

English as an Additional Language (EAL) - Support for your child

What we do in school

Our teachers are committed to providing a classroom environment that includes your child in all lessons, and in helping them to develop their English language skills through their academic studies in all subjects. Teachers will use speaking, listening, reading and writing activities in the classroom to help your child to understand English. We will support and encourage the use of your first language to help your child to understand more complex lesson ideas and content. We encourage the use of a translation dictionary in all lessons.

If your child is very new to English or at the early stages of English language learning, we will provide a number of specialised English lessons each week to teach your child the basics that they will need to be confident in using English across the school. In these lessons, they will learn important vocabulary and grammar and how it is used in British English. As your child becomes more confident with using English, the number of specialised English lessons will be reduced until they are fully proficient in their curriculum lessons.

What you can do at home

- Encourage your child to learn English independently and in their own time at home.
- Buy a bilingual dictionary for your child and encourage them to bring it to school every day and use it regularly.
- Ask your child (in your own language) what they are learning about in school and talk about it in your own language to help your child to deepen their understanding. Encourage them to translate what they know in the home language into English.
- Ask your child to teach you some of the English that they have learnt in school.
- If you don't speak English, try and find time to learn together at home.
- Encourage your child to use 'Learn English' apps and websites.

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>

- Watch and listen to English news.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround

- Watch English learning videos on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WoodwardEnglish/featured>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/EatSleepDreamEnglish>

- Read English books and magazines. Don't choose anything too difficult. Dual language stories are helpful.
- Watch English language TV or movies together.
- Keep using your home language and encourage your child to keep learning this language alongside English. The more they understand in your home language, the better their English will become.

Websites that we use at school and for homework

Your child will need to be able to use Microsoft Office 365 and Satchel One on their home laptop, tablet or smartphone.



Office 365 is how your child will receive email messages from the school and where they will complete some of their homework using 'Word' or 'PowerPoint'.

Satchel One is where your child will be sent their homework instructions. You can sign up for Satchel One so that you can see the homework that your child gets.

We will teach your child how to use these websites. (A separate guidance document is available for using these websites.)

IMPORTANT

Keep in contact with us. Please tell us your telephone numbers and email addresses. If you would like us to communicate with a family member or family friend who speaks English, please give us their name, telephone number and email address.

If you receive letters that you do not understand or if you have any worries or questions, please contact us.

We will do everything we can to communicate with you in your home language.

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