

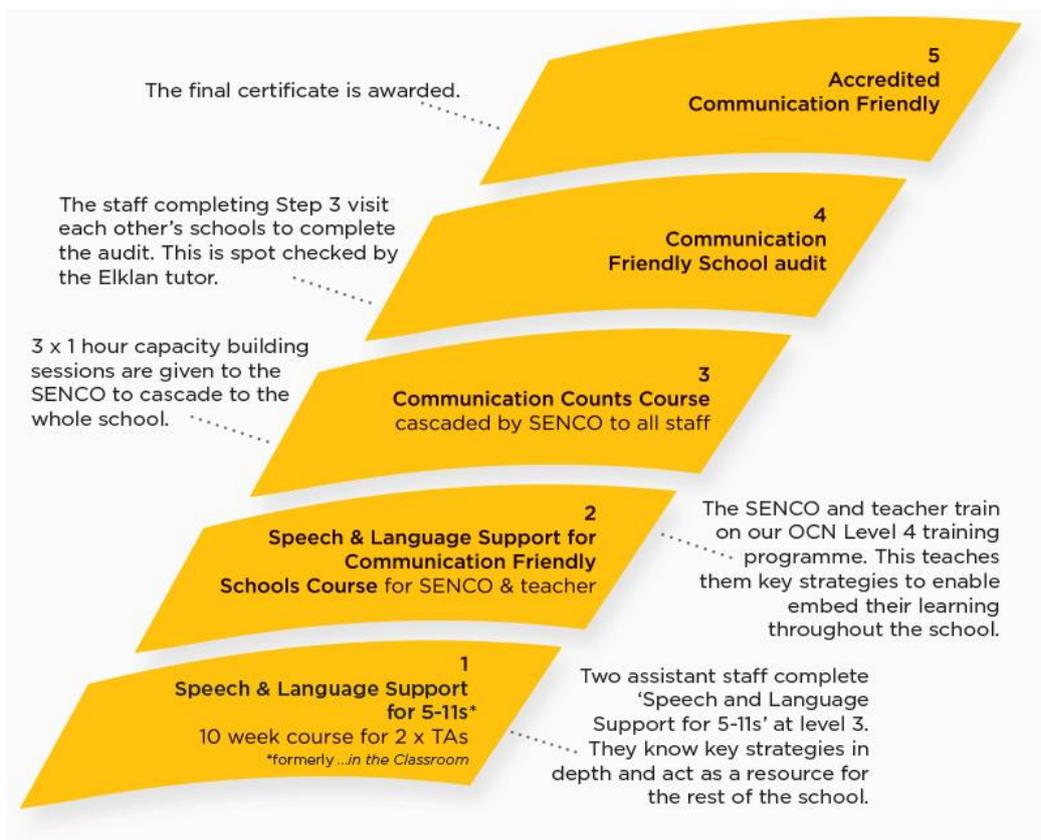
Summary of Eiklan Communication Friendly Schools project

The context:

Schools are reporting more children with speech, language and communication need (SLCN) and less specialist support available to meet that need. Training staff already working in the school has to be part of the solution and building schools which are communication friendly is a priority. In 2010/11 Eiklan in conjunction with The Communication Trust, Open College Network (OCN) and AFASIC joined together to promote Eiklan's communication friendly schools accreditation which is now available to all schools across the UK. This summary contains the key findings. The full report can be found on the Eiklan website www.eiklan.co.uk

The model:

This diagram shows the steps the schools had to undertake to achieve externally accredited status. This is the first time a national awarding body has accredited a setting in the UK



