

English as an Additional Language

At Whittle Academy we are very proud of the multicultural diversity of our school community. We actively promote children to learn 'home' languages and enjoy the gift of becoming bilingual speakers. With this in mind we are aware that children who are exposed to multiple languages may find the demands of the English curriculum challenging.

Mrs Benning is our teaching assistant with a responsibility for supporting children with English as an additional language. She works with the Inclusion Manager to identify children who might need additional support. Support is administered in a variety of ways. A lot of her time is spent with the younger children as early intervention has had a positive impact on later learning. Support is flexible depending on needs. It could be within the classroom to help access lessons with the rest of the class. In the afternoons, she has small groups and one to one sessions focusing on English language skills.



Whittle Academy Languages spoken in our community:

Arabic	Hindi	Pashto/Pakhto	Tamil
Bengali	Japanese	Polish	Telugu
Chinese	Kirundi	Romanian	Urdu
Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua)	Kurdish	Russian	Gujarati
Ewe	Latvian	Serbian/Croatian/ Bosnian	Panjabi
Farsi/Persian	Malayalam	Shona	Mhoroi
Filipino	Ndebele	Slovenian	Sat siri acal