

How will a Language Policy affect me?

Schools in Coventry are multilingual, with students speaking a variety of languages and dialects. Here are some highlights from the new language Policy framework and how it will affect you.



English is the main language of instruction, assessment, and participation in the education system in England, and proficiency in English is essential for accessing learning and wider opportunities.

Developing strong skills in English will help us succeed academically and open doors to future education and work. All students should be given support to develop their academic English skills fully.

Home and community languages are central to learners' identity, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. Recognising and building on these languages within school supports both academic development and positive learner identity.

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The teaching of languages as subjects provides opportunities for all learners to extend their linguistic repertoires and develop skills that are valuable for life, work, and citizenship.

Becoming multilingual has many benefits: It's good for our brains, it helps us connect with the world, and it's a skill that is valued by employers everywhere.

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Developing awareness of language means understanding how language works, how it shapes meaning, and how it connects people and cultures. Having a Language Policy will give you the opportunity to explore this, helping you become more confident in using language and more aware of how it influences the way we see the world.



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