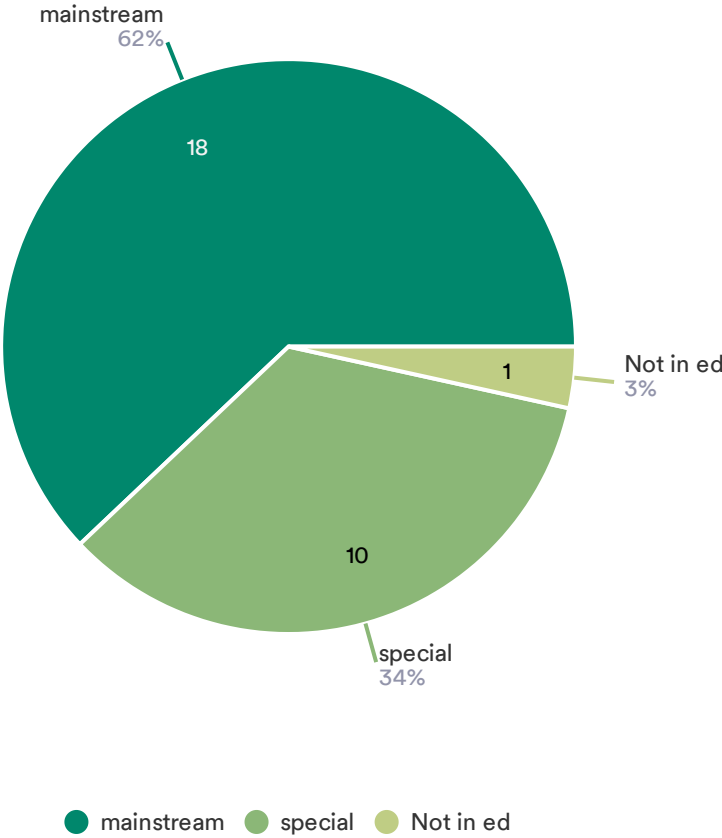


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QUESTIONNAIRE  
May 2023**

Child/young person's school/college

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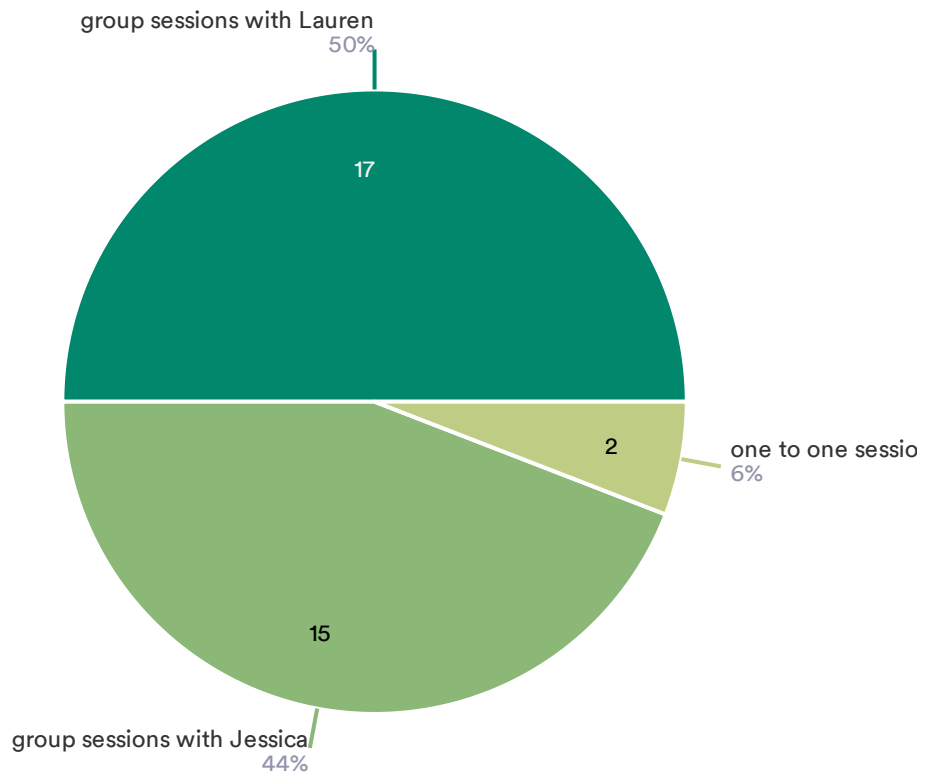
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Data	Responses
Unemployed	1

