

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Charges for 2026/27

Important advice for parents and guardians of children whose first language is not English applying for admission to Dean Close Preparatory School.

Dean Close has been accepting students whose first language is not English for many years, and from all across the world, tutoring and guiding them successfully through to 'A' level and University. Both the Preparatory School and the Senior School have dedicated EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers who are fully committed to helping your children to become fluent and proficient in the English language, able to study successfully across the entire British curriculum.

A very few students arrive with little or no English language, but the majority come with a reasonable foundation and sufficient fluency to be able to participate in most lessons. Once here, especially as boarders, their ability to speak English improves rapidly. However, in order to participate fully in all subjects and to sit the Common Entrance Examination at 13+ for entry to Senior School, they also have to have good listening, reading and writing skills. This takes considerable time and effort on their part. As a School we provide all the linguistic, academic and emotional support we can, especially in the early weeks and months, to help our international students settle in.

During these first weeks we are able to evaluate the level of their language ability, and, within the constraints of the timetable, devise a personalised programme of additional lessons in English as an Additional Language. These lessons are usually arranged in place of French, Spanish and Latin. Where appropriate the children may be taken out of other lessons however students are never taken out of core subjects such as English, Maths and Science. If help were needed here, the EAL teacher might sit with the student during these classes, or review these lessons and their specialised vocabulary during the scheduled EAL classes.

Once we have devised an EAL support programme for your son/daughter, based on their language needs, their timetable and how many students are in the EAL class (classes may be private or have up to four/five students), we shall write informing you of the additional amount you can expect to pay for that year for EAL lessons.

Course books and materials will be charged in addition to the lessons.

English language tuition	Individual lesson	£41.00 per lesson
	Shared (2 pupils)	£31.00 each per lesson
	Shared (3 pupils)	£30.00 each per lesson
	Shared (4 pupils)	£27.50 each per lesson
	Shared (5 or more)	£24.00 each per lesson

The Literacy and Numeracy support charges quoted above are based on a normal lesson length scheduled for 30 minutes. In some instances where lessons are for longer than 30 minutes the charges will be pro-rated accordingly.

If you have any queries please direct them to the Bursary in the first instance.