

## Advice to parents of EAL children

- Make your child feel as secure and happy as possible in his/her environment.
- Speak your home or mother tongue with your child. Use every occasion to develop and extend it naturally.
- Provide your child with an English/home language dictionary.
- Read regularly to your child in your home language.
- When your child starts to read at school, hear him/her read every day. (It does not matter if you are not a confident speaker of English yourself, your child is reading/ talking about the story TO you!). Also talk about the story in your mother tongue and explain anything that your child does not understand. If your child can read or write in his/her mother tongue before entering our school, continue to develop these skills at home.
- Your child will be able to regularly borrow books, audio books, from the LRC. Please return these items after two weeks. Also please look after them carefully. Some bilingual books are also available.
- Make sure your child goes to bed early enough on school days. Learning and speaking a new language is very tiring and it is important that children start the day fresh.
- Make contact with the parents of other children at school and encourage contact between the children after school. (This can be particularly language-enriching if their only common means of communication is English!).
- If you have any questions about your child's progress in English, do not hesitate to contact either the EAL or class teacher. We are always willing to talk about your concerns.

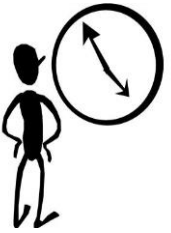
## How to help your child at school?



Make sure your child leaves home early enough to reach school by 8.30 am each morning.

Check each day that she/he is wearing the right uniform.

Make sure she/he has the right equipment for school: bag, a black or blue pen, pencil, ruler, planner and a reading book.



Sometimes, school trips will be arranged, to museum or theatre for example. These are an important part of your son/daughter education. Please sign the letters she brings home to say she/he can go.



### YOUR CHILD CAN NOT GO ON THE TRIP UNLESS YOU SIGN.

Please REMEMBER, your child should not go on holiday in term time. If you have special reasons, please ASK THE SCHOOL FOR PERMISSION at least 4 weeks before.

If you are moving home and your child will be leaving to go to another school, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If there are problems at home which may affect your child at school, please also tell the school.



Each evening, ask your child what HOMEWORK she/he has. Please find below the amount of time your child should spend on his homework.

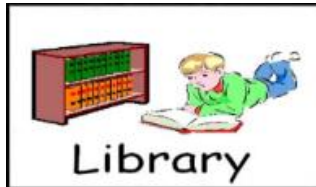
Year	Core Subjects (Maths, English and Science)	Other Subjects
7 & 8	1 Hour per subject per week	30-45 minutes per subject per week
9	1.5 hours per subject per week	45 minutes per subject per week
10/11	1.5 – 2 hours per subject per week	
12/13	2 hours per week per subject plus at least two hours of self-set independent study per subject.	

Also please encourage your child to go to homework clubs at school, when she/he needs help. If you can, help your child with homework. This will encourage him/her to do it regularly.

Check that all homework has been completed each night and SIGN her/his PLANNER at the END OF THE WEEK.



Encourage your daughter/son to use the school library, and join the local library as well.



Send a signed note to her/his tutor if she/he is going to be absent from the school, or if she/he has been absent.



### How you can find out about your daughter/son's progress at school?

- ✓ Come to the next ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY / attend next PARENT EVENING.
- ✓ You can also make an appointment to see her/his tutor or Year Learning Manager (YLM) to discuss your concerns.

If you don't speak English, tell the office before. We can arrange interpreters who speak Bengali, Italian, Polish, Arabic, and many other languages.

How can you get to know the school better?

- ✓ Read the parents newsletter
- ✓ Read our news on Twitter

Look at the school's website on the Internet: [www.bow-school.org.uk](http://www.bow-school.org.uk)

## Useful English Books

Instant Facts English A-Z of Essential Facts and Definitions Collins) ISBN number 9780007205523

Oxford first Maths Dictionary ISBN number 9780199116430

First thousand words (Usborne) 9781409510307

Any audio story books

## EAL Websites

Here is a short list of EAL websites which include FREE activities and worksheets for EAL learners of various ages and stages of English learning. If you Google "language games" many more will come up!

[www.manythings.org](http://www.manythings.org)

[www.english-online.org.uk](http://www.english-online.org.uk)

[www.funbrain.com/words.html](http://www.funbrain.com/words.html)

[www.englishbanana.com](http://www.englishbanana.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey)

[www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org](http://www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org)