

Early Development Group Evaluation: 2023

My child is making progress as a result of attending these sessions

30 Responses- 2 Empty



Data	Response	%
★★★★★	24	80%
★★★★☆	4	13%
★★★☆☆	2	7%
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What progress/developments have you seen?

17 Responses- 1 Empty

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Communicate	1
My little boy now sits unaided and rolls, he enjoys these sessions socialising with other children	1
She's much better at waiting her turn. She's more interested in numbers and the Numicon box at home (we often play 'What's in the Number bag?'. She also seems to be able to concentrate on tasks for longer periods. We use a lot of the instructional and praise language at home too because she's familiar with it.	1
We have seen an increase in our child's communication and social skills.	1
He is learning more signs and more words/speech sounds. He is now recognising numbers 1-5 and he can count up to 3 himself.	1
Increased knowledge in numbers, matching, listening and concentration skills. He's speech and confidence to speak up in front of people he doesn't know as well.	1
He's signing his name and 2 way communication has improved He's learning numbers made massive improvements	1
Signing and speech has come on so much thanks to all of the sound work and using the see & learn cards at home too.	1
Despite being so little, my son shows signs of recognising familiar songs, tracks objects and sits/ has developed stability in his core.	1
Socially Verbally and non-verbally Fine motor skills improved Play improved	1
Concentration Attention Willingness to learn	1
As a result of Repeating the exercises we've learned at group while at home, we've seen behaviors repeated such as clapping- where she didn't do that much before.	1
Speech development as well as increased signing. Confidence in identifying letters and matching	1
Numbers, sound and word recognition. Listening skills when she has an interest. Joining in : rhymes.	1
Socially, calms himself down quicker than before	1
Turn taking Waiting Confidence development	1
He is more comfortable with other people & stay happy	1

What progress/developments have you seen?

14 Responses- 1 Empty

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Her ability to sit on a chair, focus & listen.	1
My son is learning to count , he's learning to sit better , he's learning words and understanding their meaning .	1
more responses can do some counting enjoy very much for number counting game (stepping on the floor from one to ten) remember of some sounds	1
It's early to say as he has only attended 3 sessions but I feel his listening and concentration skills have improved.	1
Waiting for his turn. Makaton signs. Developing vocabulary. Social skills. Numerical skills.	1
His concentration is improving along with his speech and understanding of simple instructions.	1
He do more sign & feel confident.when he comes back he feel happy	1
Sit and eat at the table learning numbers	1
He observes, listens and responds to his name, signs & also he try to copy things	1
Her ability to listen, process requests & attempt to action them is much better, as is sitting on a chair for longer periods.	1
He has recently joined the Early development group. He is beginning to settle into the class and is beginning to participate in the activities. He is practicing turn taking, reading letters and has been introduced to Numicon	1
His understanding & reading have greatly improved.	1
His understanding of the world has grown loads in recent months.	1
Speech is slowly if surely improving and more words are recognisable	1

I feel confident to support my child’s learning as a result of attending these sessions

31 Responses- 1 Empty



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Avg. Response

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I feel that I understand my child’s needs and potential as a result of attending these sessions

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My child is developing good listening and concentration skills

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Do you feel supported as a parent/carer by attending these sessions?

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Can you briefly explain your answers to the above further?

