

SCHOOLS BRANCH

Ethnic Minority Achievement Service

For the attention of: Head of Y7, Head of English, Head of Maths, Head of Science, Head of Humanities

This is to inform you that the following pupil/s with English as an additional language will be joining your school in September 2009.

We hope that the information provided will help you to ensure they are grouped appropriately and provided with suitable support where necessary.

Name and Primary School	Date of arrival in UK	First Language	Ethnic background	Parents'/carers' knowledge of English	Literacy in first language
Dusan Repa St Hilda's Trowbridge	January 2008	Slovak	Slovak - White Eastern European (WEEU)	Father speaks good English.	Reads in Slovak for pleasure and has written poems in Slovak in Literacy.

Comments:

Dusan is lively and confident boy who has quickly formed a wide friendship group at St Hilda's. When he arrived at school, he knew very little English, but he's now working at a secure level 1 for all four skills.

Dusan's parents are very supportive, and Dad has been into school on a couple of occasions to talk to the class about life in Slovakia.

Dusan is talented at sport, and has really taken to touch Rugby – he might be considered for Gifted and Talented registers and extra-curricular sports at Trowbridge School.

For ten weeks after his arrival, Dusan had support from a Slovak-speaking bilingual assistant from EMAS. He uses a bilingual dictionary in class, and we use a home-school liaison book to let parents know what subjects are coming up (so they can talk at home) and to send preview copies of resources home for them all to have a look at. We have used a group of three able students to act as buddies for him and give him good language models.

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