

10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Information About Languages Spoken at Home

As part of our school census requirements, we are reviewing the information we hold about the languages spoken within our pupils' home environments.

The Department for Education (DfE) defines a pupil as having **English as an Additional Language (EAL)** if they are **exposed to a language at home that is known or believed to be other than English**.

This means that a child does **not** need to speak another language themselves to be recorded as having EAL. If another language is regularly spoken by family members or others within the home and your child is exposed to that language, they may meet the DfE definition.

The information collected is used for school census purposes only and is not related to a child's level of English, nationality, ethnicity, or place of birth. Once a pupil is identified as having EAL, this remains part of their educational record.

To help ensure that our records are accurate, we would be grateful if you could let us know:

- Whether your child speaks a language other than English.
- Whether any family members or others within your household regularly speak a language other than English in the home.
- What language(s) these are.

If you believe that your child is exposed to another language at home and we may not currently have this information recorded, could we please ask that you return the reply slip attached and return this to the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain accurate records for all pupils.

Yours sincerely



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Reply Slip

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

☐ My child speaks a language other than English.

Language(s): _____

☐ My child does not speak another language but is regularly exposed to another language spoken at home.

Language(s): _____

☐ English is the only language spoken within our home environment.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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