

# Identifying and supporting learners with EAL and S&L Challenges

## Overview

This training helps school staff recognise and understand speech and language challenges in learners with English as an Additional Language (EAL). We'll explore how these challenges can impact a child's learning, communication, and social development, and provide practical strategies to support them effectively in the classroom.

Many learners with EAL develop their language skills naturally over time. However, some may also have underlying speech or language difficulties that make learning, communicating, or making friends tougher. It can be tricky to tell if a child is simply in the process of acquiring English language or if they need extra support with talking and understanding. Identifying these challenges early and providing the right support can make a huge difference in helping every child succeed.

## What it involves:

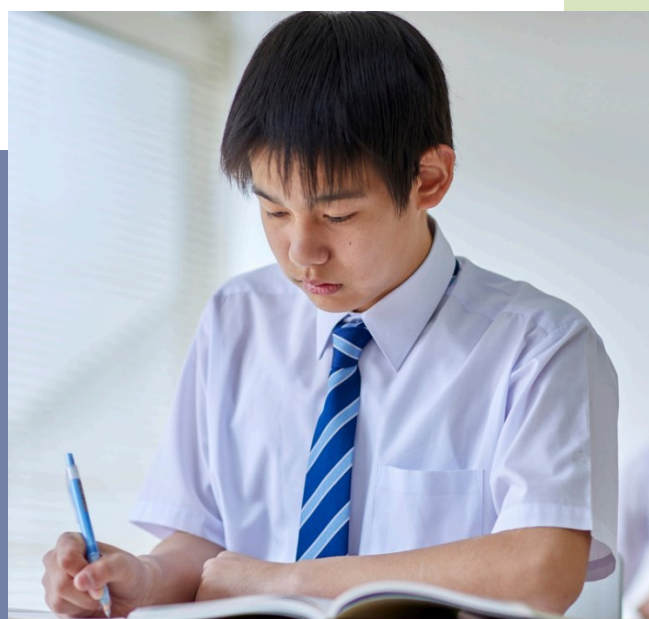
- Understanding what speech and language challenges are and how they affect children's development
- Learning to distinguish between typical second language acquisition traits and speech and language challenges
- Identifying key signs that a child with EAL may also have speech and language challenges
- Exploring strategies to involve families and provide effective classroom support for these children

## Who is it for:

Senior Leaders, Inclusion Leads, SENCO's, EAL Leads, teachers, Early Years practitioners and support staff.

**When:** 21 January 2026  
13.00 - 15.30

**Where:** The Circle,  
33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield,  
S1 4FW



**Cost:** Maintained School - £85

Academy / Other - £135

Closing date for applications: 4 working-days before course delivery

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