

## Return to Teaching fact-sheets: English as an additional language (EAL)

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The teaching of English to children whose first language is not English is generally referred to as English as an additional language (EAL).

In England, 856,670 pupils are recorded as having a mother tongue other than English. This represents a total of 492,390 pupils or 15.2% at primary school nationally and 364,280 pupils or 11.1% at secondary school (Statistical First Release August 2009). Whilst in Inner London around 54.1% of pupils are recorded as learning English as an additional language. More than 200 languages are spoken in the homes of children attending schools in England<sup>1</sup>.

### Resources

This website features information on the national strategy outline, specialist qualification, the assessment of pupils learning EAL and the development of advanced teacher skills.

[www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/ethnicminorities/raising\\_achievement/763697/](http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/ethnicminorities/raising_achievement/763697/)

The Teachernet website contains information on EAL, as well as case-studies and other resources.

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/library/EALteaching/](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/library/EALteaching/)

The Teacher Training Resource Bank (TTRB) is a one-stop portal providing access to research and evidence-based resources for the teacher education community. The site holds a number of articles and documents on teaching EAL, which can easily be accessed via the search facility.

[www.ttrb.ac.uk](http://www.ttrb.ac.uk)

NALDIC is the UK subject association for English as an additional language and promotes the development of EAL policy, practice and research. It also provides comprehensive support, resources and case studies.

[www.naldic.org.uk/](http://www.naldic.org.uk/)

The Ethnic Minority Attainment Project was launched in 2003 and has been supporting those working with black and other minority ethnic pupils for over six years. It contains useful and practical resources for teaching EAL in schools.

[www.emaonline.org.uk/ema/](http://www.emaonline.org.uk/ema/)

The National Literacy Trust is a charitable organisation that supports the development of literacy for all learners from primary to adult. They provide information and support for EAL.

[www.literacytrust.org.uk](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk)

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The Milton Keynes Ethnic Minority Achievement Support Service guidance document focuses on practical support for pupils learning EAL in schools.

[www.mkweb.co.uk/emass/documents/Website\\_EAL\\_Artwork.pdf](http://www.mkweb.co.uk/emass/documents/Website_EAL_Artwork.pdf)

Multiverse is a resource for working with diverse learner groups including EAL. The site hosts multimedia resources and information for the school workforce.

[www.multiverse.ac.uk/browse2.aspx?anchorId=17844&selectedId=409&menu=17875&expanded=false](http://www.multiverse.ac.uk/browse2.aspx?anchorId=17844&selectedId=409&menu=17875&expanded=false)

The website for primary strategy features downloadable guidance documents for inclusion of EAL pupils at primary level.

[http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/inclusion/bi\\_children/](http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/inclusion/bi_children/)

The website for primary strategy features downloadable guidance documents for teaching EAL to primary pupils who have recently arrived in the UK.

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/inclusion/newarrivals/1160039>

Use this link to find guidance around teaching English to EAL pupils.

<http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/97450>

Use this link to find guidance around teaching Maths to EAL pupils.

<http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/150563>

Use this link to find guidance around teaching Science to EAL pupils.

<http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/96129>

For complete guidance on teaching EAL pupils across all secondary subjects, please click on the following link:

<http://publications.teachernet.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DfES+0654+2002&>

Through engaging videos, practical resources and an active online community, Teachers TV supports the professional development of anyone working in school, enabling them to widen their skills, develop their practice, and connect with others in the field. It contains a multitude of video extracts from teachers and experts around English as an additional language

[www.teachers.tv](http://www.teachers.tv)

## **Return to Teaching courses**

The above resources will help to bring you up to date with developments in teaching EAL. However, to further prepare yourself for a return to teaching, you may decide to apply for a Return to Teaching (RTT) course. The courses will offer information on EAL, and will also provide you with a safe and supportive environment in which to develop your skills and increase your knowledge base. This includes a 10-day school placement in a school, which will help to renew your skills and confidence in the classroom.

RTT courses are fully funded by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA).

For further information and advice on making a return to teaching please call the Return to teaching helpline on 0845 6000 993 or e-mail

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