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English as an additional language

Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from my end of year letter you are aware that one of our school priorities this academic year is focussing on the increase of EAL (English as an additional language) students joining us. Historically EAL students have not been a significant group for us at Coundon Primary but recently this group of learners has risen to 18% of pupils within our school.

Therefore, the senior leadership team are looking at ways to overcome exclusion through language. Due to the linguistic diversity in our school we need to meet the needs of all pupils, ensuring they achieve their full potential.

We receive additional funding for all of our EAL pupils and this will be increasing by 2.4%. Funding will be allocated after our October census. Analysis of our EAL register, shows that some of our pupils are not recorded as EAL. (Pupils who I know are EAL) This is due to parents recording English as a pupils 1st language. Where I can see on assessments EAL children who are experiencing language difficulties I have asked what language is spoken at home and children are sharing English is not the predominant language used in the home.

If your child is not on our EAL register I cannot obtain the funding to enhance your child's language proficiency. If you know English is not your predominant language used and you have listed English as your child's first language can you please make the Office aware so we can alter our records and the secure the funding your child is entitled to.

Kind Regards

Natasha Maude
Headteacher

