

Supporting Social Interaction of Pupils with EAL

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The Needs of EAL Learners

**All EAL
learners are **NOT**
the same!**

What is social interaction?



Why relationships matter

What is social interaction?

1. Exchange
2. Competition
3. Cooperation
4. Conflict
5. Coercion

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What does a child need, in order to be able to have good quality social interaction?

Case Study One

EAL Profile:	Economic migrant
Gender:	Male
Year group:	1
Proficiency code:	B
Attendance:	98%

Case Study Two

EAL Profile: Asylum Seeker

Gender: Male

Year group: 10

Proficiency code: A

Attendance: 89%

Case Study Three

EAL Profile:	Third Generation
Gender:	Female
Year group:	10
Proficiency code:	C
Attendance:	81%

Case Study Four

EAL Profile: Roma Gypsy

Gender: Female

Year group: 6

Proficiency code: C

Attendance: 55%

Key Messages

- Be a place of welcome
- Value bilingualism and biculturalism as an asset
- Celebrate school diversity with dignity
- Find out all you can about your students
- Recognise and value their stories
- Never underestimate the impact of social and emotional wellbeing on progress
- Be passionate about your children!
- Every EAL child needs a champion. [Every child deserves a champion](#)

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