



# Achieving the Vision – becoming a Communication Friendly School : the impact

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**FACT: 75% of children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties have a communication difficulty**



Bridgelea Pupil Referral Unit, Manchester:  
Specialist provision for children with social, emotional and mental health needs.



## Attaining the award means that Bridgelea PRU is:

- The **first** school in Manchester to be accredited
- The **first** Primary PRU in the country to be accredited

### BACKGROUND TO THE SETTING

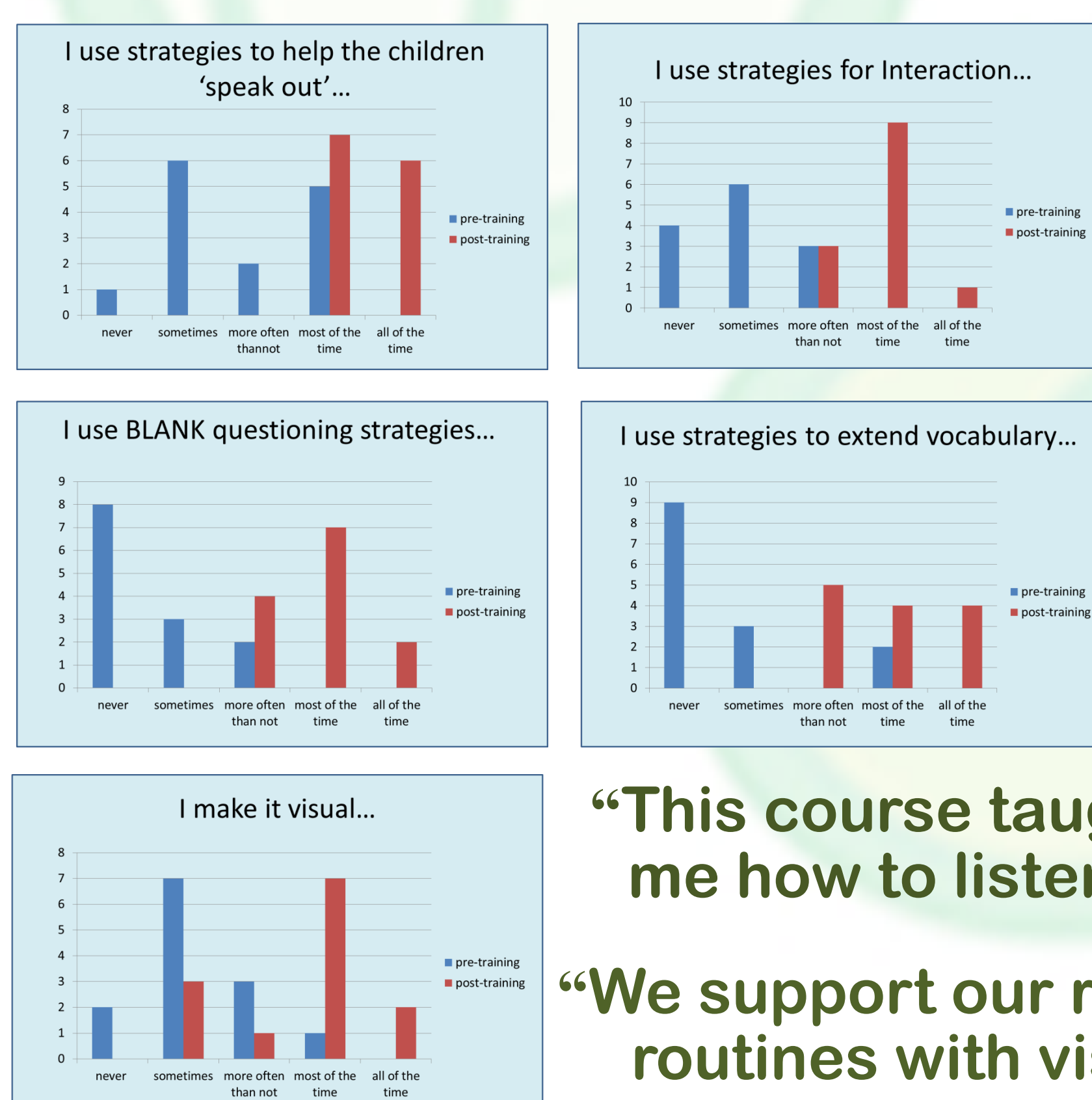
- The pupils in the school range from ages 5-11 and attend the school as a preventative measure, or as their permanent specialist educational provision.
- The classes are small with a high ratio of adults to children.
- The majority of pupils are boys.
- The speech and language therapy service provide 2 full days of input a week to school.
- All staff in school have attended ELKLAN training – the majority being accredited at level 2 or level 3. The SENCo and a Class Teacher are accredited to level 4.

