



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

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## **Vision, Mission and Values**

### **Our Vision**

Where every child finds joy in their pursuit of brilliance

### **Our Mission**

We continue to craft a more joyful education.

- Cultivating a vibrant learning experience, motivating us to pursue our individual best.
- Providing a festival of opportunity, enabling us to discover new passions and develop new talents.
- Building a kind-hearted community, inspiring us to enhance the lives of others.

### **Our Values**

#### **Be Compassionate**

Because a caring community fosters belonging.

We expect our community to show kindness to people of all ages, genders and ethnicities, maintaining campuses where every person feels joyful and energised.

#### **Be Courageous**

Because fortune favours the brave.

We challenge our community to stand up for what is right, providing them with a safe environment where they can take bold action in pursuit of brilliance.

#### **Be Curious**

Because wisdom can be found off the beaten track.

We encourage our community to discover unlikely passions and hidden niches, releasing them into a wealth of opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

#### **Be Conscientious**

Because dedication is a spearhead of success.

We ask our community to throw themselves wholeheartedly into every endeavour, taking responsibility for their journey and inspiring others to do the same.

## **Policy Principles/Aims:**

- a) Contribute positively to the experience of all non-native speakers.
- b) Help EAL pupils make appropriate progress at this stage of their education.
- c) Help prepare EAL pupils for the next stage of their education whether in the UK or abroad.
- d) Give pupils the language and confidence to integrate as fully as possible in the curriculum, ideally reaching a stage where they no longer need the support of the EAL department.

**Statutory Guidance:**

Not statutory.

**Associated Trust Policies:**

None.

**1. Aims and Objectives**

We fulfil our aims in a variety of ways and very much depending on the needs of the individual:

- a) Through teaching English in small groups.
- b) By supporting pupils and staff in other academic subjects.
- c) By providing an open door approach to support.
- d) By getting involved in academic and other aspects of the EAL pupils' school lives, as tutors/teachers.

**2. Admissions**

- I. pupils come to Bede's from all over the world; we currently have over 30 different nationalities at the school.
- II. All overseas pupils must demonstrate a good command of the English language before we will offer a place, with prospective pupils having reached the following standards, or their equivalents. Prospective pupils will be tested before a place at the school is confirmed; in addition, all overseas pupils are interviewed either in person or by online.

<i>For pupils joining Year 12 (A Levels)</i>	A level comparable to <b>IELTS 5.5</b> or <b>IGCSE English Grade C</b>
<i>For pupils joining the Pre-Sixth Course</i>	Level comparable to <b>IELTS 5.0</b>
<i>For pupils joining Year 10</i>	Level comparable to <b>Preliminary English Test (PET)</b>
<i>For pupils joining Year 9</i>	<b>Bede's EAL test.</b>

- III. If on starting at the school a pupil is unable to match his or her previous level of English, we may have to change their programme of study. In very extreme cases, we may ask the pupil to withdraw.

**3. Charges**

3.1 All pupils in Years 9, 10, and 11 will be provided with dedicated English as an Additional Language (EAL) instruction within their regular English language classes at no additional cost. Furthermore, all second language English learners across all year groups are required to select EAL as an option, unless their English

proficiency is assessed as meeting a satisfactory level or they have already passed a relevant English qualification. **See fee structure for charges.**

3.2. Setting - Upon a pupil's enrolment at the school, they will promptly undergo a placement assessment to determine the most appropriate English as an Additional Language (EAL) program and, if necessary, to assist the Year Head in designing a suitable academic pathway. High-achieving pupils will be exempt from the mandatory EAL option and granted the opportunity to select an alternative subject

Support that is not chargeable in addition to school fees includes.

3.3 Evening prep support sessions.

3.4 Sessions for all year groups during activities

3.5 Saturday support sessions for all year groups.

#### 4. Courses

- I. We are a recognised Cambridge exam centre.
- II. The emphasis is on providing pupils with the language skills which will enable them to be successful in all their GCSE and A level subjects and beyond.
- III. Year 9 pupils work towards improving their general English in readiness for GCSE study in year 10.
- IV. Year 10 pupils study towards the IGCSE Second Language examination, taking the examination in the summer of year 11.
- V. Pre 6 pupils study towards either the IGCSE First or Second Language examination depending on level. This is completed in a single year.
- VI. L6th pupils study either the IELTS examination or IGCSE First Language, depending on their requirements for university.
- VII. IELTS is taught in the Upper 6th to help ensure those pupils without the requisite qualifications reach the level of proficiency required for universities in the UK. It is universally recognised by universities as a measure of English proficiency. All pupils must reach the required level for entry to university before stopping EAL lessons.
- VIII. In exceptional cases, the CPE is offered for those pupils we believe to be truly outstanding.