

## What we love about George...

He is kind and loves his friends and family very much.  
He makes us laugh and he enjoys being funny.  
He is a great dancer and he loves singing.  
He is a whizz on the computer.  
He rarely complains and is very brave.  
He tries really hard to communicate and is happy to sign for you if you don't understand.

## What is important to George?

George loves to read. He is learning that he can read all sorts of things and not just books. He loves to show people he can do this.

George loves using cameras and taking photographs. He likes using pictures to help him remember things that have happened. George might bring a pictorial newsheet in to cubs to help him to tell his friends about the things he has been doing.

George likes to be in control and make his own choices.

George loves his friends and enjoys opportunities to play with a wide variety of children and adults.

George prefers to communicate with people who sign to him, who get on his level, make eye contact with him and who do not raise their voices.

George likes to be prepared for new situations and experiences. If there is to be a change to a routine, George likes to know about this in advance and be well prepared for what is to happen.

George is happy to eat a small range of foods. He needs to see something familiar that he likes at mealtimes. He likes seeing what other people eat though and can sometimes be encouraged by friends to try new things.



## How best to support him...

Make sure he is wearing his glasses for close work and are in the best condition they can be. Let us know as soon as you notice anything you think might not be right.

When George needs to communicate something very quickly he might not choose to use words. If he hits or hides or runs away there is usually a choice he is unhappy with at the root cause. Give him plenty of warning that something is about to happen. George likes to use "First..... Then...." to help him remember that there is something coming up that he likes.

When giving instructions, introducing new topics and when trying to encourage George to participate in a conversation it helps when speech is supported by signs. Signing with George is about comprehension much more than about hearing. If you do not know the sign for a word, ask George!

George needs support with remembering to go to the toilet. He will rarely ask to go, he needs to be prompted. He is being helped with this by an incontinence nurse. George is trying really hard, but finds this difficult.

Remembering that different sound environments and massive changes in sound levels can be very difficult and sometimes painful for George who sometimes wears hearing aids. If George wants to remove his hearing aids then he has to be allowed to make that choice.

George appreciates being treated the same as everyone else.