

English as an Additional Language

Although Westhaven is not a hugely multicultural school (only a small percentage of our learners come from different countries and heritages from around the globe), we promote and celebrate diversity and recognise the positive impact another language can have on a child's learning and school community.

We strongly believe that learners should continue to use and develop their native language alongside English.

Supporting Multilingual Learners in our School

Here are some useful websites that offer support in learning and improving English:

<https://www.esl-lounge.com/student/first-words.php>

<https://www.gametolearnenglish.com/>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

Support for Parents and Carers

About the education system:

Bengali	Bulgarian	Chinese	Latvian
Lithuanian	Polish	Romanian	Russian
Slovak	Spanish	Turkish	English

How to help your child:

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Learning with your child at home Use your strongest language to boost your child's learning!

Get your child to explain the task in your home language.

Talk about the topic together in your home language.

Ask questions about the work in your home language e.g. How does that work? What do we have to do? How do you know that?

Explain the concepts in your home language.

Make notes or draft a piece of work together in your home language.

Do a home language version of the work.

Use a bilingual dictionary / online translator.

Contact your child's teacher if you don't understand the work.

Join / set up a WhatsApp, Facebook or other social media group with other parents, especially a group with parents who speak the same home language.

Watch BBC iPlayer programmes with English subtitles on.

Read together in your home language.