

Information about a bilingual assessment for parents and caregivers

The school has requested that a specialist teacher (RTLB) carry out a language evaluation to best support your child's language learning. This will show where your child's language strengths are and where they may need more support. It is important to know your child's language strengths in their first language as well as in English.

This evaluation is done to find a better way to support your child's learning at school.

The school will ask you to sign a consent form for this to happen.

How the language evaluation works:

1. The process usually starts with the specialist teacher meeting or speaking with you to hear about your child's learning experiences.
2. This will be done with the help of a bilingual support person who speaks your language. That person will sign a confidentiality agreement to protect your child's and your family's privacy.
3. The language evaluation will be done at your child's school with the help of the bilingual support person.
4. We always aim to make your child feel comfortable and happy with the evaluation.

The language evaluation is in your child's first language and in English.

This may include:

- basic information about your child's interests and experiences at school
- their confidence in listening and speaking
- their level of comprehension of written and spoken text

Report for the school

5. The specialist teacher will write a report for the school to highlight your child's language strengths and also identify where teachers may give further support.
6. This report is confidential and will only be shared with you and the relevant school staff. It is to inform a better way forward for your child's learning.
7. It is not part of any other school reporting or testing and will not be shared with other government departments.
8. The school will ask your consent again if there is a need to share the report with any other school or services.
9. You can ask questions, express your concerns or withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the specialist teacher or the school.