



St Luke's One Minute Guide

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Our mission:

We are an ambitious and inclusive Church of England School, dedicated to ensuring all students live life to the full.

A significant number of students at St Luke's have English as an additional language. We aim to make these students feel part of our St Luke's family and able to achieve their full potential. We recognise that in many cases this requires some additional help and support as determined by in-school screening. Some of the ways we offer this are outlined below.

Transition Support

We can offer support with transition into the school. We will consider previous educational experiences, literacy, and language needs. We can buddy new students up, both with students with English as their first language and where possible, with students with the same additional language. If necessary, we can arrange for translation services at this initial meeting.

Translation Support

We can often provide students with translated welcome booklets, translated key words, and translated key words. In many cases we can provide translated key texts for English GCSE. We can also provide translation for important meetings where required.

In-class Support

Teachers know that the most effective way to learn is through attending lessons as usual. We believe that students with EAL are best placed in higher sets except where there are additional needs that also need supporting. However, staff also know that visuals are very helpful and they will also offer additional 1:1 support where possible. Students may be encouraged to use electronic translation or be given additional resources.

Extra English

Where possible and appropriate, we offer additional English lessons. These often focus on learning grammar and key vocabulary. We may also offer an online English package 'Learning Village.'

First Language GCSEs

In some cases, we are able to offer GCSEs in languages such as French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic where these are offered by exam boards.

Celebrating Diversity

At St Luke's we value inclusion and diversity. We respect and celebrate different cultures and beliefs. We do this in our day-to-day practice and also through assemblies, special events, food menus, tutorials and participation in city-wide and national events.

Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Support Service

We can also access additional support and advice from Devon's EMTA Service: [Ethnic minority and Traveller support - Support for schools and settings \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)



Safeguarding

Safeguarding students is our top priority. We are sensitive in our support of students with EAL and we will always ensure we use professional, confidential translation services where necessary for any safeguarding concerns.