

Early Years Newsletter



First Language Support in Early Years Provision



The ***Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EMAS)*** formerly known as the Minority Group Support Service (**MGSS**), historically provided free first language support to early years childcare providers in Coventry. However, due to local funding changes, the offer was discontinued some years ago.

We are pleased to announce that **EMAS** have now secured a year's worth of funding which will enable us to offer free first language support, to early years' childcare providers, across the city.

EMAS hold a register of Multilingual Education Assistants (**MLAs**) covering 34 different languages, which include: Albanian, Arabic, Batwari, Bengali, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Kurdish, Latvian, Mandarin, Moro, Panjabi, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Sinhala, Slovak, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Taiwanese, Tamil, Turkish, Urdu.

MLAs can be booked for ongoing support and one-off meetings, to support newly arrived children who speak little or no English. If you have children in your nursery who would benefit from some first language support or you need a meeting with parents, who speak little or no English, get in touch and we will do our best to meet your needs.

If you would like more information please contact us at admin.emas@coventry.gov.uk or call 024 7697 5491.