

Sharing experiences

The Dyspraxia Foundation recently received an email from a parent, Tracy who wrote:

"I am a mom to Catherine ("Cat") who is now 15, who was diagnosed with verbal dyspraxia of speech (DVD) at age 2 and Dyspraxia DCD by age 3.

The reason for my email is that I remember finding great comfort in watching a "before and after video" of a child diagnosed with dyspraxia when Cat was about 4 and she could not speak intelligible. My fears for her future were replaced with hope and a commitment to helping her find her way, knowing that there is nothing "wrong" with her difference. Also I embraced an attitude of knowing that my child can learn skills. This was not a dead end!

To this end, Cat has offered that any parents/carers who would like to watch a video of her aged 4, speaking unintelligible as well as a recent video clip of one of her soliloquies acting as Helena in Midsummer's Night Dream, be made available.

We do not need any acknowledgement; rather it is purely to help other parents/carers and families out there"

You can view the "before" video here <https://youtu.be/l6Mo06PoEhk>

And the "after" video here <https://youtube.com/shorts/6bHuA6C8K3Y>

If you are a parent of a child with verbal dyspraxia (DVD) or dyspraxia (DCD) and would like to share any positive experiences about your child with other parents or professionals on the Fusion newsletter, please feel free to contact me, Nicola Hutchings, Fusion Consultant Teacher at: nhutchings@fusionsendhub.co.uk