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		Gender			Age					
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Yes	Count	1351	580	771	24	204	568	470	82	3
	%	81%	82%	81%	80%	74%	82%	84%	82%	100%
No	Count	310	129	181	6	70	124	92	18	0
	%	19%	18%	19%	20%	26%	18%	16%	18%	0%

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		Region											
		London	South East England	South West England	East Midlands	West Midlands	East Anglia	Wales	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humberside	Other
Yes	Count	154	288	140	128	143	131	0	0	76	169	122	0
	%	82%	82%	83%	78%	82%	86%	0%	0%	89%	77%	79%	0%
No	Count	34	65	29	36	32	21	0	0	9	51	33	0
	%	18%	18%	17%	22%	18%	14%	0%	0%	11%	23%	21%	0%

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Socio-Economic Group

		AB	C1	C2	DE
Yes	Count	346	523	271	200
	%	82%	83%	82%	76%
No	Count	78	109	58	63
	%	18%	17%	18%	24%

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		Gender			Age					
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Yes	Count	872	333	539	18	133	356	313	49	3
	%	52%	47%	57%	60%	49%	51%	56%	49%	100%
No	Count	789	376	413	12	141	336	249	51	0
	%	48%	53%	43%	40%	51%	49%	44%	51%	0%

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		Region											
		London	South East England	South West England	East Midlands	West Midlands	East Anglia	Wales	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humberside	Other
Yes	Count	107	179	90	93	87	84	0	0	42	105	85	0
	%	57%	51%	53%	57%	50%	55%	0%	0%	49%	48%	55%	0%
No	Count	81	174	79	71	88	68	0	0	43	115	70	0
	%	43%	49%	47%	43%	50%	45%	0%	0%	51%	52%	45%	0%

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		Socio-Economic Group			
		AB	C1	C2	DE
Yes	Count	255	323	160	131
	%	60%	51%	49%	50%
No	Count	169	309	169	132
	%	40%	49%	51%	50%

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		Gender			Age					
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	493	220	273	11	69	197	179	36	1
	%	30%	31%	29%	37%	25%	28%	32%	36%	33%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	551	210	341	7	108	241	166	29	0
	%	33%	30%	36%	23%	39%	35%	30%	29%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	156	82	74	1	29	67	47	12	0
	%	9%	12%	8%	3%	11%	10%	8%	12%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	121	55	66	6	22	48	38	6	1
	%	7%	8%	7%	20%	8%	7%	7%	6%	33%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	340	142	198	5	46	139	132	17	1
	%	20%	20%	21%	17%	17%	20%	23%	17%	33%

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		Region							
		London	South East England	South West England	East Midlands	West Midlands	East Anglia	Wales	Scotland
Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	51	98	49	47	63	40	0	0
	%	27%	28%	29%	29%	36%	26%	0%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	64	113	55	50	49	58	0	0
	%	34%	32%	33%	30%	28%	38%	0%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	23	36	16	20	16	11	0	0
	%	12%	10%	9%	12%	9%	7%	0%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	18	27	12	13	12	8	0	0
	%	10%	8%	7%	8%	7%	5%	0%	0%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	32	79	37	34	35	35	0	0
	%	17%	22%	22%	21%	20%	23%	0%	0%

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		North East	North West	Yorks & Humberside	Other	AB	C1	C2	DE
Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	26	70	49	0	138	183	90	77
	%	31%	32%	32%	0%	33%	29%	27%	29%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	27	84	51	0	110	207	131	98
	%	32%	38%	33%	0%	26%	33%	40%	37%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	8	15	11	0	46	61	27	21
	%	9%	7%	7%	0%	11%	10%	8%	8%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	4	14	13	0	28	53	21	18
	%	5%	6%	8%	0%	7%	8%	6%	7%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	20	37	31	0	102	128	60	49
	%	24%	17%	20%	0%	24%	20%	18%	19%