

What is an AVT session like?

Sessions typically take place once a fortnight and last one hour.

- During each session you will be taught techniques that will help you to develop your child's listening, thinking and spoken language skills in the home and nursery setting
- Emphasis is placed on maximising audition (hearing) as the primary sense for learning spoken language
- The emphasis on audition gives the therapist and parent a clear picture of what the child is able to understand through listening and allows progress to be monitored closely
- Working through audition also enables your child to become a skilled listener, allowing your child to make optimal use of auditory cues in the more difficult listening conditions of every day life
- All areas of development are carefully monitored and managed in order to help the therapist evaluate your child's potential to develop spoken language through listening
- Goals are set within a developmental framework and progress is closely monitored
- Sessions are play-based and highly functional in order to be integrated into your family's everyday routine

Who is it for?

Auditory Verbal Therapy may be suitable if your child is of pre-school age, has been diagnosed with a permanent hearing loss and you would like him or her to communicate through listening and speech.

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Auditory Verbal^{UK} has centres in London and Oxfordshire and works with families across the UK.

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AUDITORY VERBAL^{UK}
Creating a sound future for deaf children

Auditory Verbal^{UK} (AV^{UK}) is an award-winning national charity which helps babies and pre-school children with hearing impairment to develop their full potential to listen and talk, through a programme of Auditory Verbal Therapy.

We work with families from across the UK out of our centres in London and Oxfordshire. We also work closely with professionals in the field of hearing impairment and offer specialist training in Auditory Verbal Therapy which is accredited by the Alexander Graham Bell Academy – the professional body for Listening and Spoken Language Specialists worldwide.



“ AV^{UK} gave us hope, encouragement and the strength to help Noah find his voice ”

Dad of Noah, who was deafened by meningitis

What is Auditory Verbal Therapy?

Auditory Verbal Therapy is one of the approaches to developing spoken language in children with hearing impairment. It aims to develop spoken language through listening and is delivered by a certified Auditory Verbal Therapist in partnership with the child's parent or carer.

What is the aim of Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT)?

The aim of AVT is to close the gap between the child's chronological age and language abilities in order that they may enter school with age-appropriate language. This is an achievable goal for many children with a hearing loss.

When is it best to start AVT?

Research shows that the earlier you start AVT the better the outcomes. AVT is suitable from the time your baby is fitted with a hearing aid.

What is the role of the family?

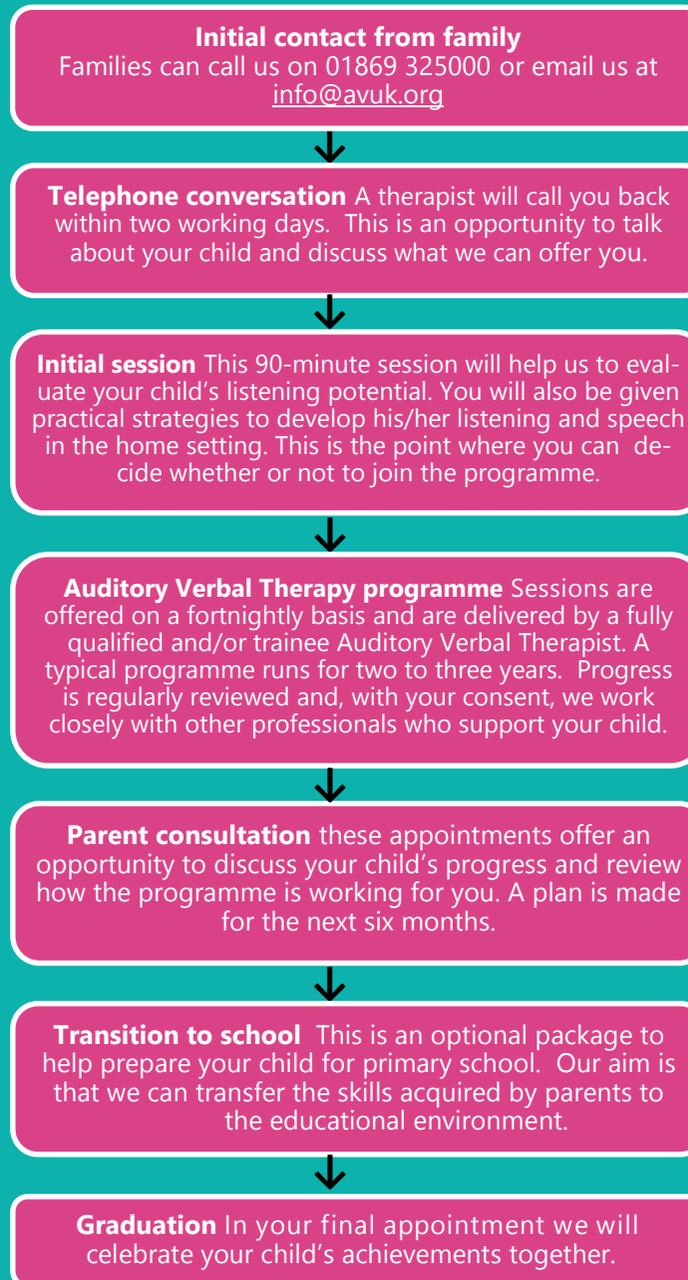
The role of the family is critical in this approach. The knowledge you acquire through AVT sessions and the work you do with your child at home enables them to develop their potential to listen, think, and have conversations.

- **Play-based**
- **Learning through listening**
- **Parent coaching**



Over 80% of children who graduate from an AVT programme at Auditory Verbal^{UK} achieve spoken language on a par with hearing children and most attend mainstream schools.

What does an AVT Programme look like?



Cost of AVT at Auditory Verbal^{UK}

It costs AV^{UK} £6,500 each year to teach a child with hearing impairment to listen and speak. We believe that every family should be able to access AVT irrespective of their circumstances and so we subsidise all of our fees and our prices have been frozen since 2009.

Initial appointment (90 min) currently at £100

A typical programme costs £4,500 per year, (payable in termly instalments of £1,500)

Ad hoc and one-off appointments (60 min) £175

Families on low incomes

AV^{UK} has a bursary fund which is made up entirely from donations from generous donors. The amount available varies from year to year. Bursary funding can cover up to 100% of the cost of sessions, depending on circumstance.

Applications are currently open to UK resident families. Please contact for us for further details.

Other sources of financial support

AV^{UK} has developed links with a number of other organisations who help families with the cost of sessions, whatever their income.

For more information contact bursary@avuk.org

