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Deaf students and online lessons

Dear Nick,

My Committee has received evidence from members of the youth advisory board of the National Deaf Children's Society.

The board notes the challenges for those with communication needs whilst taking online lessons when sessions are not subtitled or where teachers and contributors are unaware of what they need to do to facilitate lip reading.

It would be helpful to know what departmental guidance is in place for schools and colleges teaching students with communication needs via video lessons. Also, what extra funding for specialist technology is available to support deaf students to enable them to hear the lessons better and to provide subtitling of online lessons.

As always, we are grateful for your help with our inquiries.

Yours

Robert Halfon MP

Chair of the Education Committee