16 Responses- 6 Empty

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These groups are amazing, things can be sometimes daunting but we both love attending these groups to chat to other families and take part in the activities	1
We feel that the the advice give from years of experience of Down's syndrome children.	1
After practising a skill in the group we then practice the same thing at home. The materials we are given to take home really help with this. It's very helpful to be able to discuss development related issues as well as any other Down Syndrome related issues with the group leader and the other parents.	1
Now his 1:1 attends they feel more confident in providing tasks as they have a clearer picture how he learns and get new ideas to help support and extend his learning at school. At home he often asks to do certain tasks we do at group and I as a parent feel confident I can help him and see how much he gets out of this too.	1
I feel 100% supported and get help in all areas I need to develop my child	1
They very support and helpful I freely can them anything anytime related yo my child	1
They are to listen & advice & also help with child needs	1
Not only have I gained understanding of how to help my son's development I have also gained knowledge of other topics such as the higher prevalence of cmpa allergy in children with Down Syndrome	1
Vital and much appreciated service. A lifeline when you find out your baby will have Down syndrome. Always welcoming, warm and knowledgeable. Reassured such a group exists and will be there for support, guidance and training from birth to adulthood. Without it would make navigating this unknow much more stressful and worrying.	1
We get information on how to further the learning at home and strategies to help her continue to progress.	1
Helps me to learn how to approach a subject to follow her interests or for subject learning. Although poppy's learning always depends on her concentration and focus at the time.	1
I have noticed my child can look and follow objects and can sit with people and children other than myself.	1
I have seen a great improvement in my sons concentration and understanding from the beginning of these courses to now.	1
It is great to see activities modelled by the practitioner so we can continue to use these at home to help our children. The activities are resourced well and interactive keeping my child engaged.	1
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The session is to support my sons learning but also to support myself as his mum. There are many differences bringing up a child with disabilities and this session is specialised and tailored to meet his needs	1
The activities we do in the classes prep us for how we should go about aiding our children's learning at home. The resources we are given at the end of the session are a great help at home, so that the learning doesn't stop between sessions.	1
I can know him more through the different activities, also his progress compared with last year. The report is very useful.	1
It's been nice to feel some support and friendliness as a parent. I have a better idea of what his learning profile might be like when he is older, although I am still working this out. I am not completely sure of some of the answers above as he has only attended 3 sessions.	1
He gains confidence more and more each time and loves to engage in the activities at a quick pace. The structure helps as he knows what is coming next. His 1:1's have started to attend and have said how impressed they are with his concentration and what he is capable of doing which has given them the ideas and skills to move some activities into school. It is always helpful to talk to other parents and feel supported by everyone in the room.	1
I think when parents attend the session with kids they learn how to makton same way & look at child how they react	1
Laura has high expectations of all the children. She is really patient and knowledgable and makes time to speak to parents and TAs that are there with the children to explain the tasks/support us with what to do. There is always the opportunity to ask questions and get advice. There are lots of different tasks in the session and so she doesn't get bored. The basis of the tasks being the same each time, e.g. posting the sounds, Number bag etc. has really helped too, as she knows what to do and can concentrate on learning the new sound/number. The break during the sessions helps her maintain her focus (as well as giving an opportunity for lots of other skills, e.g. reading the sentences/fine motor). Activities and resources are regularly sent home so children can consolidate their work from the sessions.	1
We carry out similar activities on a daily basis at home & his listening and attention skills have come on so much.	1
Her development has come on loads this past 6 months & I attribute that to the one 2 one sessions with Wendy. Things that she teaches in the sessions, give me ideas & the confidence to push her harder at home.	1
Laura sets good examples in class and show her teaching methods well. He doesn't always sit well. Via the DS training centre we have just seen an OT, she recommended a seat cushion to help increase the time my child sits. He is often hyperactiv	1
It can be difficult to understand her full potential and what she is able to achieve and if left to do it	

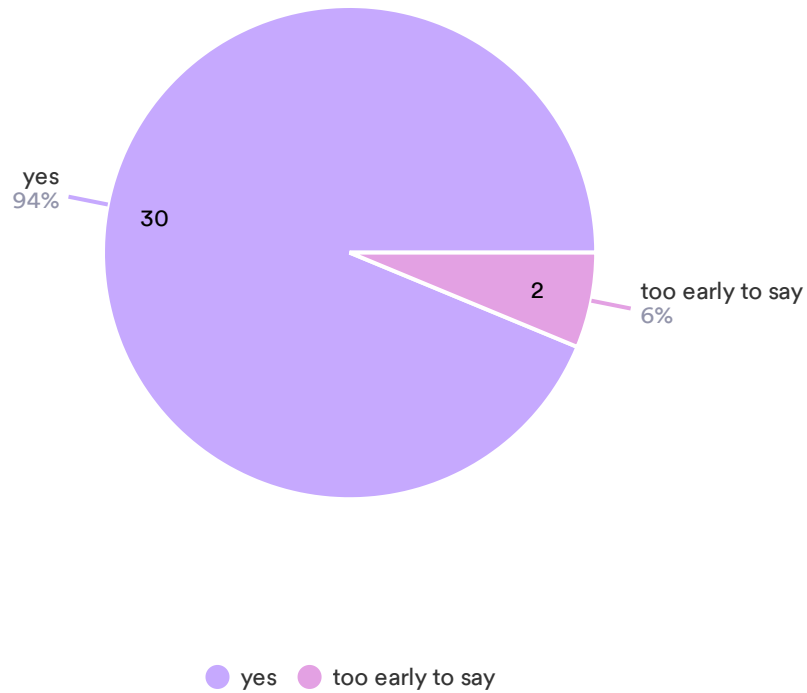
Do you have any comments that you would like to make about the Early Development Groups you have attended: (i.e. any benefits/changes for you or your child as a result of these sessions?)

