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| | | Gender | | | Age | | | | | |
|-----|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Yes | Count | 1436 | 674 | 762 | 185 | 238 | 315 | 247 | 209 | 243 |
| | % | 80% | 78% | 82% | 86% | 83% | 88% | 81% | 78% | 68% |
| No | Count | 355 | 187 | 168 | 30 | 49 | 43 | 57 | 60 | 115 |
| | % | 20% | 22% | 18% | 14% | 17% | 12% | 19% | 22% | 32% |

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| | | London | South East England | South West England | East Midlands | West Midlands | East Anglia | Wales | Scotland | North East | North West | Yorks & Humberside | Other |
| Yes | Count | 193 | 292 | 139 | 137 | 147 | 126 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 168 | 161 | 0 |
| | % | 85% | 81% | 78% | 84% | 75% | 77% | 0% | 0% | 77% | 80% | 81% | 0% |
| No | Count | 33 | 70 | 40 | 26 | 48 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 41 | 37 | 0 |
| | % | 15% | 19% | 22% | 16% | 25% | 23% | 0% | 0% | 23% | 20% | 19% | 0% |

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Socio-Economic Group

| | | AB | C1 | C2 | DE |
|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Yes | Count | 371 | 417 | 310 | 339 |
| | % | 80% | 80% | 82% | 79% |
| No | Count | 95 | 102 | 66 | 91 |
| | % | 20% | 20% | 18% | 21% |

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|-----|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Yes | Count | 773 | 341 | 432 | 85 | 124 | 155 | 136 | 121 | 153 |
| | % | 43% | 40% | 46% | 39% | 43% | 43% | 45% | 45% | 43% |
| No | Count | 1018 | 520 | 498 | 130 | 163 | 203 | 168 | 148 | 205 |
| | % | 57% | 60% | 54% | 61% | 57% | 57% | 55% | 55% | 57% |

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| Yes | Count | 90 | 161 | 88 | 75 | 79 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 84 | 87 | 0 |
| | % | 40% | 45% | 49% | 46% | 41% | 51% | 0% | 0% | 26% | 40% | 44% | 0% |
| No | Count | 136 | 200 | 91 | 88 | 116 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 125 | 110 | 0 |
| | % | 60% | 55% | 51% | 54% | 59% | 49% | 0% | 0% | 74% | 60% | 56% | 0% |

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| | | AB | C1 | C2 | DE |
| Yes | Count | 232 | 213 | 153 | 175 |
| | % | 50% | 41% | 41% | 41% |
| No | Count | 234 | 306 | 223 | 255 |
| | % | 50% | 59% | 59% | 59% |

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Gender

| | | Total | Male | Female |
|--|-------|-------|------|--------|
| Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child | Count | 477 | 242 | 235 |
| | % | 27% | 28% | 25% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11 | Count | 526 | 233 | 293 |
| | % | 29% | 27% | 31% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14 | Count | 193 | 98 | 95 |
| | % | 11% | 11% | 10% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16 | Count | 126 | 65 | 61 |
| | % | 7% | 8% | 7% |
| Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child | Count | 469 | 223 | 246 |
| | % | 26% | 26% | 26% |

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Age

| | | 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 | 46 | 60 | 89 | 78 | 87 | 117 |
| | % | 21% | 21% | 25% | 26% | 32% | 33% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11 | Count | 63 | 98 | 106 | 82 | 70 | 108 |
| | % | 29% | 34% | 30% | 27% | 26% | 30% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14 | Count | 42 | 39 | 27 | 33 | 19 | 32 |
| | % | 20% | 14% | 8% | 11% | 7% | 9% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16 | Count | 19 | 24 | 15 | 27 | 18 | 22 |
| | % | 9% | 9% | 4% | 9% | 7% | 6% |
| Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child | Count | 45 | 65 | 121 | 84 | 75 | 78 |
| | % | 21% | 23% | 34% | 28% | 28% | 22% |

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| Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child | Count | 71 | 96 | 43 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| | % | 31% | 27% | 24% | 26% | 23% | 27% | 0% | 0% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11 | Count | 54 | 109 | 45 | 43 | 62 | 52 | 0 | 0 |
| | % | 24% | 30% | 25% | 27% | 32% | 31% | 0% | 0% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14 | Count | 24 | 34 | 33 | 15 | 21 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | % | 10% | 9% | 18% | 9% | 11% | 7% | 0% | 0% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16 | Count | 19 | 23 | 13 | 9 | 20 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| | % | 8% | 6% | 7% | 5% | 10% | 7% | 0% | 0% |
| Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child | Count | 58 | 99 | 44 | 53 | 49 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| | % | 26% | 27% | 25% | 32% | 25% | 27% | 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 | 27 | 51 | 57 | 0 | 116 | 120 | 111 | 130 |
| | % | 28% | 24% | 29% | 0% | 25% | 23% | 29% | 30% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11 | Count | 29 | 80 | 53 | 0 | 127 | 163 | 114 | 122 |
| | % | 30% | 38% | 27% | 0% | 27% | 31% | 30% | 28% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14 | Count | 12 | 31 | 11 | 0 | 52 | 68 | 50 | 23 |
| | % | 13% | 15% | 6% | 0% | 11% | 13% | 13% | 5% |
| Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16 | Count | 6 | 17 | 8 | 0 | 32 | 32 | 22 | 40 |
| | % | 6% | 8% | 4% | 0% | 7% | 6% | 6% | 9% |
| Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child | Count | 21 | 30 | 69 | 0 | 140 | 135 | 79 | 115 |
| | % | 22% | 15% | 35% | 0% | 30% | 26% | 21% | 27% |