



CROSFIELDS
SCHOOL

English as an
Additional Language
(EAL)

EAL Lessons at Crosfields

EAL lessons are offered as a compulsory package which is added to the school fees at the beginning of each term. The fees include screening, lessons and materials. We offer two different packages: EAL Standard and EAL Intensive.

EAL lessons are taught in school during the normal school day by one of our qualified and experienced Crosfields EAL teachers. Lesson times will be agreed with the pupil's class teacher with minimum disruption to the pupil's timetable, and will either be individual or in small groups, dependent on what is in the pupil's best interests. The EAL teacher will also liaise with subject teachers and parents to ensure continued support across the curriculum.

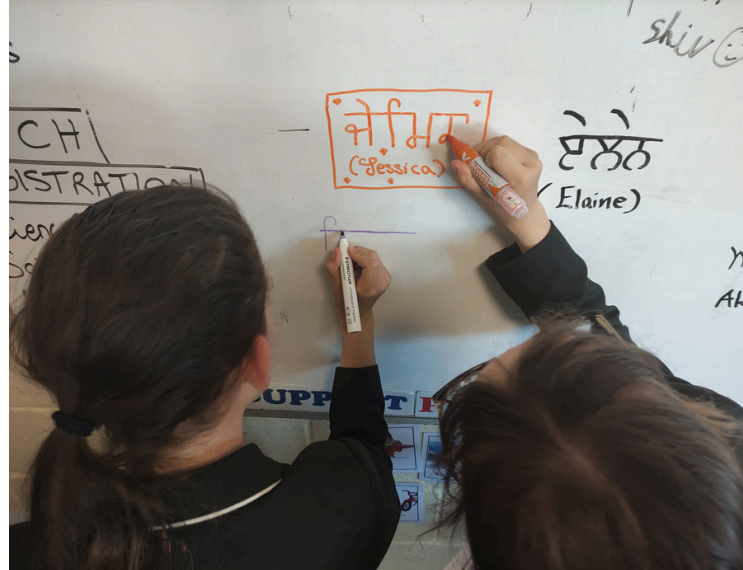
In school, EAL lessons bring numerous benefits; they help to remove the language barrier, enabling EAL pupils to access the curriculum. They consolidate what is being taught in class and enhance learners' understanding of core subjects, benefitting their overall academic performance. EAL lessons also teach important communication skills which can help EAL pupils make friends and feel a part of the school community.

Fees

The fees are as follows:

Package	Termly Fee	Lesson Provision
EAL Standard Package	£695	2 x 30-minute lessons weekly
EAL Intensive Package for pupils new to English	£1390	4 x 30-minute lessons weekly

The fees will be payable to school before the start of each term, alongside your child's school fees.



For pupils who are new to English, our EAL Intensive package (4 x 30-minute lessons per week) will help them to learn the language, feel more comfortable in their new surroundings and integrate into the school community. For EAL pupils who already speak some English but require extra support, our EAL Standard package (2 x 30-minute lessons per week) will help them to improve their language skills and develop confidence and independence in their learning.

Progress is monitored continually, and the EAL teacher will review the need for EAL support on a termly basis. If teacher feedback indicates that the pupil no longer requires EAL support, EAL lessons may no longer be necessary and the EAL teacher will communicate this with you

Introducing the EAL Team:



Mrs Ruth Kanashiro, Head of EAL

I am a native speaker of English and a qualified English Language Teacher. I hold an MA (TEFL), a BA in Spanish & Portuguese (Joint Hons), a Cert Ed and TEFLQ status. I have 30 years' experience teaching students of all ages with a range of levels and nationalities in the UK, Ecuador and Japan. Living abroad and learning foreign languages has helped me to develop a deeper understanding of other cultures and the challenges faced by EAL pupils. I strongly believe that EAL lessons can help bridge the language gap, enabling EAL pupils to flourish and achieve their full potential. I am passionate about language learning and speak Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and French, as well as English. I have been teaching at Crosfields since 2016, and look forward to welcoming you to our fantastic, multi-cultural school!



Mrs Herjinder Uppal, EAL Teacher

With over 20 years of teaching experience, I have been a dedicated member of the Crosfields School team since 2008. My previous roles include working as an EAL teacher in Essex, where I supported pupils from a wide range of linguistic and cultural backgrounds. I hold a BSc (Hons) in Economics, a PGCE in Education, a Language Support Certificate, and a Level 5 qualification in Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD). I am also the author of several Early Years books. My mother tongue is Punjabi, and I can also converse in Hindi. My multilingual background, combined with my professional experience, has given me a deep understanding of the challenges EAL pupils face. I am passionate about language development and firmly committed to ensuring that every child thrives in our vibrant, multi-cultural school community.



Dr Anne Vicary, EAL Teacher

I am a native speaker of English and hold a Doctorate in Education (EdD), an MA (TEFL), an MA (Italian Renaissance Studies), a BA (French & Italian), a PGCE in secondary education, and a TESOL certificate. My EdD research focused on EAL postgraduate reading behaviour. I have several publications, including Grammar for Writing (Garnet 2014). I have taught English, German and Italian in the secondary and tertiary education sectors for many years in the UK, France and Italy. I have been teaching EAL at Crosfields since November 2024. I particularly enjoy teaching the Italian pupils as I can anticipate areas of potential lexical and grammatical challenge. I appreciate having the opportunity to link my teaching to the curriculum, and I have nine grandchildren so I have plenty of experience with young children!



Mrs Maria Benfield, EAL Teacher

I am an experienced EAL and ESOL teacher with over eleven years of work in educational settings in the UK and internationally. I have taught learners of all ages, from young children to adults, supporting students at levels ranging from beginner ESOL to GCSE, A Level and IELTS preparation. I hold a CELTA and DELTA Module 1 and combine strong linguistic knowledge with a creative, student-centred approach to teaching. My background in drama and play therapy informs my engaging classroom practice, helping learners build confidence, communication skills and a positive relationship with language learning. I am particularly committed to creating supportive learning environments where multilingual students can thrive academically and socially.



Mrs Miyuki Doel, Bilingual Support Assistant (Japanese) / EAL Teacher

I am a Japanese native speaker and an experienced EAL and ESOL teacher with over twenty-five years of working in educational settings, ranging from pre-school to adults both in the UK and Japan. I hold an MA (TESOL) and a BA (Education) from a university in the UK and a CELTA (Cambridge Certificate in TESOL). I have mainly taught in primary school settings and have good understanding and knowledge up to GCSE level in the core subjects. Additionally, I was trained as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) to nurture and promote students' welfare, which is particularly critical with EAL students. My current role is to support Japanese students in the class by providing practical guidance in English and Japanese to aid their learning and understanding. It is always a pleasure to see EAL children making progress at an amazing pace and prospering academically and socially.



Mrs Francesca De Filippo, Bilingual Support Assistant (Italian) / Italian Teacher

I am a native speaker of Italian and I hold a Master's Degree in Primary Teacher Education, a Master's Degree in Physical Education and a Master's Degree in Pedagogy and Training for Curriculum and Special Needs Teaching. I have over ten years of experience as teacher in Reception, Junior and Senior School and I have been teaching co-curricula Italian courses at Crosfields since December 2025. I have a remarkable ability to work in team and I am very happy to provide my knowledge and experience during EAL sessions. I particularly enjoy supporting the growing community of Italian pupils as I can anticipate areas of potential challenge due to the language barrier and necessary integration process of settling in a new environment.