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Aims and objectives

The EMAS Induction and Assessment Team was set up in September 2006 to provide an accessible first point of entry into the UK education system for newly arrived families who do not have English as their first language, and to facilitate the assessment, induction and integration of their children into Bristol schools. This initiative has been developed in consultation with schools and refugee communities through the Multi-Agency Education Commissioning Advisory Group and is funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

The team aims to provide the following support for schools

- Two week induction to English education system for KS2, 3 and 4 pupils and families
- Assessment of proficiency in English and curriculum knowledge
- Advice and support for pupils and family from Education Psychology Service
- Follow up of progress when pupils return to school
- Advice and training for staff working with new arrivals

Two week induction courses, starting every Monday during term times, are run at the Woodward Community Resource Centre (formerly Alexandra Park Community Education Centre) in Fishponds.

- In order to access this support, pupils must be on roll in a Bristol school, with priority given to schools in Neighbourhood Renewal areas
- Schools will be asked to contribute to the running costs of this service by delegating two weeks of on roll funding for each pupil referred (£110), following the model employed to access Pupil Referral Units
- Currently transport costs cannot be covered and schools will need to provide advice to pupils and families on travel to the Woodward Community Resource Centre
- Schools referring pupils will receive a comprehensive induction pack with advice and information about systems and procedures

The induction course is intended to be a first educational experience of Bristol schools for pupils new to the country. Pupils will be introduced to National Curriculum core and foundation subjects and will receive basic English lessons. The course is not suitable for pupils who have been in schools for more than a few weeks.

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