



What our parents/carers have to say about the MLU...



At the end of the 22/23 academic year, we contacted parents/carers of pupils who had accessed our specialist Mainstream Language Unit provision to ask for their feedback. Here are some of the answers they shared with us.

How did you feel about the offer of a placement in the Mainstream Language Unit?

"I have seen first hand with my daughter the damaging effect a Speech, Language and Communication delay can have on a child's development, and the delay it can cause for academic progression. I knew straight away that I would be accepting the place for my son. I knew he had been so lucky to have been offered an opportunity like this. Did I make the right decision? ABSOLUTELY".

"I felt sad and apprehensive with lots of doubts that such a big move was the right thing to do, even though we knew it was for the best for our son to improve".

"We knew it was the best thing for Harry".

How did your child feel about attending the placement?

"He was confused as to why all his friends were going to a different school but once I explained to him that we were all going to work really hard to help him with his words and his talking he was much more at ease".

"I felt scared at first but got the hang of it as I found out that the teachers were really nice and I progressed with them".

(written by a MLU pupil)

Please comment on the progress made by your child whilst in the MLU

"The progress in my son has been amazing, he is a different child. He is now fully intelligible with his language, confident and outgoing. He communicates wonderfully with no speech concerns".

"Unbelievable!! We can now understand him and he talks alot more clearly!"

"Soon after he started at the MLU, the changes in his speech became very apparent, and it came thick and fast. I will never forget the feeling, in that moment, I was hearing his voice for the first time".

"My son still talks about winning the 'tell a joke competition'. The whole school was going to hear him tell a joke and he built the confidence to do this!"

What would you say to other parents who are considering MLU provision for their child?

"Naturally, I had questions. All of the worries, concerns and tears (from me) were melted away by every single person that had any contact with him, the support, care and love that was shown to him was phenomenal and nothing was too much trouble. You are going to have questions and worries, it will be hard every single day, but I can tell you from the bottom of my heart, accepting the place with the MLU was hands down the best decision I have now and will ever make for him".

"It's the best thing you'll ever do for your child. As hard as it is to do the upheaval the progress makes it so worth it and to give your child that step up in life is invaluable. The best decision we ever made".

"Don't hesitate!!"

"We can't thank the staff enough for what they have done for our boy. Thank you for your support to us as parents and for bringing out the child we always knew was in there".