

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2016**

Question

Will the Minister advise members how many children entered Island schools for the first time in 2015, distinguishing between children from the resident population and children whose parents constituted part of the cohort of net inward migration in 2015? Will he also state how many of those children have a first language other than English and what provision schools made to support them?

Answer

In the calendar year 2015, 208 children new to Jersey started in non fee-paying schools. This was across all year groups from Reception to Year 11.

Children also leave the island during the course of the school year, so the overall school population did not increase by 208. In January 2015 there were 12,049 children in Jersey schools. This rose by 0.04% (net) by January 2016 when there were 12,054 students in the system.

89 of the children who arrived in Jersey during 2015 had English as an Additional Language (EAL). This is recorded irrespective of the child's proficiency in English so some might be fluent and not in need of additional help. Those students who do need assistance are supported by the EAL team based at Rouge Bouillon School who help them to access the curriculum through additional tuition in English.

In the academic year 2015-2016 the EAL team worked with 59 pupils who were new to Jersey as well as other children who were born here. The figures are not available for the calendar year.