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These sessions are brilliant, run and organised very well. We learn new things all the time it's very relaxed and we always feel very welcome	1
I just wish there was a group like this a bit closer to our home. Both me and my partner think it's a great session :)	1
I think the social aspect of mixing with other children of a similar age/ability is very beneficial for my son. It's lovely for him to have a peer group he can interact with regularly. I find that he will eat things in the snack time that he wouldn't previously have at home. Snack time and many of the activities also help him to develop turn taking skills.	1
I feel my son benefits an awful lot out of the group and feel it is important he attends regularly. I was a little unsure pulling him out of school when he had just started but feel the group enhances his learning even more and extremely pleased school want to be involved with the group and his learning too.	1
His communication skills have improved massively and he has improved behaviour wise also	1
His communication skills have developed so much as a direct result of the activities we complete at group and repeat at home.	1
Nothing to add. Our sessions are customised to her ability unlike the group sessions.	1
Support as a family was fantastic, made the future look more positive for our baby.	1
I enjoy bringing him to these sessions and he goes straight into the room. I can see how ignoring behaviours is put into practice.	1
Key to my sons learning and development	1
I feel these sessions are so crucial to my child's development and strongly believe that she would not be doing as well as she is had we not attended these for the last 2 years.	1
My knowledge and ability to support my son has grown, as has the Schools ability to support him, taking many of the lessons used in our online training and using them during the week.	1
I love these sessions and how they can help my child reach his full potential.	1
He is more confident. Enjoys the activities. The practitioner is very patient when my child sometimes loses concentration.	1
No	1
I dont think group sessions really worked for her because she found shared sessions distracting but the one on one sessions with Wendy have been amazing and I really am seeing lots of progress with her as a result.	1
My son is learning to listen , even for short times . Although the sessions can be difficult for me , I know that my son is gaining essential skills in order for him to develop .	1
I'm happy to see him sharing with friends, responded to therapist when she asked some question. He can pronounce some sounds and word gradually.	1
I like the enthusiasm of the teacher and people that have put the subject matter together. I feel like they really care.	1
I really appreciate the time that's taken into planning these sessions and what the children are achieving.	1

Do you think that your child will have a better start in life because of these sessions ?

32 Responses



Can you say how/ why?

7 Responses- 10 Empty

Data	Responses
I've learnt so much from these groups they are very usefull and fun!	1
The sessions have given our child a strong foundation.	1
He is developing skills that I might not have known to practice with him without attending the group.	1
Just helping him to be like his peers at school. He may learn differently to them but he is still able to be involved in class abs this is definitely helped coming up group.	1
Because he would never had this improvement without early intervention from these groups	1
These sessions helped my child to learn & listen & develop with motor skills	1
Better communication, listening max attention & social skills	1

Can you say how/ why?

16 Responses- 10 Empty

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Better communication, listening max attention & social skills	1
Absolutely because we almost have the basic skills needed to start school this year, such as sitting & listening. Also her key worker in nursery has attended courses at the centre, to help her better understand the learning profile of a person with down syndrome.	1
He will be more likely to be school ready	1
Services is based on experiences, evidence based research, all vital in supporting a baby from birth so he/she can have the best start in life they deserve.	1
Without these sessions he would not be doing skills such as lacing and picture matching and blowing bubbles etc	1
The focus and exercises in the group are more challenging and more thought out that we would've have done on our own so there is no doubt that these groups will have only a positive effect on her development	1
Absolutely. She will have the understanding required to attend mainstream school and fulfill her potential	1
Without these sessions there is no doubt my son would not have advanced to the level of understanding he now has, the ability to turn take in different circumstances, patience or other skills he has learned. The books help us use the strategies at home as well as at school, school have developed a plan for my son with advice from Bradford training and have stated how useful the strategies and educational resources have been as Max is a very individual case at the School, with a unique way of learning compared to other children at the setting.	1
The skills he is developing will help him in the future.	1
Because from a young age she has learnt to push harder. She has also started to learn basic skills such as sitting & listening which puts her in good stead for starting school in September.	1
I think the edg gives my son the skills to help him to communicate with others . This will give him a better start in life	1
I don't think we'd be at the stage we're currently at if he hadn't attended these sessions. Because he has been prepped a bit with sounds and numbers etc through attending sessions at Bingley, he is able to easily work alongside and fit in with his peers at school.	1
Good to know some peers Have some more support	1
It has already helped him understand when it is learning time and is able to attend a mainstream school with his peers.	1
I think it has really helped her develop skills that will be beneficial to her when she starts school in September (particularly listening and attention, following instructions, participation and turn taking in a more formal group session than she gets elsewhere).	1