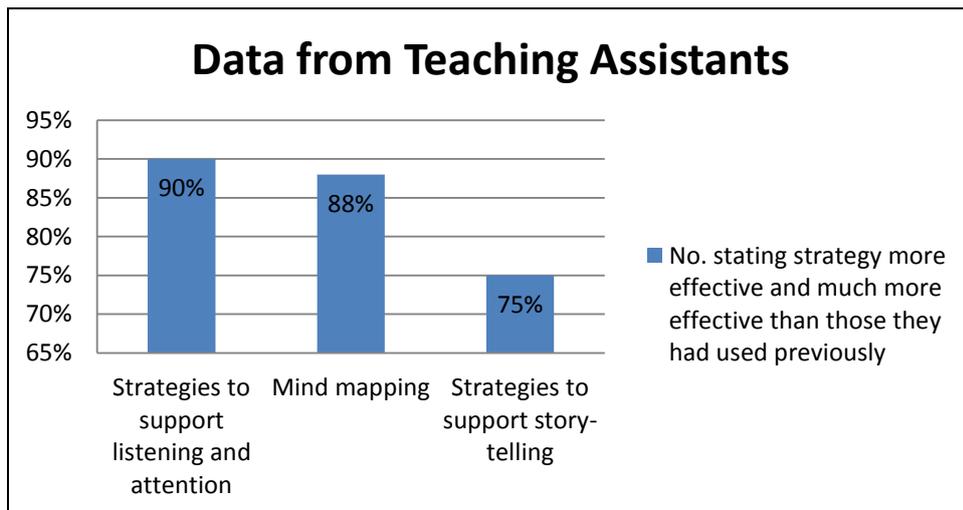
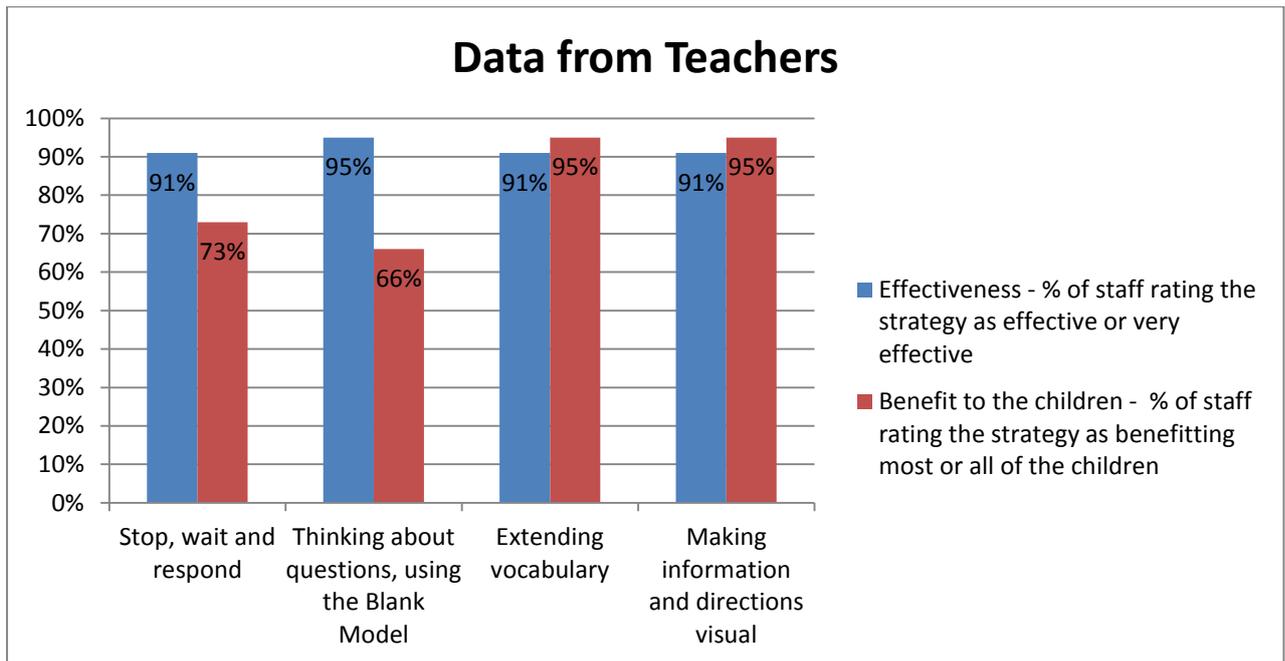
Results:

The project was run in from 78 schools with 141 teaching assistants, 156 SENCO's/teachers and 1154 education and ancillary staff.

Pre and post confidence measures of the teachers and the teaching assistants were taken. **58%** of teaching assistants rated themselves as being extremely confident in supporting children with SLCN post-training compared to 2% pre training.

91% of SENCO's/teachers now rate themselves as confident or very confident in training and supporting staff in the school to implement key strategies to support children's speech, language and communication.

74% of teaching assistants, after using the strategies taught with children and recording their response, rated all of them as either effective or very effective.



Measuring the effectiveness of modelling sentences

| Date of data collection | The child used the accurate grammatical structure 75%-100% of the time |
|-------------------------|--|
| Dec 2011 | 20% |
| Feb 2012 | 20% |
| May 2012 | 65% |

As staff consistently modelled appropriate grammatical structures, the children used the accurate structure more frequently

Conclusion

These results support the effectiveness of the project in enabling the whole school to become a communication friendly environment. We are now making it available to all schools in the UK with teaching from Eiklan tutors for only **£2000 per school**. Local Speech and Language Therapy departments can be trained to deliver the package and use it to generate income. Costs from other providers may be different.

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