## My child/young person attends

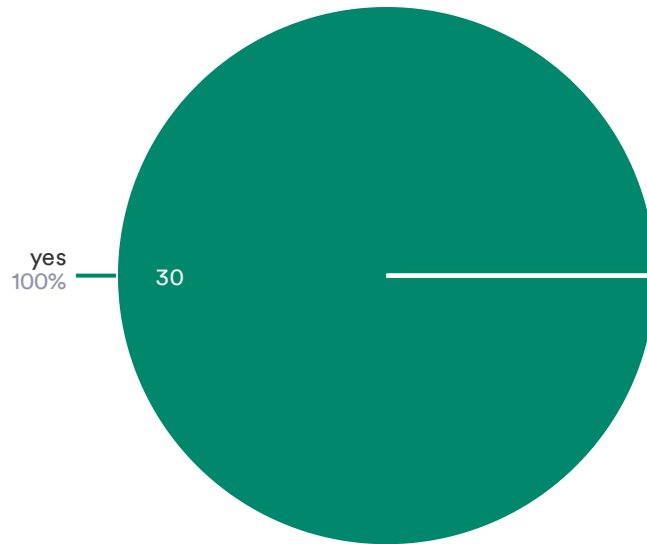
34 Responses



● group sessions with Lauren ● group sessions with Jessica ● one to one sessions with Lauren

## are you happy with your speech & language therapist

30 Responses



● yes

## Any comments you would like to add about your therapist

12 Responses- 8 Empty

Data	Responses
The children really enjoy the activities Jessica has for them and she is good at sticking firmly to rules	1
She's so lovely.	1
Lauren is great and works well with my child.	1
Very Good understanding the needs of a child with Down Syndrome.	1
Lauren is fantastic	1
Knowledgeable and experienced in working with children with DS.	1

## Any comments you would like to add about your therapist

16 Responses- 8 Empty

Data	Responses
Helpful and professional	1
Very knowledgeable, friendly and enthusiastic	1
Supportive, builds a good trusting relationship, provides advice and resources.	1
I'm happy with the therapist they handle the children very well 🙌📺	1
Jessica is patient with the children and engages each and every child in the lesson. You can actually see the progress of the children after one lesson. With the current waiting list for SALT therapists, I'm just sorry that these lessons are not provided more frequently. My child has only started these lessons recently, but I'm so invested in this service as I see the engagement and participation from the children.	1
Excellent	1
It is hard to comment how good the therapist is as the young people are in a group by themselves so I don't actually see her in action. My son enjoys the sessions.	1
Fantastic sessions, lovely approach. Our child seems to enjoy the session and is learning some great skills. We also appreciate the pointers and tips to work on at home. We have had private and NHS Salt before and this is the best we've ever had as it is at the right level and is actually working on the things we need to work on. Thank you so much.	1
Cannot thank you and Jess enough for the continued speech therapy support. Jess is amazing and is always so patient and supportive of all of the children who attend her sessions. Her instructions to the children are always very clear and they respond so well to her. Absolutely excellent!	1
Lauren is really friendly, engaging and lovely. She involves all the children as equally as possible and is really good at understanding their abilities and what they are trying to say. My children very much looks forward to this monthly event.	1
S enjoys the sessions very much. Apart from language skills she is also developing social skills like listening to others and taking turns. Lauren is wonderfully engaging and gets the very best out of everyone.	1
Jessica is so lovely and R absolutely loves his speech class	1
Lauren has been great. She is really helping J to engage and stay on task with his S&L sessions and she's always so positive and patient.	1
She's nice and knows M more than one year	1
Lauren is really good at engaging with A and the other young people, and keeping them interested. Also she's happy to take their lead and develop/adapt the conversation accordingly. A is sometimes reluctant to join in at the start but she manages to get him in and he enjoys the session. He really enjoys the 1:1 sessions and looks forward to them	1
Jess has helped O's speech and communication come on leaps and bounds! He loves	1

