



**The Park Federation Academy Trust  
Western House Academy**

**English as an Additional Language Policy**

## Approval

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## **Section 1: Aims of the Policy**

At Western House Academy we are committed to ensuring that we meet the full range of needs of those children who are learning English as an additional language (EAL) and to providing opportunities for them to achieve their potential by enabling them to access all aspects of the curriculum.

## **Section 2: Objectives**

- To develop a culture of high expectations and achievement among pupils, parents and staff within the school.
- To develop an inclusive curriculum within the school which celebrates and values the diversity of its pupils, their languages and cultural heritage.
- To develop initiatives which involve parents in supporting and promoting their children's achievements.
- To identify, assess and support the needs of pupils throughout the stages of their acquisition of the English language.
- To provide specific support for EAL and New to English pupils to ensure that they have full access to all aspects of the National Curriculum.
- To run an Intensive Induction Programme for new arrivals as needed.

## **Section 3: Teaching and Learning**

- Team Leaders, Curriculum co-ordinators and EAL staff will monitor schemes of work and planning to find opportunities for activities and resources that are relevant to pupils' cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- EAL staff will ensure that focused support, inside and outside the classroom, is provided for target pupils, according to their individual needs.
- Class teachers will liaise with EAL staff to access resources to support pupils in class.
- Differentiated activities will be built into teaching and learning to ensure that individual pupils are included in whole class group and individual work.
- Support will be provided through texts and materials that suit children's individual needs including ICT, video or audio materials and bilingual books and dictionaries.
- Children's home or first language will be used, where appropriate, to support learning.
- Individual and group focused support will be provided throughout the school starting from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 6.

## **Section 4: Assessment and Target Setting**

- EAL Team will assess the needs of EAL pupils, as soon as possible after entry to the school. Where necessary, first language assessments will be done to check their proficiency in their home language in order to identify starting points for support. All pupils identified as needing English language support will be set targets according to their individual needs.
- EAL Team will monitor and review targets on a termly basis and liaise with class teachers and support staff to ensure that the support provided is effective in reducing any gaps in learning and progress between EAL pupils and others.
- Senior Management and the EAL Co-ordinator, will scrutinise and analyse Key Stage One (KS1) and Key Stage Two (KS2) Standard assessment Tests (SATs) and information contained in Raiseonline (Ofsted Database), in order to identify issues of underachievement. EAL pupils are expected to make progress in line with all other pupils and pupils new to English will make accelerated progress by the end of KS2.
- The Academy Development Plan (ADP) will incorporate action plans and reviews relating to raising the progress and attainment of EAL pupils.

## **Section 5: Special Education Needs and Most Able Pupils**

- Most EAL pupils receiving additional support do not have SEN.
- Where progress falls below the expected range, an EAL/SEN assessment will be requested from the local authority to establish the pupil's level of first language. Should Special Educational Needs/Disability (SEND) be identified, the pupil will have equal access to the school's SEND provision.
- We will employ a range of strategies to establish whether EAL pupils are Most Able irrespective of their stage of English acquisition.

## **Section 6: Training**

- Senior Management and EAL Team will monitor and identify staff training needs, this will include ensuring that when new staff are inducted, they become familiar with the policy and practice for supporting EAL pupils.
- As part of their professional development, staff and governors will be given the opportunity to attend good quality training.

## Section 7: Parental Involvement

- we will make every effort to provide first language interpreters who will, if known in advance, be available for 'starting school' consultations with the Principal, where an initial assessment of English language support will be made.
- First language interpreters will be available for termly parent evening consultations. The EAL Team will hold meetings with parents of target pupils to discuss targets and progress for pupils receiving EAL support.
- The school will seek to provide parents with written information in an appropriate language, where possible.
- Parents will be actively encouraged to participate in all aspects of school life, whether or not they speak English. Such activities will include:
  - Helping in class, on school trips, etc.
  - Volunteering as a Parent
  - Educational courses
  - After-school sessions volunteering
  - Attending meetings concerning National Curriculum, tests, homework, etc.