

Indication for new EAL arrivals



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How long does it take to become bilingual?

- 1 2 years for BICS (basic interpersonal communication skills)
- 5 7 years for CALP (cognitive academic language proficiency)



The educational needs and backgrounds of new arrivals

'New arrivals do not necessarily have a common set of educational needs and backgrounds.'



The new arrivals' experience (summary)

New arrivals may:

- have had full schooling in another country;
- have had no previous schooling;
- have had interrupted schooling;
- be literate in one or more languages;
- be highly motivated;
- be gifted and talented;
- be used to a different educational system;
- have a fractured educational history;
- have attended one or more schools (in England or abroad) before the present one;
- have learning difficulties;
- come from a range of cultural, religious, national and linguistic backgrounds;
- be living with adults who are experiencing emotional difficulties or withdrawal themselves
- be experiencing cultural disorientation as well as feelings of loss, grief and isolation.



How does it feel to be a new arrival in a secondary school?



Feelings on entering a new school

- School was very different back home
- I'm confused.
- What am I allowed and not allowed to do?
- I'm lonely. I can't join in with the others so I have no friends. Everyone ignores me or treats me like I'm stupid.
- I've never been to school before... What's going on?
- This too early to eat. I'm not hungry yet

- I'm worried. Everyone else can do the work, knows where to go and what to do next.
- I'm afraid...That child pushed me. What shall I do?
- I'm shy. I don't want to say "Yes, Miss" in front of everybody. They may laugh at me.
- I'm angry. I was happy back home.
 I miss my grandma and my friends.
- I'm tired. All this new language around me I can't follow it all ... zzz ...
 I'm frustrated. At my other school I had much more stimulating work. All I do here is copy.



The Induction Programme – A Whole School Approach

It is important to welcome new arrivals with a whole school approach:



Planning for the new arrival (Summary)

Many schools try to ensure the following:

- A day(s) has been set aside for initial interviews to take place.
- An interpreter has been booked if needed.
- There is a minimum three-day gap between interview and admission to enable the pupil to buy a uniform and equipment and to enable information to be shared with appropriate staff.
- The pupil starts mid-week to ensure that they do not have to be in an unfamiliar environment all week at first.
- Information gathered at the initial interview is shared with all relevant staff using a

New Arrival Form.

- There are clear roles for support staff, such as an induction mentor7, trained to assist in the settling-in process.
- There is a key named senior member of staff who is responsible for the admissions process.
- All staff can prepare for the newly arrived pupil in advance of the pupil's start date.
- A 'sanctuary' has been identified where new arrivals worried about bullying or harassment or overwhelmed by the 'newness' of it all can retreat.



The Interview

Collect background information and disseminate to relevant staff.

(See EAL background information leaflet)



Checklist for parent induction

- Information about the school system in the UK
- Welcome to school in Worcestershire leaflet (translated)
- A school Prospectus (translated or visual)
- Behaviour Policy (translated)
- Attendance Policy Absence request (translated)
- Outline of the school day with pictures/diagrams
- Map of the school
- The benefits of maintaining the home language
- Homework system and how to help your child at home leaflets
- Extra-curricular activities/clubs
- Calendar of Term dates
- Key contact person for your child

- Additional Support provided by the school
- School lunch arrangements (& FSM) (visual)
- Uniform and where to get it (visual)
- Contacts for local services (dentist/health centre/children's centre)
- Key phrases for communicating with school
- ESOL information (if relevant)
- Home language club/complementary school information
- Key facts about the school
- Who's who in the school with visuals
- Information about the PTA/ Governors

