

# MEET OUR TEAM



Hi my name is Karen Foley and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new EAL Support Manager for Knowsley.

Prior to this employment I worked for School Improvement Liverpool – EMTAS (Ethnic Minority Traveller Achievement Service). I worked here for several years having lots of different experiences working with staff, students, parents and carers.

I am passionate that all students should have the opportunity of an inclusive educational experience, especially EAL learners who I represent. During my teaching career I have held various positions of responsibility and encountered students of all ages, all abilities from a wide range of cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. The teaching of EAL learners is the responsibility of all and should be inherent in our planning and delivery.

My team and I can offer advice and guidance to you in improving the attainment of our EAL learners. We can give in class support as well as working on a 1:1 basis. We have a wide range of resources that will enable progress for the EAL learner. I look forward to meeting and working with you to ensure the best outcome for our EAL students.



Hi, I'm Lorraine and I have worked for the EAL team for over 14 years, supporting our EAL learners in many primary and secondary schools across Knowsley. Having studied French and Spanish at Uni, I have always been passionate about languages and different cultures, so

this is the perfect job for me!

I have also lived abroad where my sons attended a local French school; they were the only English boys there, so as a parent I do understand the challenges, as well as the many rewards, that our young learners experience. As an EAL Practitioner in Knowsley, my aim is to help our learners overcome their challenges too, so that they can fully enjoy and flourish in all aspects of school life.

Working with our EAL learners is inspirational and such a privilege...and, of course, lots of fun too!



Hello, my name is Becci.

I started working for Knowsley Council as an EAL Practitioner in October 2006. I can't believe it was that long ago!

I visit many schools in Knowsley and support children with English as an additional language, on a 1-1 basis, in small groups and in the classroom. The children bring with them a wealth of knowledge and so many different cultural experiences which they share with us, and we can learn from. Some of the children I visit are very new to English and it never fails to surprise me how quickly they learn, grow confidence and settle in school.

It is so lovely to see and I feel very lucky to be able to support and work with the children who live in Knowsley.



Hello, I'm Quynh.

Originally from Vietnam, but I spent most of my life between Poland and England.

I studied Teaching English as a Second Language at university and spent a number of years teaching students of various age groups in different countries, hence I am familiar with culturally and linguistically diverse learners, especially I was one of those learners myself when my family moved to Poland.

I feel very blessed to be part of the EAL team since 2017 and able to continue my passion in working with children to enrich their life through the improvement of their language skills.

I look forward to welcoming and working with our EAL children.



## Diwali 14th November

Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The word Diwali is from the Sanskrit word *deepavali*, meaning "rows of lighted lamps".



Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diyas. You can find instructions how to make a diya mobile in

addition to this newsletter. Have fun making them and share the pictures of your diyas with us.

## World Hello Day 21st November

We celebrate World Hello Day on 21st November each year. Every year celebrations are held all over the world to observe this day. The idea is to greet 'Hello' to ten different people throughout the day, promoting peace and friendship. Have fun together as you try to discover how people greet each other in different cultures and say hello in different languages.

We have included with this newsletter the World Hello Day poem, word search and other fun activities.



**ESOL Classes for adults at Knowsley Community College – see details of courses on links below**

<https://www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk/adults/esol-english-for-speakers-of-other-languages-entry-level-level-1-and-level-2/>

You will find more information on English and all Adult courses at:

<https://knowsleyface.co.uk/>

**Hope you enjoy our first newsletter!**

**If there's anything you would like to include in our next edition, let us know.**

**Knowsley EAL team**



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