
- te reo Māori.

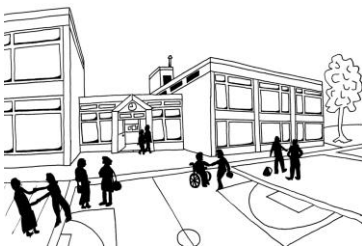


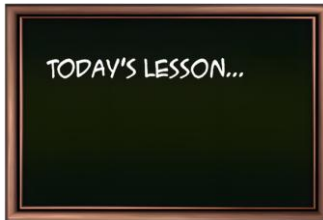
In this Easy Read we call New Zealand Sign Language **NZSL** for short.



The **Ministry of Education** pays for NZSL interpreters so you can:

- know what is happening for your child at school
- be part of the **school community**.





The **Ministry of Education** is the part of the Government in charge of schools in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Ministry of Education does things like:

- deciding what schools should teach
- supporting children who need extra support with their learning
- building new classrooms.

The **school community** is all the people who are part of a school like:

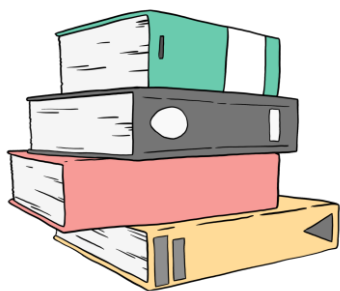
- students
- teachers
- whānau / families.

## What support can you get?



The Ministry of Education will pay for NZSL interpreters if your child goes to a:

- **state school / kura**
- **state-integrated school / kura.**



A **state school / kura** is a school that:

- the Ministry of Education pays for
- teaches the things the Ministry of Education says it must teach.



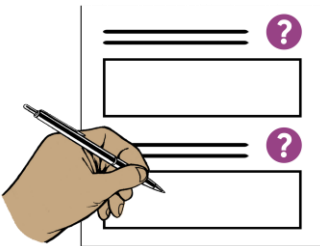
A **state-integrated school / kura** is a school that:

- the Ministry of Education mostly pays for
- has a special character like being Catholic
- can teach things to do with its special character as well as the things the Ministry of Education says it must teach.



You can have an NZSL interpreter at:

- school **enrolment** meetings
- **formal** parent–teacher meetings
- **support plan** meetings
- **prizegivings / special assemblies**
- any other meetings with school staff where you talk about what school is like for your child.



**Enrolment** is when you sign your child up to go to school.



A **formal** parent–teacher meeting is when you set up a time to talk to the teacher.



A parent–teacher interview is a formal parent–teacher meeting.

Talking to the teacher when you drop your child off at school is **not** a formal parent–teacher meeting.



A **support plan** meeting is a meeting where you talk about extra support your child needs with their learning.





## Prizegivings / special assemblies

are when the school community gets together to:

- give out awards
- celebrate things the students have done.

You do not have to pay for the NZSL interpreter.



The school does not have to pay for the NZSL interpreter.

## How do you get support?



The Ministry of Education pays **WordsWorth Interpreting** to provide NZSL interpreters.

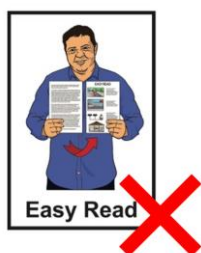


**WordsWorth Interpreting** is a company that makes sure people have an NZSL interpreter when they need one.



You can book an NZSL interpreter on the WordsWorth Interpreting **website**:

**[www.wordsworth.nz/booking](http://www.wordsworth.nz/booking)**



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