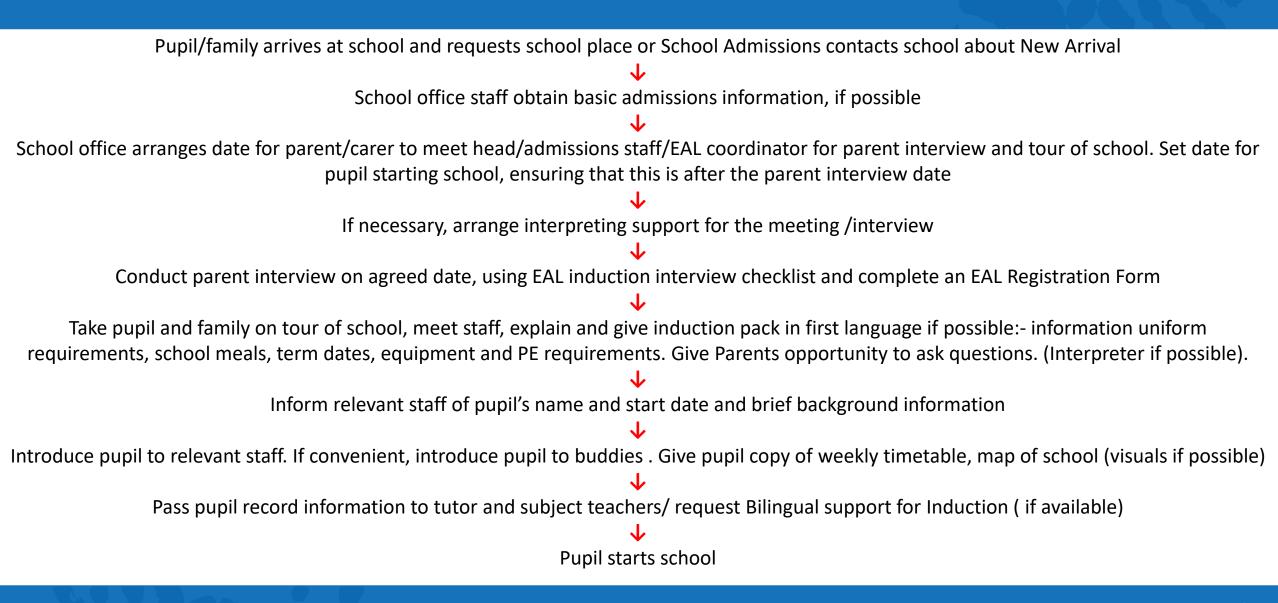


The use of Interpreters for Induction

- Staff in the school- bilingual staff
- Bilingual pupils- Young Interpreters/ambassadors
- Interpreting Agencies

How would you then disseminate this information to all staff involved with the pupil?







Planning for the new Arrival (Summary)

- New arrivals are not a homogenous group
- Effective schools are proactive in collecting background information to plan for pupil progress from admission.
- Prompt access to accurate pupil information is essential for planning for new arrivals
- Pupils play a key role in welcoming new arrivals.



Staff Involvement

Which staff need to be informed and involved when there is a new EAL arrival?



Staff involvement

(Admin staff already informed)

- Head of Year
- Tutor
- HODs / Subject teachers
- TA/ Support staff who will be
- working alongside pupil.



Assessment



Assessment

- School census
- Ongoing assessment tools (see the website for tools to support this)



First Language Assessment

- When a pupil arrives in school with a little or no English language skills, it is important to gain information about his or her language ability in the first or home language
- Initially, the best way to gather general and educational information about a pupil is to meet the parents or carers. In this way, the prior knowledge and experience of the pupil, which may be relevant to the school curriculum, can be noted and built upon.
- Give pupils plenty of time to settle in before conducting a formal first language assessment. Bear in mind this will only provide a snapshot. (Short formal tests can be useful to provide indication of performance in certain areas but should be considered alongside other evidence)



KS4 Induction

What provision can be made for new to English pupils arriving in KS4?



KS4 Induction

- Tailored to individual (talk to EAL Advisory team)
- Work experience
- Links to tertiary or sixth form for ESOL, Basic skills, practical subjects, GNVQ
- Pastoral tutor group/linking up with common language pupils.
- Peer mentoring
- Courses covering preparation for life and work, enrichment subjects, PSHE and Citizenship. E.g ASDAN
- First Language GCSE
- Subjects which they are interested in that can be accessed. PE/ ART/FOOD tech etc.
- Computer skills
- Abridged timetable
- Mentoring/ personal advisor
- Participation in field trips
- Additional in- class support/ bilingual if possible



Considerations for transition for EAL pupils





- Prior learning, including a linguistic profile, should be passed from the previous educational establishment to EAL secondary staff in order that historical and current information can be added to a pupil profile.
- Inform Primary parents of school system, and changes in education delivery through interpreter/ translated documents.
- Ensure parents know about school open evenings, and their importance.
- School tours arranged using young interpreters/ambassadors
- Provide bilingual support to EAL beginners with above/during trial lessons.
- Contact person. Staff and peer mentor.



