



## Free Courses for Parents

We are offering short courses covering cultural knowledge and practical ideas for helping the development of bilingual skills at home. The course is suitable for those with children under 8 years, and participants receive a play pack full of ideas and material to take away.

If you have 8 or more parents at your school/nursery (or combined with a nearby school/nursery), we may be able to run a course just for you. Be quick though - we will only be able to offer the course 3 times before the summer.

More info at:  
[www.diversityvoice.org.uk/parents](http://www.diversityvoice.org.uk/parents) or talk to Anita on 0300 075 0105

## JANUARY 2022 BOOKINGS

We are already taking enquiries about bookings for January 2022 and look set to be VERY busy.

To book in-class or distance support for Polish-speaking children, or for help communicating with parents, email [linkworker@diversityvoice.org.uk](mailto:linkworker@diversityvoice.org.uk)

If you have a current booking, please get in touch with us as soon as possible to let us know if you'd like us to continue to support you after the holidays.

## 7 other things we can do for families

It's likely that you know about Diversity Voice because we work in your school or early years setting, but we do much more!

WELFARE SUPPORT IN ANY LANGUAGE

EVENTS

VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT




ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

REGULATED IMMIGRATION HELP - EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING

COURSES FOR PARENTS - HELPING YOU TO HELP YOUR CHILD

If you are aware of families in need of help, please do get in touch. You'll find lots more info on our website.

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## Polish language leaflet for parents

A new flyer for parents of children we're working with is now downloadable from our website at [www.diversityvoice.org.uk/parents](http://www.diversityvoice.org.uk/parents)

## Changes in our team

This term we welcomed new additions to our team - some of you will already have met Beata, Magda and Aneta, our new linkworkers who have been given a warm welcome across the county, You can find out more about our team at [www.diversityvoice.org.uk/about](http://www.diversityvoice.org.uk/about).

## About our Service

We've put together answers to the most commonly asked questions about our service.

**Is it free?** We work under a funded agreement with Somerset County Council to provide support to schools, early years providers and parents. The service is free at the point of delivery for early years settings, but is chargeable at £38 per hour for schools.

**What can you help with?** Our agreement is to provide help for speakers of Polish.

- In-class support
- Translating materials for parents
- Interpreting at parent-teacher meetings
- Helping parents to overcome language and cultural barriers to participation in their child's education

**How often can your support workers come to class?** Most schools and EYS require one morning or afternoon each week.

**Who will provide the support?** You can find out more about our team at [www.diversityvoice.org.uk/about](http://www.diversityvoice.org.uk/about).

**Can you provide online help?**

- We can always help with online (and telephone) interpreting. It can be a good way to help with parent-teacher meetings too.
- We have capacity at some times during the year to work 1:1 with children online.

## EUSS Status Update

June 30 was the deadline for EEA/Swiss citizens to have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme for status to preserve their rights to live and work in the UK.

You may find children in your school or early years setting that have not had an application made for them.

Not to worry! In most cases, they have an indefinite right to have a late application made for them (as long as they were under 18 before the deadline date).

Parents who have not yet applied may be able to make a **late application** if they can show good cause, and we urge anyone who has not yet done so to do this now, if they are eligible.

Diversity Voice is registered with the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner to provide assistance to those applying to the EUSS.

Applications to the EUSS: [www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status).

The new Q&A on our website helps with most questions about the scheme. [www.diversityvoice.org.uk/euss](http://www.diversityvoice.org.uk/euss)