

EAL – A Parents' Guide

The EAL (English as an Additional Language) Department works with students at different levels, according to the needs of the student. This can range from English language teaching, exam preparation, supporting students in class in core subjects, or providing additional lessons with a focus on developing key skills.

Aims:

- To develop students' language skills
- To enable students to communicate with confidence
- To encourage students to become independent learners
- To promote integration

Parents play a vital role in ensuring the transition into the school system here in the UK is as smooth as possible, and that the students settle into the learning environment well.

What you can do to help your child:

- Please provide the school with as much information as possible on admission. This will help in assessing the level of intervention your child needs.
- Please provide your child with a first language/English dictionary.
- Encourage your child to read books at home.
- Encourage your child to continue developing skills in their home language. Children with a sound foundation in their first language do better when acquiring skills in a second/additional language.
- Encourage your child to use English at home.
- Take an active interest in what your child is learning at school.
- Try to develop an understanding of the UK education system – this will help you to support your child better during the different stages, and understand the key examinations he/she will take.
- Maintain regular links with the school with regards to your child's learning and progress.