

JET - A Mother's Story

"I really don't know what would have become of us if we had not found JET because they saved us.

We'd been on a hard road since I discovered I was pregnant - it was unplanned and my son's father attempted to bully me into having a termination. When Thom was 11 months old we discovered that his hearing was very poor which was inoperable until he was 5, so he stayed mute until then. I was becoming physically exhausted and despairing.

After the operation Thom started to speak but he was 5 years behind other children, so he played the clown and learnt literally nothing. When Thom was nearly seven I was almost mad with it all. Practical help was what I needed and a friend told me about JET.

A JET volunteer came to visit us in our small flat with no garden and yes, our conditions and needs meant that JET would come to our aid. The recommended boarding school completely turned Thom around. I'm convinced that without JET's help he would have left school still totally illiterate and innumerate. He is extremely gifted in art, and has a truly wonderful eye. Thom gained 3 good "A" levels and is now studying at a leading Arts Institute, and his short film was screened at the Cannes Film Festival.

So that's how JET saved us. Without JET I really do believe we would not have made it. With JET we managed to stay together as a family and find our happy ending."