



**WELCOME TO  
THE MILLFIELD  
PREP SCHOOL  
EAL  
DEPARTMENT**



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# AIMS

Our main aim is to ensure that pupils are fully integrated into school life, be that in their mainstream classes, on the sports' field or by encouraging them to try out a range of new activities. We strive for pupils to leave the school with confidence in their abilities, academic success and lifelong friendships.

We believe that receiving individually tailored EAL lessons, whilst living in a setting where they are immersed in the language, is the best combination for rapid progress in English. Whether pupils arrive with no knowledge of English or already have a good foundation, we will design a course that will both support learning and encourage independence.

The EAL department is run by a committed team who have many years of experience in Primary and Secondary education and EAL teaching.



# THE EAL TEAM

## Mrs N Blackburn

I qualified as a Primary teacher with a specialism in Spanish in 2009 and had also obtained my CELTA qualification to teach EAL. I worked in various schools in London, including the International School of London. In 2013 I moved to Bath to begin a Masters degree in TESOL and was Assistant Director of Studies at Bishopstrow College before moving to Millfield Prep as Head of the EAL Department. I also hold a DELTA qualification which allows me to train other teachers in EAL.



## Miss A Colmar

My experience includes working at prestigious Summer Schools, including the Millfield English Language Holiday Course, teaching English as a foreign language where I utilized teaching methods in line with TEFL. Prior to starting my position at Millfield, I gained an English BA at the University of Exeter, graduating with a first class. More recently I have gained an MSc in Psychology from the University of Edinburgh, where I showed a particular interest in educational psychology and cognitive learning abilities in children. My understanding of individual learning styles is invaluable to my work teaching English and allows me to cater lesson plans to suit the individual needs of the child. My work in delivering and facilitating drama workshops with the Torbay Youth Trust can be seen in my teaching style as I strive to create engaging and exciting learning environments that vary in delivery and activity.



## Mrs P Eveson and Miss B Close

Both support the team, ensuring high quality learning and pastoral care.

# WHO RECEIVES EAL SUPPORT?

Pupils' English level is tested during their first week of school. If they are below B2 on the CEFR scale in any skill they will need EAL support. Pupils are retested throughout the year and as their level increases, they will go into more mainstream classes.

Pupils will be taught in groups with those of a similar level of English.

<b>Complete Beginner A0-A2</b>	10+ lessons per week
<b>Pre-Intermediate A2-B1</b>	6-10 lessons per week
<b>Intermediate B1-B2</b>	6 lessons per week
<b>Upper Intermediate B2</b>	Mainstream classes



# WHAT TYPES OF ENGLISH ARE TAUGHT?

## Survival English

Essential everyday language needed to live in an English-speaking environment. We take a communicative approach, practicing through role play and general conversation on a range of topics.

## Academic English

Language and skills needed to access subject lessons. This could include:

- Essay writing
- Preparing and participating in a debate
- Researching a topic of interest
- How to write up a Science experiment

## Cambridge English (KET, PET, FCE)

We prepare pupils for the Cambridge English exams which are sat at the end of the year in June. We are able to offer Preliminary for Schools (B1 level) and in exceptional circumstances First Certificate in English (B2 level). We currently have 100% pass rate.

## Literature

Novels are carefully selected to boost vocabulary and to expose pupils to British history and culture. Pupils are guided through the texts, as they would be in a mainstream English class. Whilst these lessons will certainly be a challenge they can be taught at a slower pace to ensure understanding.

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

You can email me with any questions or concerns in relation to your child's EAL studies.

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