How would you rate your child/young person's speech & language therapist

30 Responses

Best Response

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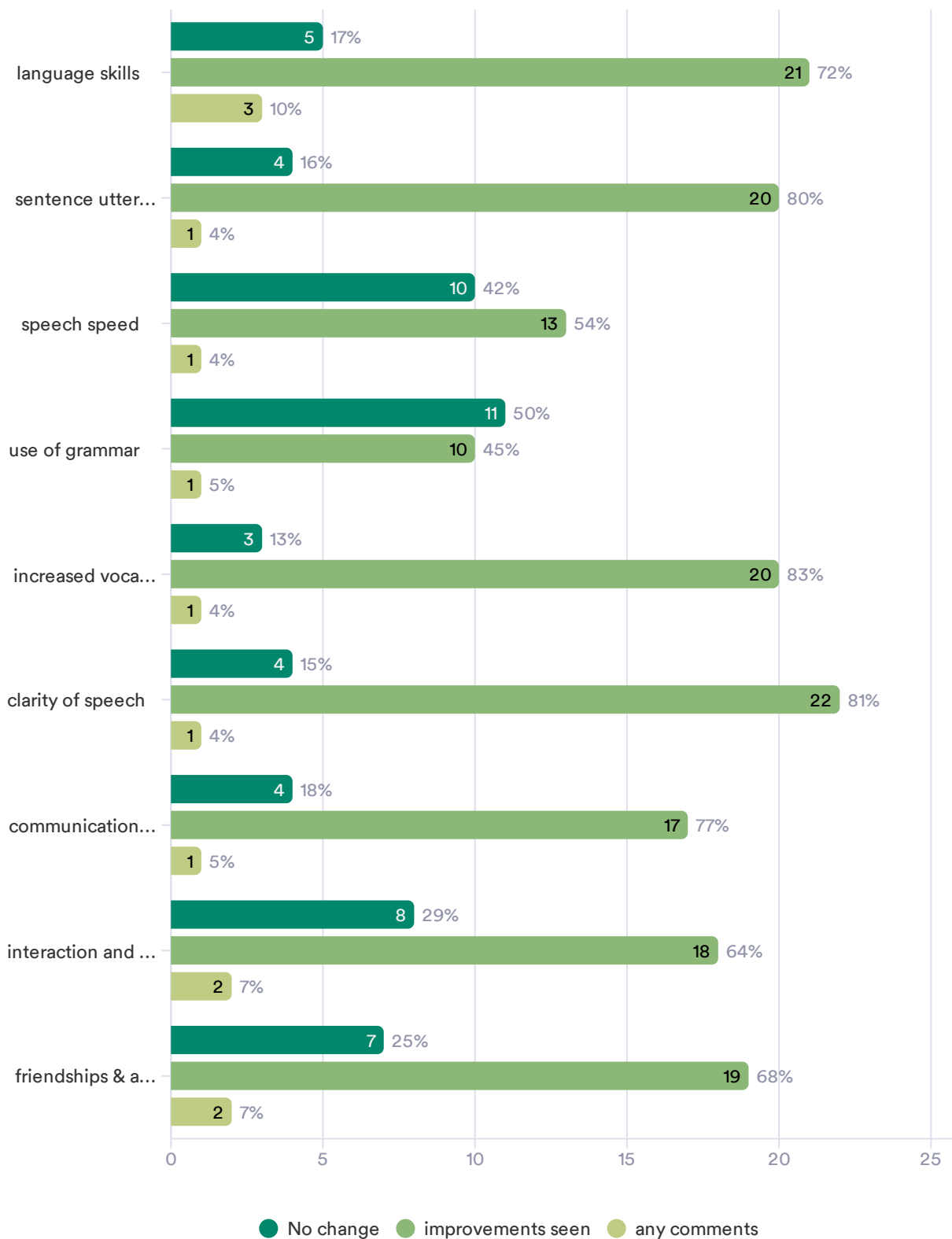
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Responses

