

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL) - BEGINNERS 1

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	28/09/2026	07/12/2026	ENDERBY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE	138.00
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	30/09/2026	09/12/2026	LOUGHBOROUGH MOIRA CENTRE	138.00
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	30/09/2026	09/12/2026	LOUGHBOROUGH LIBRARY	138.00
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	01/10/2026	10/12/2026	MARKET HARBOROUGH SYMINGTON BUILDING	138.00
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	30/09/2026	09/12/2026	MELTON LIBRARY	138.00
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	01/10/2026	10/12/2026	THURMASTON THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	138.00
British Sign Language - Beginners 1	01/10/2026	10/12/2026	COALVILLE LIBRARY	138.00

01. Who is this course for?

This course is for everyone! it is designed to enable complete beginners to British Sign Language to develop an ability to communicate with deaf people using BSL in a range of familiar contexts. The course consists of topics such as: Meeting and greeting people, using fingerspelling, asking questions, transport and directions, vocabulary around home life such as people, family, relationships, animals and objects, numbers, age, interests and activities, and the weather.

02. What will I learn?

You will learn lots of BSL signs and how to use them in the correct way and order. By the end of the course you should be able to have a simple conversation on a range of everyday topics (from the list above). You will also start to understand how different elements such as hand shapes and facial expressions together create sign language. You will develop some knowledge of signing structures and BSL word order.

03. How will I learn?

You will learn through class activities including class work, group work, paired work and video work. Visual and written feedback from your tutor. Additional practice within your own time throughout the course will support you to successfully learn the language.

04. What will I need to bring?

You may want to bring a pen and paper for your own notes. There is a minimal amount of writing included in the course as BSL is a visual language. A Laptop/computer/tablet or phone and internet connection in order to access resources and Moodle - our online learning platform.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

No formal qualifications or previous experience are needed, just an interest in BSL and the deaf community and a willingness to have a go! You will need internet access and a computer/laptop/tablet or phone in order to access the online learning platform (moodle) - for resources and homework.

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06. How will I be assessed?

This course is not accredited and there is no exam or tests. We ask learners to allow us to film them signing during the course so we can prove what they have learned. We also ask learners to complete an ILP ('Individual learning plan') during your course- as these help you to record and measure your progress.

07. What could I do after this course?

After BSL Beginners part 1 you can progress on to BSL beginners part 2. BSL beginners part 2 builds on your learning from BSL beginners part 1 and helps you to improve your signing vocabulary, sign order and smoothness.

08. How will I be supported in my learning?

We aim to support all learners to succeed. Our tutors will work with all learners to meet individual needs by using a range of resources and teaching methods. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any additional learning needs or disabilities which may affect your learning. This might include physical disabilities, neurodivergent needs (e.g., Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia, etc.), visual and auditory impairments, or a medical condition which might affect your learning. Your tutor will contact you prior to joining the course to discuss what support can be put in place. For some learners, this may mean organising extra time in exams or arranging for a Learning Support Assistant to support your learning in class. We also offer a wide range of assistive technology such as reader pens, screen readers, large print keyboards and screens, alongside in-class resources such as coloured overlays, large-print resources and more.

09. Is help available with course fees?

Many of our courses are FREE to all learners. Your course may be FREE if you are unemployed or earn under £26,800 before deductions. If you are in receipt of state benefits or have a low income (£28,733.50 before deductions) you could be entitled to enrol on your course at a 70% reduced fee cost. Some exclusions apply, eligibility for fee reduction is subject to change, and you may be required to provide evidence of earnings. If the amount you must pay for your course is over £50, we offer instalment plans which break down the cost of learning into a set number of easy monthly payments. If you need help with the wider costs of study, such as childcare, resources, travel, and transport costs, you may be eligible to have these costs reimbursed through our Discretionary Learner Support Fund. Visit us online for more details, and to download the online application form.

10. How do I choose the right course for me?

If you are unsure of your next steps, please contact us and one of our team will advise you about our courses or signpost you to other providers if necessary. Please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email adult.learning@leics.gov.uk