EAL Question prompt for staff involved in transition visits

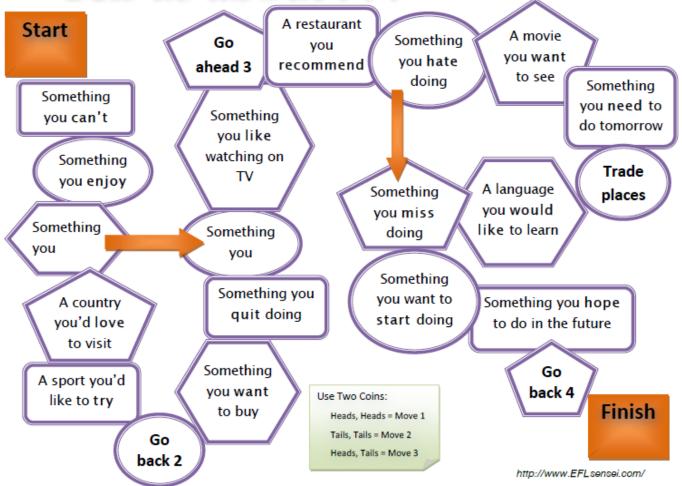
- Did the pupil attend school before moving to the UK?
- How many years were they in school prior to moving to the UK? What languages did the school teach? Is there further information about the curriculum at the school? Is there any information about the pupil's attainment?
- Did the pupil receive any additional support at school?
- Did the pupil learn English before moving to the UK?
- Which languages are spoken at home?



Resources



Tell us about . . .





Detectives...

How many girls are there in the tutor group?	
How many science classrooms are there in the school?	
How many computers are there in the school library?	
Where can you buy a snack?	
How can you find out what's for lunch?	
Where sports can you play at school?	
What time is first break?	
Where can you go for a drink of water?	
What activities can you do at lunch time?	



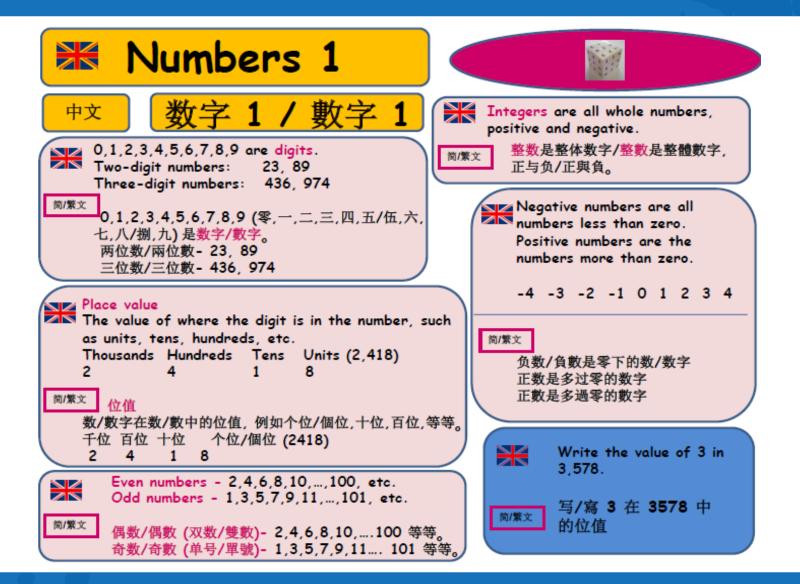
Find someone who...

Do you like? Yes, I do/ No, I don't	Name
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Eggs	
Cats	
Watching cartoons	
Swimming	
Riding horses	



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Do your work!



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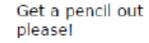


Open your book!



Write this down!





Close your book!

Quiet! No talking.



Listen please!









Talking Pen Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyOzjyt Qf7Y





Top tips for teachers

- Ensure that the pupil feels their culture/language is valued (learn a few words/phrases; make bilingual labels/displays; share stories and pictures that reflect their background)
- Provide visual support whenever possible (pictures, photos, diagrams, demonstrations, mime, gestures)
- Speak slowly and simply but naturally. Avoid or explain figurative language.
- Respond positively to pupils' speech, but try to extend their responses; e.g. I go park \rightarrow you went to the park
- Provide a few key words for each subject or lesson. Build up a personal dictionary with pictures and translations in the first language (L1)
- Allow time for pupils to prepare responses with a partner. Oral rehearsal should precede written work.
- Pupils literate in L1 can draft ideas or complete a written task in L1. Encourage use of bilingual dictionary
- Put pupil in mixed ability group or with children who can provide good language models (not SEN groups)



Top tips for planning

- Identify and model language demands of lessons (e.g. science lesson needs mostly past tense but predictions need future tense; instructions need imperatives)
- Model appropriate language and structures for pupil
- Plenty of opportunities for pair and group work, especially collaborative tasks
- Preview lessons provide key texts in advance to parents /bsw
- Allow opportunities to revisit and talk about stories and lessons
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- When marking, focus on content and highlight only 1 or 2 grammatical points



Key messages

working in the classroom

ofsted: any withdrawal of EAL learners from a mainstream class should be for a specific purpose, time limited and linked to the work of the mainstream class; bilingual pupils are best supported when EAL support staff work collaboratively with teachers

bilingual support

development of the first language should be actively encouraged. Support which combines the use of bilingual pupils' first language with the learning of an additional language will greatly enhance understanding of conceptual skills encourage pupil to use first language for research, first drafts, note taking.