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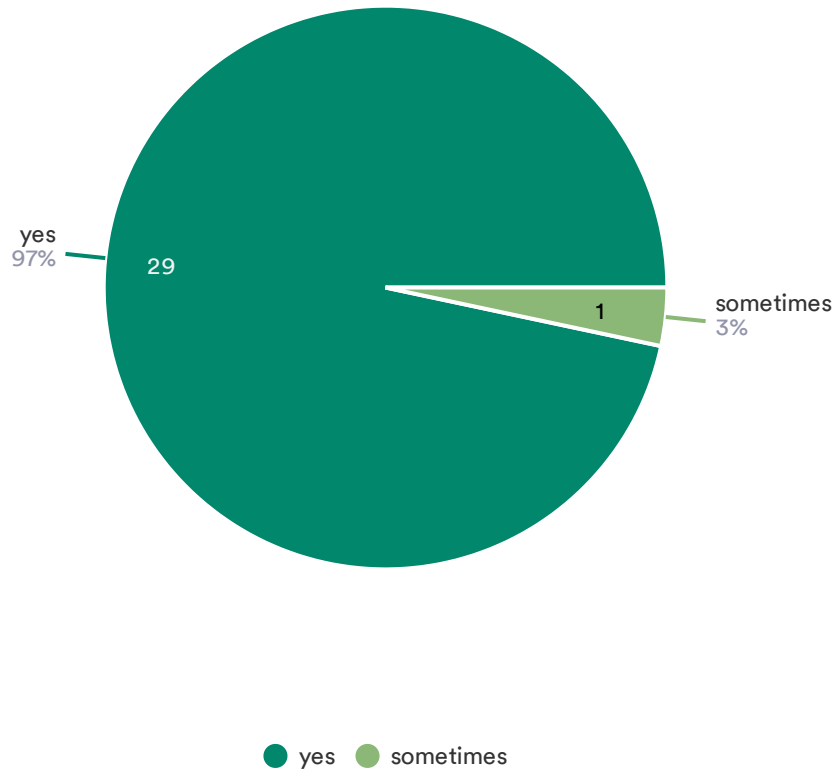
## Have you noticed any improvement in any of the following areas due to attending the speech & language sessions

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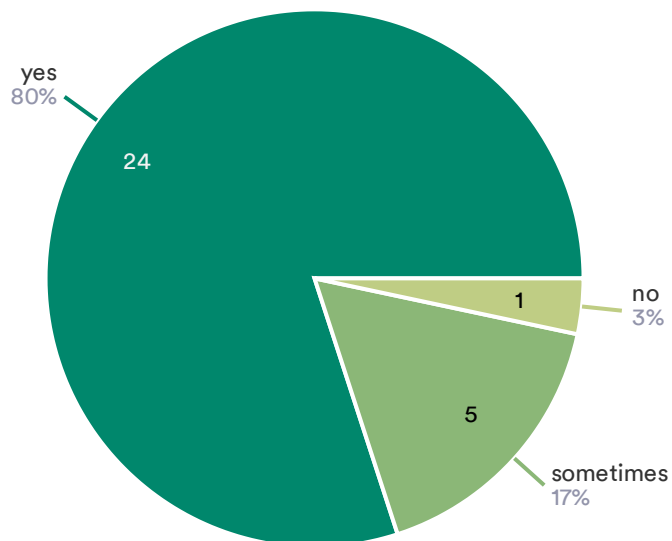
do you and your child enjoy coming to the sessions

30 Responses



Does your child/young person manage to engage for the full hour?

