



Training opportunities

TA training: The TA training course commences on Thursday 2nd May. It runs for 11 weeks and is now endorsed by the University of Wolverhampton.

Supporting EAL learners in EYFS: Friday 7th June, 9.30am – 12pm at Sans Souci, £70. If you wish to book a place please email inset@solihull.gov.uk

EAL Network meeting: Wednesday 19th June, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Sans Souci, free to Solihull schools. £50 for out-of-borough schools. If you wish to book a place, please email inset@solihull.gov.uk

Bespoke training: We offer bespoke training to schools which is free of charge. If you wish to book this please contact us on ealservice@solihull.gov.uk Please note the following:

- The quality of training will depend on the amount of detail you give us on the booking form. This should not only include the numbers of children in school with EAL but also the number of staff you anticipate will attend.
- If your school closes its doors after 3pm please ensure that office staff are aware that our staff will be arriving to deliver training – we have had occasions where we have been locked out and then the training has been late starting.
- We generally like to email any PowerPoint presentations to school to ensure there are no compatibility issues. Please ensure that the presentation is readily available when staff arrive in school, again to avoid delays.



It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to Diane Winstone. She has been the anchor of the Service for a number of years, holding it all together for us all. We know she will enjoy a happy retirement, especially now she has Princess Penelope (pictured) to keep her busy. She will be greatly missed by everyone and will be leaving on 24th May. While we wait to replace her we advise that emails are directed to ealservice@solihull.gov.uk

Funding for pupils with English as an additional language:

- The funding a school receives is driven by the October census.
- The rates for 2018-19 are £516.70 per eligible primary pupil and £1,389.58 per eligible secondary pupil.
- Funding has already been received in school as part of this year's budget.
- There is no in-year funding.

Funding is for current EAL pupils who have been in the UK school system for three years or less. Although it is part of the whole school budget and is not ring-fenced, we are strongly urging schools to consider this when planning for EAL learners in schools.

Collection of proficiency in English (PiE) codes (all schools)

Following consultation with SSSAB, the EAL service has decided to continue collecting PiE codes. The reasons for this are:

- Assessment of English proficiency, empowers teachers to understand, and therefore better meet, the learning needs of their EAL learners.
- Schools in Solihull have improved greatly in identifying their EAL learners as a direct consequence of this requirement.
- These data also allow the service to identify trends and therefore target resources, training and support more effectively.
- Collection of PiE data will also inform our risk assessments

The service will contact schools during the week beginning 3 June 2019 and will send a template (by email) for schools to complete and return. The data is required for pupils from year 1 upwards. Many of you will already have the information and will simply need to complete the template and email it back to us.

You can use SIMS to update PiE and there is information about how to do this on the EIMS pages of the extranet [here](#). Linked to this, EIMS has produced a SIMS report definition form which you can import into your SIMS system. The report is available [here](#) (this link is a direct link to a SIMS report definition file for installation).

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the EAL Service on ealservice@solihull.gov.uk

Solgrid – information for schools

The EAL Service is in the process of moving information from the Extranet to the Solgrid website <https://www.solgrid.org.uk/education/support-services/english-as-an-additional-language/> . In the next few months we will have all our documentation on the website and you will be able to go there for advice and information as well as to download forms etc.

Advisory visits for schools:

The Service continues to offer advisory visits for schools. These are free of charge and are entirely supportive in nature. We can advise on a range of things, such as how to write an EAL policy, supporting children in the classroom, data collection and analysis, working with parents, writing and action plan and planning lessons. Please contact us if you would like one of our advisory teachers to visit.

For enquiries please phone 0121 704 8613 or email ealservice@solihull.gov.uk or for courses inset@solihull.gov.uk

If you have ideas for topics you would like to be covered at the EAL Network, please contact us.