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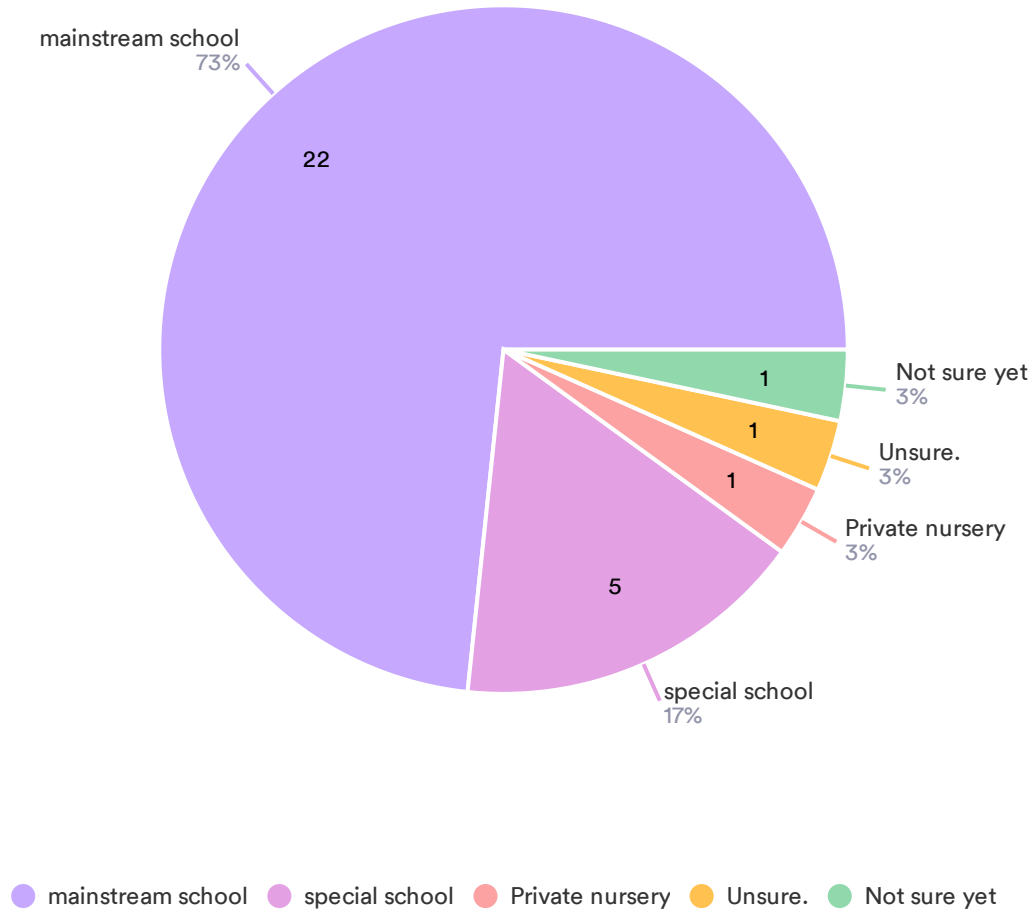
Is there anything you think we could do to improve the Early Development Groups? (e.g. timing, resources, general organisation etc.)

17 Responses- 15 Empty

Data	Responses
No	5
I think it is very well organised	1
A written summary of key skills covered and a few comments about progress made/things to keep working on would be helpful.	1
I would prefer a slightly earlier start to help with lunchtime and eating. I find my son snacks more on his group day and doesn't have a proper lunch which isn't a huge issue just a preference on my part.	1
A bit more help with 1 to 1 sessions where we can discuss individual issues with my child and help and support with this.	1
It good so far, I don't think I would change anything yet	1
More days/times available to attend. Currently only once a week every two weeks.	1
More ideas about what we can be doing at home. Also maybe a plan for the term on what the goals are- ie what skills/learning will the group be targeting. So we can know where our child stands at the start of term and where they are at the end.	1
No, everything is excellent!	1
Poppy tends to lose focus and fidgety as the length of the session is too long and not continuous learning.	1
About the timing is a bit difficult when he has started reception. If this can make it once a month at the weekend. I needed to talk to school and got the approval from them. If this can be done by the centre that make more possible doing in the weekdays.	1
Not sure	1
I think it works really well still for us.	1

Which type of school are you planning for your child to attend?

30 Responses- 2 Empty



If other please explain here

4 Responses- 28 Empty

Data	Responses
Special school depend on my child development	1
We are home educating our other children- we will assess what we feel is best for this child when the time comes.	1
Private nursery	1
He got place in phonic school will start in September	1

Thank You!

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