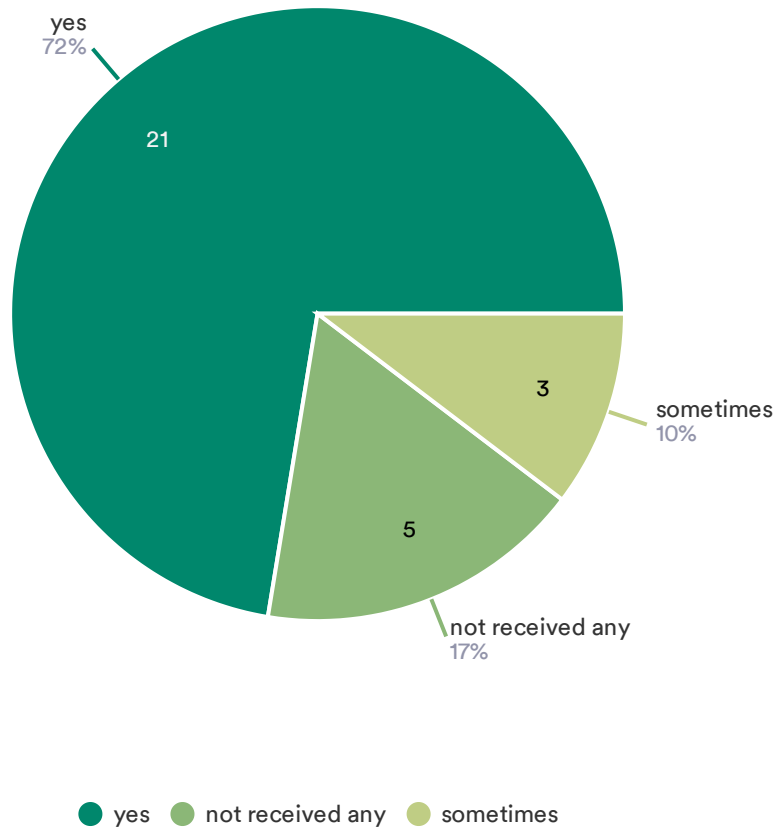
30 Responses





## Have you found the resources/information provided helpful?

29 Responses- 1 Empty



## Any comments on the sessions

10 Responses- 13 Empty

Data	Responses
At the end of the session a few minutes for parents to do an activity with their child.	1
Happy enough to come but often refuses to speak! I find it frustrating that he sits without saying much at all when he says so much everywhere else.	1
I would love if individual feedback on the children could be given so we could implement the strategies advised at home and school.	1
Jess is brilliant and helpful. Thank you	1
Daughter asks every week to come as really enjoys the sessions	1
I am happy satisfied it's all well	1

