

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Life in all its fullness

English as an Additional Language Policy September 2021

- An inclusive school that nurtures children's talents
- A school that enables us to develop our character
- A happy, healthy, safe place to learn how to look after our bodies and minds
- A place to learn good 'People Skills' to prepare us to become good citizens

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ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) POLICY

1 Introduction

- 1.1** In our school the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our children are important. We encourage all of our children to achieve the highest possible standards. We do this through taking account of each child's life experiences and needs. We endeavor to treat children and parents with the Christian values of respect and dignity in supporting their integration into our school community.
- 1.2** Some of our children may have particular learning and assessment requirements, which are linked to their progress in learning English as an additional language.
- 1.3** Children who are learning English as an additional language have skills and knowledge about language similar to monolingual English speaking children. Their ability to participate in the full curriculum may be in advance of their communicative skills in English.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** The National Curriculum secures entitlement for all children to a number of areas of learning and gives them the opportunity to develop the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes that are necessary for their self-fulfilment and development as responsible citizens. We promote the principles of fairness and justice for all through the education that we provide in our school.
- 2.2** The aim of this policy is to help ensure that we meet the full range of needs of those children who are learning English as an additional language. This is in line with the requirements of the Race Relations Act 1976.

3 Teaching and learning style

- 3.1** In our school teachers take action to help children who are learning English as an additional language by various means:
- 3.1a** develop their spoken and written English by:
- Ensuring that vocabulary work covers the technical as well as the everyday meaning of key words, metaphors and idioms;

- Explaining how speaking and writing in English are structured for different purposes across a range of subjects;
- Providing a range of reading materials that highlight the different ways in which English is used;
- Ensuring that there are effective opportunities for talking, and that talking is used to support writing;
- Encouraging children to transfer their knowledge, skills and understanding of one language to another;
- Building on children's experiences of language at home and in the wider community, so that their developing uses of English and other languages support one another;

3.1b ensuring access to the curriculum and to assessment by:

- Using accessible texts and materials that suit children's ages and levels of learning;
- Providing support through ICT, video or audio materials, dictionaries and translators, readers and amanuenses;
- Using the home or first language where appropriate.
- Using signs and symbols cards which help to support understanding.
- Providing visual timetables.

4 Curriculum access

4.1 All children in our school follow the curricular requirements of the Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum. Children with English as an additional language do not produce separate work. Work is differentiated to suit the needs of EAL children.

4.2 In the Foundation Stage we plan opportunities for children to develop their English and we provide support to help them take part in activities.

4.3 The Foundation Stage helps children learning English as an additional language by:

- Building on children's experiences of language at home and in the wider community so that their developing uses of English and of other languages support one another;
- Providing a range of opportunities for children to engage in speaking and listening activities in English with peers and adults;
- Providing bilingual support to extend vocabulary;
- Providing a variety of writing in the children's home language as well as in English;
- Providing opportunities for children to hear their home languages as well as English

- Daily phonics sessions to teach children the phonemes in the English language.

5 Assessment

- 5.1** We follow statutory guidance of measuring English language competence for EAL children linked to the National Curriculum. We work in partnership with the LA's Achievement and Equality Team to regularly assess and review children's language competence and progression and set personalized targets for the children to help them in their acquisition of English.

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