### OUR AIM

In January 2013, Bridgelea Pupil Referral started a service level agreement with the SLT service. ***One of our aims was to become an accredited, communication friendly setting where each child's speech, language and communication needs are identified and accommodated for by all staff.*** Through the ELKLAN accredited training and audit, WE HAVE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL!!!

### THE IMPACT

We looked at the impact on staff knowledge:



**“This course taught me how to listen”**

**“We support our rules and routines with visuals”**

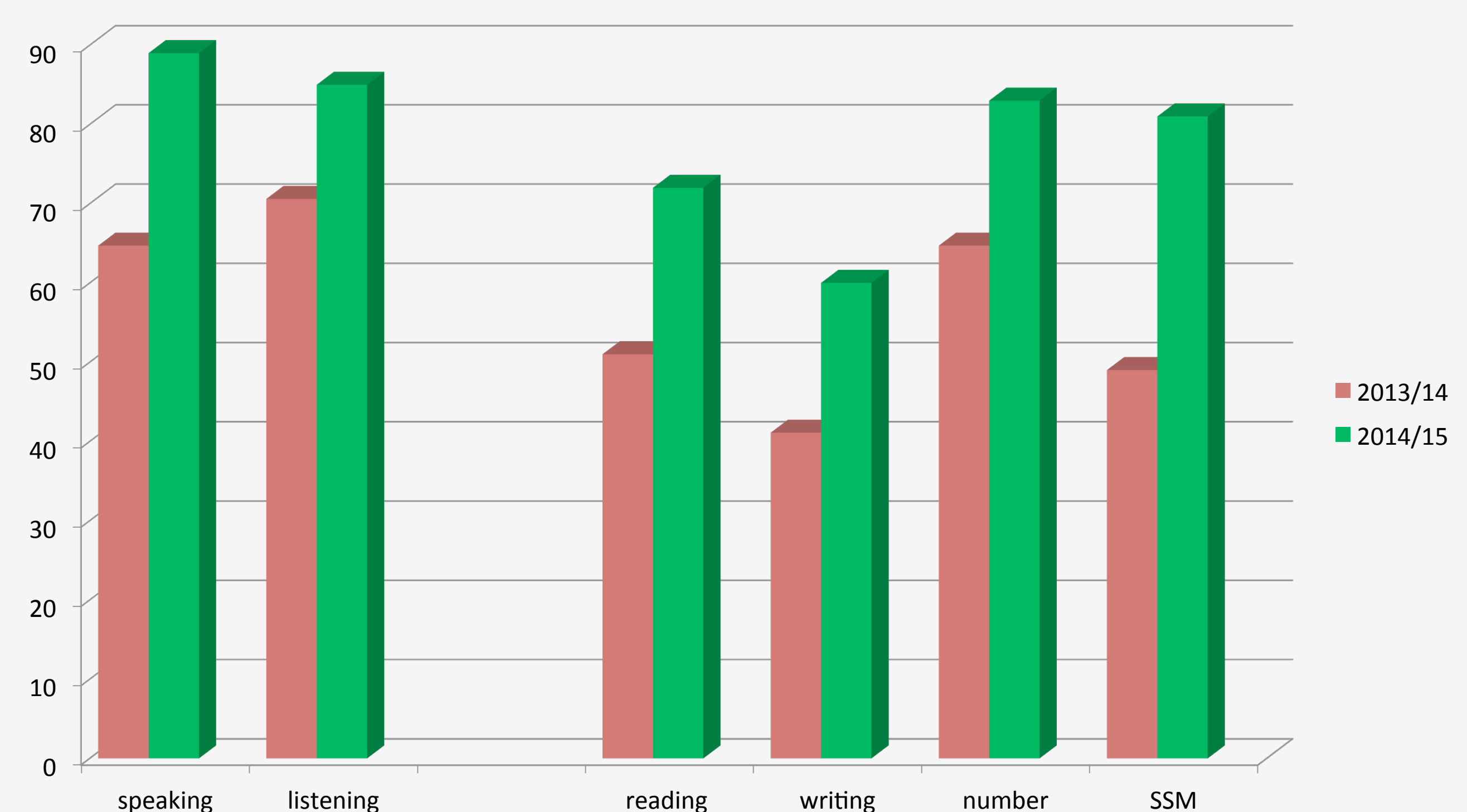
**“Elklan has helped with inclusion, de-escalation and most of all learning”**

**“I realise how important it is to give children time to process language”**

**“I think about the questions I use and the vocabulary I choose”**

**But more significantly, we were able to measure the progress of the children's speaking and listening skills – in comparison to other years and other subjects:**

Comparison of speaking and listening attainment:  
% on target or above



### THE FUTURE

- The award is valid for 3 years. In that time we will continue to maintain a rolling programme of training and continue to embed good practice into the full school day.

