St Paul's Catholic School

Empathising with EAL learners

Before we start

- Please take a few moments to complete the quiz on your seats / tables.

- Please do **<u>not</u>** write on the sheet.

- The answers will come later.

Mabuhay.

- Bago ako magsimula gusto kung malaman:

- Sino ang nakatira sa ibang bansa (higit 6 na buwan).

- Sino sa inyo ang nakakapagsalita ng ibang lingwahe.

Welcome

- To begin with I want to find out:

- Who has lived in another country (minimum 6 months)

- Who considers themselves able to speak another language

What we hope to achieve today

- Increase awareness of issues facing EAL learners

- Build empathy with EAL learners

- Provide some guidelines to help reflect on own practice from the point of view of EAL learners

Imagine

- Imagine that you are an EAL student.
- You have just arrived in the UK.
- You started at St Paul's last week.

- On your paper write down 3 words that you think would describe how you would feel in the classroom

Note taking

- Listen to the <u>clip</u>

- Make notes about what is happening

- ***<u>Note the key information only</u>***.

Pairwork

- Compare your notes with your neighbour

How did you feel?

Compare your feelings now with your predictions from the beginning

What could we have done differently?

Strategies for improving learning and attainment

- On the cut ups are some classroom 'actions'
- First as a group decide which you think are helpful and which are unhelpful
- Compare with the another group, do you agree or not? Why / Why not?

Snakes and ladders

- You are going to create an EAL learners version of Snakes and Ladders.
- Put the helpful strategies at the bottom of the ladders –
- Put the unhelpful strategies at the top of the snakes
- The magnitude of the reward or punishment should be proportional to the strategy.

Compare, contrast and justify

- Compare your version with another group.
- Evaluate how effectively the other games represents the journey of an EAL student through academic life
- Justify your placement of the strategies

Quiz answers

- 1) <u>a</u>
- 2) c
- 3) c
- 4) a / c / d
- 5) c / d

- 6) a / d
- 7) a / b / c
- 8) a / b / c
- 9) d
- 10) a