



ENGLISH as an ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) POLICY

Whilst this policy was drawn up to support international pupils joining the School, it will be applied, where possible, to all pupils with English as an Additional Language.

Hereford Cathedral School seeks to provide a wide range of educational opportunities for a broad spectrum of pupils. The School recognises that a diverse range of cultures will significantly add to this goal, and therefore welcomes pupils from other countries who would directly benefit from our unique Cathedral School education. Overseas pupils are integrated with care and sensitivity so that the quality of their own academic, pastoral, spiritual and social experience is enhanced whilst that of the wider school community is also enriched. The School is keen to ensure that overseas pupils leave with skills, attributes and experiences that make a valid contribution to their own culture.

Hereford Cathedral School recognises that for pupils to benefit fully from the broad educational opportunities available, they must be fluent speakers in English. For those pupils whose first language is not English, the School will determine whether additional tuition in English will be necessary. All such tuition will come under the EAL Policy, which itself will be subject to regular review by the School's Learning and Study Support Department and overseen by the Governing Body Education Committee. The School recognises that whilst it can offer some specialist EAL tuition, this may not be sufficient to meet the needs of some pupils. For pupils that require intensive EAL tuition and where it is judged that adequate support cannot be provided, the School reserves the right to deny an offer of a place.

The Policy aims to:

1. Identify those pupils with specific EAL requirements, assess their needs and make appropriate adjustments to their curriculum;
2. Provide appropriate support measures to enable pupils with EAL needs to make good progress and to gain access to all areas of the curriculum, both academic and extracurricular;
3. Provide opportunities for 'EAL pupils' to contribute to school life, their own learning and to facilitate a full development of their character, identity and self-esteem;
4. To regularly monitor the specific needs, and progress, of all pupils receiving EAL support;
5. To prepare sixth form students so that they are able to meet the necessary entrance requirements for University

Delivery of EAL support at HCS:

1. EAL is provided by a suitably qualified professional teacher who seeks to support full access to the curriculum by those pupils whose first language is not English.
2. Pupils receiving EAL support are automatically included on the Learning and Study Support Register (Level 1) to raise awareness amongst all members of staff.
3. INSET workshops will be provided for staff teaching international students.

4. Parents of pupils receiving additional support for English will be required to meet the extra costs of tuition, including the purchase of bilingual dictionaries and other such resources. Bilingual Dictionaries are permitted where appropriate.
5. For overseas students, the EAL tutor will liaise with the International Pupil Coordinator and, when necessary, specific teachers and tutors.
6. For overseas students, English is taught in small groups at specific allocated timetabled periods during the week. Lessons will also include support with study skills.
7. The EAL tutor will arrange for all assessments, monitoring and reporting in relation to additional English tuition.
8. The Learning and Study Support Department and EAL Tutor will ensure that all staff are aware of this policy, the underlying principles of EAL support, and the need for everyone to be aware of the needs of those with English as an additional language.

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