Ethnic Minority Achievement (EMA) Network service - maintained primary schools 2017-18

Service overview

LA maintained schools have agreed to fund the work of the EMA Network in 2017-18; however the level of de-delegated funds is lower than in 2016-17. To continue to improve outcomes for pupils of minority ethnic heritage a core offer of support will be available to all LA maintained primary schools.

What you can expect

A centrally funded core offer is available. In addition maintained primary schools are able to purchase all services which are available in the traded offer to academies and maintained schools outside Milton Keynes. See Ethnic Minority Achievement (EMA) Network service – academies and maintained primary schools outside Milton Keynes.

Schools can access:

- telephone / email support and guidance to individual schools and settings
- termly development opportunities
- annual conference linked to national developments, school practice and advised by local school needs
- lending and reference library for specialist resources
- regular EMA up-dates through direct contact, electronic guidance and EMA website
- specialist support and guidance on newly-arrived, asylum seekers/refugees, assessment, SMSC and the hard-to-reach minority ethnic groups
- linking of both mainstream and supplementary schools

The EMA staff are experienced in supporting BME and EAL children and young people, including those of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller origin. They have the skills and up-to-date knowledge to act as experts for settings and schools. The EMA staff will draw on the expertise of multiple providers and match schools’ needs with the use of both EMA staff and fully qualified external providers. The team interprets and disseminates local and national initiatives aimed at closing the attainment gap.

Key dates

This service will be available between April 2017 and March 2018.
What we expect from you
So that schools benefit from the work and support of the EMA Network they are encouraged to:
- make contact with the EMA Network should they have any concerns or queries with regard to their BME and EAL pupils
- provide up-to-date contact details thus ensuring that all communication from the EMA Network is reaching the right people
- attend the EMA Network Conference
- make regular use of the EMA Network resource library
- with support from the EMA Network, forge links with supplementary schools
- attend the termly EMACo and Support Staff Network meetings

Length of agreement and notice period
Although this is not a traded service schools are expected to fulfil service-school agreements so that funding is used effectively.

Cost
There is no charge for de-delegated support to maintained primary schools.

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