



English as an Additional Language (EAL) Policy (including EYFS)

Schedule for Development / Monitoring / Review

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Rationale

To ensure, as far as possible, that pupils for whom English is an additional language are integrated into the school community and can access the curriculum and make progress comparable to other pupils of similar ability.

All staff at St Edward's Preparatory School are aware that children with EAL can face additional safeguarding challenges. As a school, we are aware that additional barriers can exist when recognising abuse and neglect in this group of children. If a staff member has concerns regarding a child's welfare which are raised during the teaching of EAL, the procedure contained within the School's Safeguarding Policy must be adhered to (see Safeguarding Policy).

Aims

- All EAL pupils should be able to:
 1. use English confidently and competently for social and academic purposes
 2. use English as a means of learning across the curriculum
 3. make progress which is comparable to that of other pupils of similar ability.
- To assist the integration of EAL pupils into the School community.
- To inform staff of the needs of pupils for whom English is an Additional Language.
- To support teachers in structuring lessons appropriately and using language in ways that support and stimulate development in English to meet the specific needs of pupils learning English.

Responsibilities

The Admissions Manager

To collect information from parents (or representative agencies) of prospective and new pupils concerning English as an Additional Language and alert the Head of the Prep School and SENCo.

SENCo in liaison with Head of the Prep School

- To ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for assessment such as modified papers, etc.
- To discuss EAL matters/requirements with parents or guardians as appropriate and inform them of options for provision.
- To ensure that children for whom English is an additional language are recorded on the EAL register
- To support the administration of baseline assessment of pupils' proficiency in English, during their first half term.
- To review the progress of pupils for whom English is an additional language.
- To advise Teachers of strategies to support EAL pupils, as appropriate.
- To monitor progress of pupils on the EAL list and make referrals to the Individual Learning Department if the student is considered to have an underlying barrier to learning; creating a Special Educational Need resulting in the pupil not making the expected progress.
- To ensure that provision for pupils with EAL are clearly identified in short and medium term planning.
- To ensure that a new teacher is briefed regarding any child being taught for whom English is an additional language, where there are changes of teacher within an academic year.
- To monitor the effectiveness of overall provision.
- To encourage participation in extra-curricular activities.
- To provide subject teachers with information regarding EAL pupils.

Teachers

- To appreciate that all teachers contribute to the teaching of effective spoken and written English, and this should be embedded in class teaching.
- To familiarise themselves with the information on the EAL register and to record (in whatever way is most appropriate) those pupils they teach for whom English is an additional language.
- To ensure that pupils are supported in the use and understanding of subject specific vocabulary.
- To ensure that differentiation is used, as appropriate, to allow children for whom English is an additional language greater access to subject matter.
- To follow guidance and strategies provided on the Pupil Passports and/or Action Plans.
- To discuss with the SENCo any child causing concern due to a lack of expected progress in relation to their cognitive profile.

- To encourage participation in extra-curricular activities
- To be proactive in identifying and raising awareness of a pupil's individual needs and providing resources that would support them.
- To liaise effectively with parents to report on the support, interventions and the child's development of language skills

English as an Additional Language teacher / Teaching Assistant

- To familiarise themselves with the information on the EAL list and to record (in whatever way is most appropriate) those pupils for whom English is an additional language.
- To use feedback from subject teachers to monitor progress and inform consultation with the Form Teachers and SENCo wherever there are concerns.
- To be pro-active in encouraging the progress of pupils, in integrating into the School community.
- To encourage participation in extra-curricular activities.
- To be pro-active in identifying and raising awareness of a pupil's individual needs and resources that would support the pupil's learning..
- To feedback to teachers and inform them where there are concerns

Implementation:

- Pupils for whom English is an additional language are given modified assessments as appropriate.
- Overseas pupils undergo a baseline assessment of their proficiency in English in their first half term.
- A register of all EAL pupils is kept on iSAMS which identifies the strategies for supporting pupils. Assessment of English proficiency is carried out each term, or as appropriate.
- Progress of EAL pupils is monitored through half termly effort and attainment reports, end of term reports as well as through formal assessment.
- EAL pupils receive support through curriculum subjects to develop the four skills (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening).
- Specialist tuition is available to pupils in Years 3-6 at an additional charge to the termly fee. Pupils may be offered the opportunity of EAL tuition in place of a subject, as appropriate, or lessons will be arranged in non-contact time.
- The effectiveness of overall provision is monitored through formal assessment, a regular review of samples of pupils' work and discussion with the pupils. A review of individual assessment grades and reports also provides information in this respect.

Monitoring

The Head of the Prep School and SENCOs are responsible for monitoring the implementation of the policy.

Links to Other Policies

Individual Learning Policy
Safeguarding Policy
English Policy
Supervision of Children Policy
Individual subject Policies
Curriculum Policy
Behaviour Policy
e-safety policy
PSHE Policy