

THANK YOU for supporting our EAL placement last week. Our initial assessment of the data from the day indicates over a 40% increase in student teachers' confidence to teach children with English as an Additional Language.

Below are some of the comments the student teachers made about the day:

- I learnt the importance of strategies and planning. Also how there are many alternative ways to provide support. Ultimately it is understanding the individual that helps the process to become successful.
- I had experienced EAL/N2E in a few schools before but some of the strategies were new (especially the Guiding reading support resource!)
- It helped me understand the individual nature of all children and how their background experiences e.g. previous schooling can have such a large impact on their development of English.
- It was interesting to learn about the different trends observed in the school for different ethnic groups.
- It helped me understand how complex teaching EAL is.
- It was really interesting to see the strategies put in place for new to English children (N2E). I found the information given about guided reading useful as well; I know it is important to embed language in children's learning.
- I learnt that lots of practice that can support EAL or N2E children is actually just good quality teaching methods – it is not something to be nervous about dealing with, but a challenge to be thought through and 'take on'. Also the support that needs to be put in place outside of lesson time to support children that are new to English. Ensuring that the needs of the child are being met!!
- I learnt a lot about new to English children and how they are taught English. Also the impact it has on non EAL/N2E learners too.
- I enjoyed touring around the school and seeing the different approach to displays (letting the pictures and photos tell the story rather than wordy displays). It was really helpful talking to the N2E practitioners and witnessing a couple of their lessons, to see the strategies and approaches they implement.
- The staff at Bowling Park Primary were extremely friendly and informative. I feel that my confidence regarding supporting EAL pupils has increased greatly. Thank you!
- It was clear the devotion that the staff have to the development of the children and it was valuable to experience this. Especially when time is precious in such a school. The organisation put into the day was very much appreciated.
- The school was amazing and I thoroughly enjoyed being there.
- I learnt about approaches to help new to English students, different ways to integrate EAL students into the class room and the phases they teach the children who are new to English.
- Thank you for being so hospitable (all staff we came across!!) and willing to share your practice with us. I learnt so much, even in the short space of time we had with you. I can see exactly why you have achieved the centre of excellence. I wish you all the very best for the future and hope to come visit/work with you again in the future.
- The staff at Bowling Park Primary School were extremely helpful and were willing to answer any questions what we had. I learnt a lot from them.
- It was an eye opening experience and would recommend anyone to go and look round the school.
- Thank you very much for helping me to develop and prepare for my SE2 placement. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and learnt a lot. I really feel that this will help me develop as a teacher. Many thanks again.
- Thank you for the day. The information given and resources shared were very useful and will continue to be useful on placement.