

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

There are some children for whom English is not their most frequently spoken language at home. Our policy at Bickley is to encourage and teach the correct use of English at all times. It is clearly in the best interests of a boy to be able to use English well, as the entire academic structure of the school and communication in many parts of the world and on the Internet rests on his understanding of English.

We do accept children at Bickley who do not speak English on arrival, but on the understanding that we cannot provide additional teaching support for them on a permanent/daily basis. Parents are advised to arrange for their children to be tutored at home in English, (we will happily suggest appropriate tutors) and to speak in English as frequently as possible, particularly in the early stages of language development.

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