



EAL newsletter

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EAL Pedagogy Complementary Schools

The term 'complementary' is used as it complements much of what is being done within the mainstream and should play a full role alongside it.

Complementary schools vary enormously as they are established within communities to respond to the local needs.

In general, complementary schools will be involved in providing some or all of the following: Appreciation of cultural heritage through history, literature, dance and music. Support for National Curriculum subjects often with a focus on English, Mathematics and Science.

Qualifications and/or competence in community languages Enrichment activities

through sport, holiday activities and visits. A research carried out by the London Metropolitan University indicates that complementary schools increase children's attainment in mainstream school, improve confidence, engage parents in school and learning, provide role models, keep students safe and positively occupied, support the National Curriculum, contribute to integration and cohesion and reinforce positive identities.

GRT SERVICES

If you have Gypsy, Roma or Traveller children in school and require advice to help support them from one of the team's Advisers, then please contact june.sewell@norfolk.gov.uk.

Tanya Ingram is now working 2 days a week for team and has responsibility for ROMA pupils. Also, for GRT children who have gaps in learning and require additional support, the team may also be able to offer a short term teaching package, delivered by one of our Specialist GRT Practitioners.



EAL training

The EAL Advisory Service continue to provide training courses online and have courses for **EYFS/Primary and Secondary** starting in January, on the 27th and 21st respectively. These courses consist of 3 modules and are designed to help schools audit and improve their provision for EAL pupils. Delegates can attend all 3 or book individual sessions. For further details please contact: lisa.reynolds@norfolk.gov.uk (EYFS/Primary) tanya.ingram@norfolk.gov.uk (Secondary).

EAL Norfolk Moodlecloud is new user-friendly platform that will allow you discover and study courses in your own time. Much of the learning can be done as part of your weekly workload and you will also receive bespoke support and feedback along your journey. The courses available are **EAL Interventions: What to teach** and **Teaching more advanced EAL learners**. For further details contact: raulalvarez.conte@norfolk.gov.uk

The EAL Service are also still offering **FREE use for Language Line** until Easter 2021, to support schools in contacting EAL parents via an interpreter during COVID.



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