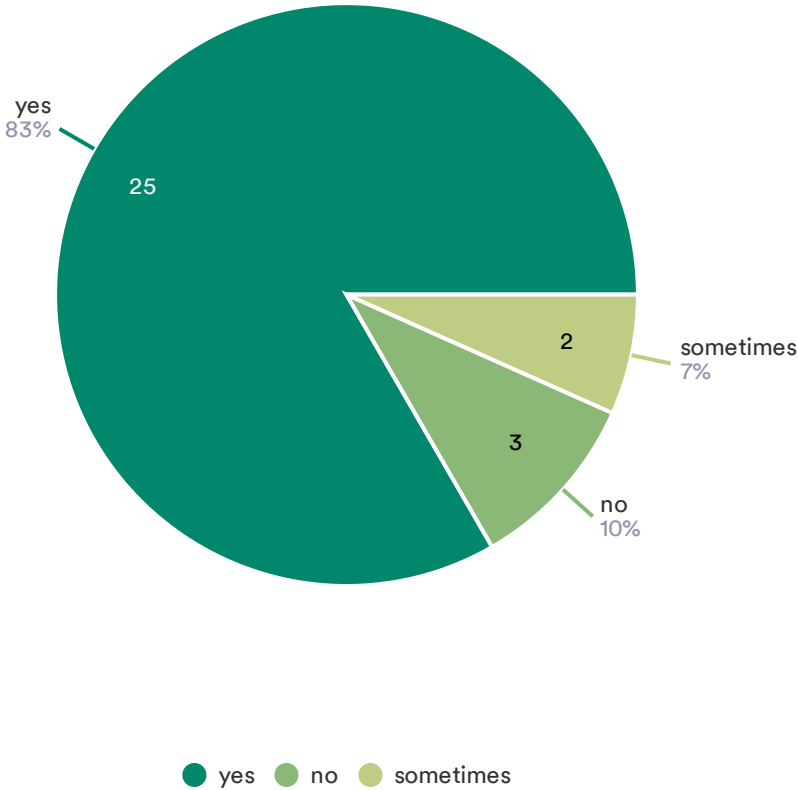
## Any comments on the sessions

11 Responses- 13 Empty

Data	Responses
The lack of improvement in speech and grammar marked above is purely due to the fact that we've only just started attending these sessions. I look forward to seeing the improvements over time. Shame they can't be more frequent than once a month.	1
Timing of sessions not good. Saturday afternoon is difficult	1
Like the structure of the session. Good to meet up with other young people. Would like a little more on forming and maintaining friendship questions. Sometimes recently sessions have been dominated by a particular young person.	1
That's fine for him for an hour.	1
I don't think Jess can do anything differently. I wouldn't want the session to be any shorter seeing as we travel so far to get to it in the first place. She does a good job trying to keep them engaged.	1
My son loves coming to the sessions as he sees his friends . He has only recently started attending and been twice so as yet unable to comment on progress although due to his enthusiasm to come I am very hopeful.	1
I'm concerned that my child often dominates the conversations. I trying to develop strategies to control this. My apologies.	1
The sessions are so good for R he needs to keep repeating things to learn and he really enjoys the activity's jess does	1
J's engagement has definitely been increasing this year.	1
The groups are just long enough, O manages to concentrate for the full hour, less keeps them engaged really well.	1
Please see above, cannot fault the sessions in any way. J struggled in one of the sessions due to new children attending, which Jess picked up and the group has since changed. The support from you and Jess in this is very much appreciated and J thoroughly enjoys the groups.	1

Has attending the sessions benefitted you as a parent?

30 Responses



any comments

3 Responses- 27 Empty

Data	Responses
Practical resources very helpful	1
Helped me, family and school staff	1
Have the information and resources to help my daughter	1

any comments please

17 Responses- 13 Empty

Data	Responses
It helps to see how Jess sets and enforces rules and boundaries	1
Knowing which sounds to work on. Having an expert spot the issues or challenges with solutions to help with speech.	1
Chat with lauren and other parent. Helps to remind each other we're in it together.	1
Given ideas too reactive at home.	1
Has given me practical ways to help my child improve speech.	1
Know how to support and role model to help improve S&L development	1
Yes seeing my daughter participating and observing her how she reacts and following listen to the instructions	1
As a parent, it means I can continue to practice the lessons at home and maybe expand on some of the lessons. It gives me ideas/tools to help in my childs development.	1
For me it's lovely to see how far he has come and to watch him try	1
It helps having regular reminders of best processes to improve speech. Sometimes you can get bogged down with life and forget the small things you can do each day.	1
Helps me to understand A more	1
Meeting with other parents of children with DS. Time to discuss for a few minutes which is lovely.	1
Lauren introduced a useful book for M, it helps the mouth do exercise. That's really good for me to be there with him. Then I can understand more about how he responds to different instructions, or how he plays with others and his interactions. I can ask some questions to therapist directly if there has.	1
It gives me ideas as to things we can be working on at home.	1
Unable to sit in the session as young adults group so again difficult to comment . Would appreciate some feedback and small amt of homework to work on.	1
It shows me I need to slow down and wait	1
It has benefitted both me and J's dad attending as you learn first hand how to help and support J.	1

What do you hope your child/young person will get out of the speech& language sessions?(for example - friendships, independence,inclusion, confidence, life skills.)

19 Responses- 4 Empty

Data	Responses
Develop social skills and make friends. Follow instructions Obey rules Taking turns and sharing	1
Confidence and clarity of speech to help him be included and understood.	1
I hope for an improvement in speech however small as this is my child's main struggle	1
Friendship/ social skills/ inclusion	1
Confidence, friendships and clarity and extension of speech.	1
Independence and confidence	1
All the above.	1
Enjoyment of school, time with peers, ability to join in with others	1
Confidence, ability to communicate with friends, peers, teachers. Ability to access mainstream education.	1
I want her to speak more and build her confidence life skill and everything really	1
Clear speech	1
All of the above. Most importantly, the skills to communicate his needs and wants will help in making him more independent and confident.	1
I would love him to just keep trying	1
Confidence and hopefully enhance friendships within groups.	1
Confidence and life skills	1
This year I hope he can starting about two or three words sentences. Besides, if we can set some target or simple curriculum for six months, then each month we meet can have some goal, have some materials work at home. A simple handbook that records his progress that would be great if appropriate.	1
All the above. We would love J to be able to effectively communicate his wants and needs with us and friends.	1

What do you hope your child/young person will get out of the speech& language sessions?(for example - friendships, independence,inclusion, confidence, life skills.)

