

Sample answer – children and young people’s voice

The main points concerning children and young people’s voices are that:

- The ability to make choices often needs to be specifically taught.
- There is a range of ways that children and young people can be involved in choices, from School Council arrangements where they begin to learn to represent others, expressing personal choices through a variety of means, to staff ensuring that any physical or emotional response of the child or young person is noticed and respected.
- Specialist communication strategies illustrated include – presentation of object; use of YES/NO symbols; use of PECs approach; Pupil Passport with likes and dislikes; use of VOCA to answer questions.