

## Links with other Services and Agencies

EAL teachers operate within the Integrated Children's Services Framework which links together Education, Social Work, Health Teams and others as appropriate. They also liaise with the Race Equality in Education Development Officer, the Highland Council Equalities Officer and the University of the Highlands and Islands.

Further information is available at [www.highlandschools-virtuallib.org.uk/slpf](http://www.highlandschools-virtuallib.org.uk/slpf)

A Highland EAL Information Pack is available for school staffs and parents.

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English

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Additional

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Information  
for  
Parents, Carers,  
Families, Children and  
Young People

## Who is the Service for?

1. Pupils for whom English is an Additional Language are supported by EAL Staff. These teachers work collaboratively with staff in schools within the Highland Council area.

Bilingual pupils may be:

- a) New to English
- b) Intermediate English language learners
- c) Those who speak English well but may not be achieving their full academic potential.
- d) Independent learners.

2. Class, subject, guidance and support teachers, classroom/nursery assistants, promoted staff, Speech and Language Therapists, Pupil Support Workers and others who have contact with bilingual pupils.

3. Those working to further the aims of multicultural, antiracist and bilingual education in Highland.

4. Parents of bilingual children who may require assistance in liaising with schools Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Worker's Education Association (WEA).

## What does the Service offer?

EAL teachers work collaboratively and in partnership to ensure:

- Diversity is valued.
- Home language is maintained.
- Inclusion and equality of access to the curriculum.
- Identification and assessment of need.
- Appropriate level of support.
- Effective teaching strategies and resources.
- Teaching support to individual /small groups of pupils.
- Holistic approach to assessment.
- Awareness of linguistic, religious and cultural matters.
- Effective home/school liaison.

## How do EAL staff offer this Service?

EAL teachers work within the eight Highland Council area teams. These are made up of Additional Support Teachers and Assistants.

Head teachers refer new arrivals or pupils causing concern. These referrals are passed from management to the EAL Teacher responsible for the area. An EAL teacher will then visit the school and home visits will be carried out if requested.

### Legislative Framework

The following Acts are important legislative documents in the support structure for bilingual pupils.

- Race Relations' Act (Amendment) 2000
- The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004
- Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000