10 Responses- 4 Empty

Data	Responses
The ability to speak with more clarity	1
All of the above. Mainly to remain on track of a conversation and not to go off track and talk about things that only interest him. To ask topic appropriate questions.	1
All of the above!	1
More spontaneous communication. More sociability	1
Confidence and independence.	1
Feedback on performance linked with disability	1
Friendships, confidence and clearer speech.	1
All the above. We would love J to be able to effectively communicate his wants and needs with us and friends.	1
Independence and understand me more also helps me understand A.	1
All of the above, we want O to have as 'normal' a life as any child	1

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Have you noticed any change in your child/young person because of the sessions?  
(for example - friendships, independence, inclusion, confidence, life skills.)

21 Responses- 7 Empty

Data	Responses
Friendship and confidence	1
Confidence in speaking up.	1
Confidence and inclusion	1
Yes she has gained enough confidence to join the youth club and dance class, both of which she really enjoys.	1
Increase confidence Social skills and inclusion	1
Confidence, had a period of withdrawal but with additional support and resources this past quickly and confidence in speaking was built up again. It is fragile but the regular session maintain consistency and keep the confidence and motivation to try	1
Yes to behave and to follow instructions and inclusion	1
Trying to talk	1
I noticed my child was attentive and interested. He was having fun and I heard him attempt sounds he's never tried before.	1
Yes, more speech is coming through which is helping Elviate some frustration,	1
No	1
Confidence to ask questions and self correcting with language when getting a little mixed up.	1
Yes she is more confident	1
Encourage him to speak words Listening and waiting Playing together with friends	1
It's early days. We have only attended two sessions so far, hence not having seen much difference in his speech as a result so far. I am confident, in time, these sessions will help him.	1
Friendships and confidence	1
It's nice to be learning with almost the same group as EDG so it supports those friendships.	1
No, but we've only been to 3 sessions	1
A bit too soon to tell.	1
O is confident and sociable and the speech and language sessions are helping this by teaching him how to speak and form sentences to communicate well with people	1

## Have any of these changes made a difference at home/in the wider environment?

19 Responses- 11 Empty

Data	Responses
Yes	2
Yes she sees her friend outside of the session	1
Confidence.	1
Yes, she is able to access mainstream clubs which I'm so grateful for	1
Less screen time and a bigger circle of friends, wider rsnge of interests.	1
Happy, joins in more conversations	1
At school is able to be part of friendship groups, take part in lessons, gets more enjoyment from it	1
Yes it helps	1
Easier at home	1
Too early to say, as we haven't been going too long.	1
No	1
As above.	1
Too early to tell	1
Concentration and focus is improving.	1
N/A	1
Family understand him much more easily now	1
This has helped in most aspects of J's day to day life.	1
It's tricky as speech, confidence and amount spoken has improved but this is linked with school greatly. I'm sure he does benefit from groups too.	1



## Any comments on venue and timing?

18 Responses- 12 Empty

Data	Responses
Venue and timing are great!	1
Zoom	1
Good for us. Thank you	1
All great	1
Everything is good	1
Great timing	1
Timing is fine. The venue is a bit of a drive. I wouldn't be going if I didn't have a car.	1
Venue and timing are good.	1
Timing mid Saturday PM not good for persons with other things going on.	1
Venue great, timings fine. Thank you	1
Place and time are fine.	1
Venue and timing are absolutely fine.	1
All good	1
Venue is great. Timing is nice when on same as family Saturday as it means sibzone keeps big brother busy too.....but we don't manage to stay for the full family Saturday session.	1
Both are good for us.	1
Would prefer it to be a little earlier as it's in the middle of the day but we manage	1
None	1
An hour is perfect	1

# Thank You!

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