
Hampshire Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS)



EMTAS is a rights-respecting service that advocates for the rights of the child

Article 30: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Children of minorities

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

What schools can access from EMTAS

Referral of children and young people to EMTAS

Referrals can be made using the online form on the EMTAS website for

- pupils for whom English is an Additional Language (EAL) including pupils of Roma heritage;
- pupils who have come to the UK as refugees with their families and Separated Minors (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children, UASC);
- pupils of black heritage where there are issues to do with culture, identity and/or belonging.

Support for pupils and families

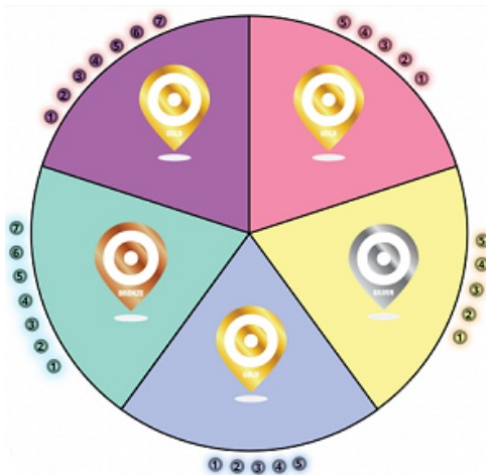
- Profiling for early-stage learners of EAL
- Support for EAL, Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) and Traveller pupils
- Study Skills programme for primary & secondary aged learners
- Transition support for Traveller pupils
- Heritage Honours Award for pupils
- EMTAS-supported coffee events
- Heritage Language GCSEs
- Telephone support in a range of languages (see the EMTAS website for the current offer)

Resources

- Dual language books and other materials, including GCSE set texts and Exam reader pens
- Persona Dolls representing a range of cultures
- Traveller-specific resources
- Young Interpreter Scheme®

EAL and Traveller Excellence Awards

Whole school self-evaluation frameworks. These frameworks enable schools to gauge their current practice and provision for EAL/Traveller pupils and to identify areas for development. After a successful validation, schools receive a certificate, valid for two years.



Training for staff

Training sessions for any combination of staff focusing on aspects of pedagogy, practice and provision in relation to BME, Traveller and EAL learners. Sessions can focus on:

- Practical classroom strategies for supporting new arrivals including those for whom English is an additional language.
- Awareness raising session to introduce staff to Traveller cultures and background.
- Classroom strategies to support more advanced learners of English as an additional language.
- Conference session for small groups of key staff led by an EMTAS Specialist Teacher. This offers the opportunity to discuss the support needs of an individual pupil in depth.
- EAL and Traveller e-learning
- EAL/Traveller Clinics
- Bespoke advice for your EAL/Traveller co-ordinator
- Supporting EAL (SEAL) course for school staff
- Network meetings run throughout the year on a variety of topics and are open to all staff. Details of these are on our website.

Website

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