



Gypsy Roma Traveller Support and Guidance for schools



The EM GRT Achievement Service offers guidance to schools and Early Year settings who wish to ensure that they are providing the high quality support necessary to ensure that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller learners achieve their full potential.



"There is no lack of aspiration from Gypsy and Traveller parents for their children, but, for some, formal education is not seen as a part of those aspirations.....a poor start in education may be the catalyst for many other inequalities

House of Commons, Women and Equalities Committee

Tackling inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities

Seventh Report of Session 2017–19

Funded Offer for Lancashire Schools and Early Years Settings

- Initial advice visit for new GRT pupils
- Termly meetings
- No charge for LCC schools or settings

Support for GRT Co-ordinators

Email, phone, termly meeting

- provide guidance on good practice
- give policy updates
- opportunity to raise concerns and seek advice



Advice and Guidance

- culturally inclusive resources and curriculum
- welcoming environment
- creating or strengthening links with families
- good communication
- literacy issues
- induction for new starters
- transition - all Key Stages
- attendance
- data
- raising aspirations
- mobility, distance learning, dual registration

Training

We provide bespoke staff training tailored around the needs of your school and community e.g.

- cultural awareness
- curriculum resources
- parental engagement
- welcoming environment

We have a regular training programme on our website, including **School Linking**, **Intercultural Activity Days** and the **Lancashire Equality Mark**

www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/ema

Roma Support Team

- language support for children, families and communities
- community liaison
- multi agency support



GRT Teaching Assistant Support

Examples of GRT TA support in your school could include:

- initial support for new arrivals
- literacy and numeracy support for pupils substantial learning gaps
- mentoring, particularly around key transitions
- family liaison support



GRT Resources

We have a variety of resources to support schools with their ethnic minority pupils and students. You can find out more about these on our website.

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'We interviewed schools with high GRT populations and good attainment to ask what they were doing to ensure GRT children reached their full potential. These schools consistently provide the following:

- *An environment of safety and trust*
- *They cultivate an ethos of respect*
- *They are committed to access and inclusion*
- *They provide some flexibility*
- *They have high expectations of their pupils*
- *They work in partnership with families, pupils and local communities'*

A Good Practice Guide for improving outcomes for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Children in education, The Traveller Movement, April 2019

How to arrange for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller support

Gypsy, Traveller - To arrange training, advice or guidance please contact our office on:

ema.support@lancashire.gov.uk

Tel: 01772 532429

Roma - to refer **Roma** pupils, for EAL support and guidance, please complete the e-form on the portal - clicking on E, then EAL.
(please see the EAL leaflet, or our website for further information)

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Please also use the office contact details to discuss any of your support needs, or any questions you may have.