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MAAS

Introducing Norfolk's New **Minorities Achievement and Attainment Service (MAAS)**

Minorities Attainment and Achievement Service – MAAS, is a newly formed service within NIEAS targeting attainment and achievement for Norfolk's ethnic minority pupils. MAAS will work strategically to help schools build their capacity to improve standards and narrow the attainment gap for their ethnic minority pupils.

- Specialist support for schools for GRT (Gypsy Roma Traveller), EAL (English as an Additional Language) and BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) pupils is now **free** at the point of contact for all Norfolk schools.
- The Service acts upon the local authority's role as a champion for the needs of children within education.
- Schools will be supported to build capacity, share good practice and to develop effective inclusive provision

Minorities Achievement and Attainment Service

- Cross - phase specialist advice, support and training from MAAS Advisers will provide focused and appropriate support to all Norfolk schools and settings and help schools to raise standards by narrowing the attainment gap.

The revised Ofsted Framework, ensures that school inspections will pay particular attention to the progress, attainment and attendance of vulnerable groups such as GRT, EAL and BAME.

**This new service is here to help you,
your school and your pupils.**



For focussed support, guidance and training relating to:

- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils - 01603 307712
- Black Asian and Minority Ethnic pupils – 01603 307741
- English as an Additional Language pupils - 01603 307741

MAAS is based at: The Norwich Professional Development Centre

Norfolk Integrated Education
Advisory Services (NIEAS)

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Support

How the specialist Traveller Education team can work for your school:

Improving attendance, achievement and attainment for this group is critical. National data has identified that the educational achievement for GRT pupils is consistently low. The specialist Traveller Education team within MAAS offers expert advice and guidance to schools in narrowing achievement gaps and accelerating progress for GRT pupils. Schools can access bespoke training in cultural awareness, inclusive practice and raising achievement.

Research studies have consistently identified GRT pupils as the group most at risk in the education system. However, research evidence also confirms that, when GRT pupils are given the right learning environment and experiences, they can be equally as successful as any other group.

Working with a dedicated outreach service, schools will receive support and advice from our Access and Attendance Officers to improve attendance. The team's specialist Higher Level Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants have a comprehensive breadth of knowledge and expertise, and a commitment to supporting and challenging schools to develop strategies that ensure and promote positive inclusion.

Contact: 01603 307712



BAME / EAL Support

How the specialist advisers can work for your school:

With a rapidly growing BAME / EAL population in Norfolk, we are able to offer specialist support, guidance and training in how to support BAME and EAL learners in EYFS, Primary and Secondary settings. An Adviser from our team is able to visit your school to provide support, guidance and help to build school-based capacity to provide effective pupil support in a variety of practical ways, including:

- Provide guidance on how to audit the quality of your existing provision for BAME and EAL pupils
- Give advice on admission and induction procedures [this is of particular significance in accessing EAL funding] and EAL language assessment.
- Deliver specialist inputs to whole school training, support for leadership and bespoke training packages
- Support schools in engaging parents and the BAME / EAL communities.

EAL training course for TAs

- We also offer a specialist and unique training course for teaching assistants and helps schools build and sustain their improvement agenda. This focuses on developing a toolkit of practical classroom based strategies.

New EAL funding arrangements

- Each new EAL student is entitled to £333 for 3 years after arrival in the UK or after being allocated a UPN number. Advice is available to ensure accurate admission procedures to access this funding and then how to ensure maximum impact from the funding you receive to raise standards and narrow the educational attainment gap.

Contact: 01603 307741