



## **English as an additional language Policy**

**Review cycle:** Every 3 Years

**Last Review Date:** Sept 2023

**Next Review Date:** Sept 2026

**Staff responsible:** Miss Rosslyn Thompson

**Governor responsible:** Mr P MacDougall

THIS POLICY IS APPLICABLE TO ALL PUPILS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE EYFS

## **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Policy**

### **Introduction**

At St John's the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our boys are important. We encourage all our boys to achieve the highest possible standards. We do this through taking account of each boy's life experiences and needs.

Boys who are learning English as an additional language have skills and knowledge about language similar to monolingual English-speaking boys. Their ability to participate in the full curriculum may be in advance of their communicative skills in English.

### **Aims and objectives**

The National Curriculum secures entitlement for all boys 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.

The aim of this policy is to help ensure that we meet the full range of needs of those boys who are learning English as an additional language.

### **Teaching and learning style**

In our school teachers take action to help boys who are learning English as an additional language by various means:

*developing 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;
- using reading schemes that reflect the cultural diversity of modern British society;
- ensuring that key festivals and celebrations including some religious festivals are brought to the attention of children throughout the school year;
- ensuring that there are effective opportunities for talking, and that talking is used to support writing;
- encouraging pupils to transfer their knowledge, skills and understanding of one language to another;
- building on pupils' experiences of language at home and in the wider community, so that their developing uses of English and other languages support one another;

*ensuring access to the curriculum and to assessment by:*

- using accessible texts and materials that suit pupils' ages and levels of learning;
- providing support through ICT, video or audio materials, dictionaries and translators, readers and amanuenses;
- using the expertise of the SENDCo (English as a second language diploma) effectively to help all the mainstream teachers;

### **Curriculum access**

All pupils in our school follow the curricular requirements of the Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum. Pupils with English as an additional language do not produce separate work.

The SENco will higher up the school provide support in small withdrawal sessions for any pupil who is not able to fully access the curriculum due to EAL.

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

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

- building on pupils' 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 pupils to engage in speaking and listening activities in English with peers and adults;

### **Assessment**

The statutory assessment arrangements of the National Curriculum allow us to make special arrangements for pupils who are learning English as an additional language.

The SENco offers support to pupils during the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assessment period.

### **Resources**

Pupil's religious and cultural beliefs and backgrounds are celebrated and valued through assemblies, displays, R.S lessons and PHSE.

The provision of bilingual books, posters, artefacts and musical instruments supports cultural and linguistic diversity.

**Member of staff with responsibility for this policy is the SENDCo. This policy is on a three year cycle.**

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**Roslyn Thompson**