

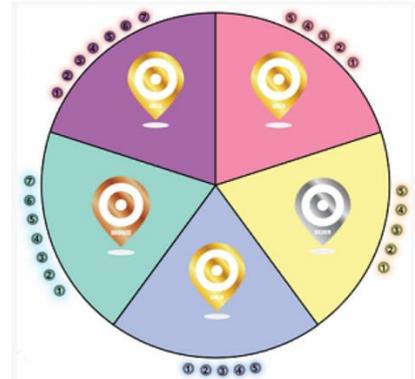
## The EAL Excellence Award 2020-21

In 2020-21, in association with Hampshire Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS), the IDEAL Service will be offering access to the EMTAS EAL Excellence Award to Nottingham city schools who wish to subscribe to this framework.

Developed by the EMTAS Specialist Teacher Advisor team in Hampshire, the EAL Excellence Award is an online school self-evaluation framework for monitoring the impact of provision for pupils learning English as an additional Language (EAL) as well as the wider aspects of black and minority ethnic achievement.

The EAL Excellence Award covers five broad areas:

- Leadership & Management
- Pedagogy & Practice
- Data, Assessment & Progress
- Teaching & Learning
- Parental & Community Engagement



### The awarding process

Schools completing the award will need to choose from a set of level descriptors as well as detailing where the evidence can be found to support their awarding level. Once completed, the submission should be printed and/or saved as a PDF and sent to a contact within the EMTAS team who will forward it to your local IDEAL Service. Next, the IDEAL Service will be in contact in order to validate the school's suggested award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold). Following a successful validation visit/discussion schools will receive a certificate, valid for two years, as well as suggestions on ways to continue to develop and embed best practice for EAL learners and their families.

### Feedback

The reaction on the use of the EAL Excellence Award in Hampshire has been very positive:

*'The EAL Excellence Award has been a really useful tool to support our practice in ensuring the very best provision is embedded across our school for our EAL children. Staff feel confident that they are supported by helpful materials that enable accurate assessment of children's competency in English whilst supporting them in accessing a broad and balanced curriculum. The program covers aspects of leadership, attainment and parental engagement which helped myself as the EAL co-ordinator to self-evaluate our current practice and provision.'*

**The cost of the licence and support for implementing the Excellence Award is £200 per individual school.**

Please contact Sharon Mitchell-Halliday [sharon.mitchell-halliday@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.mitchell-halliday@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) for further information about this award.