

**Number of Newcomer Pupils at Post-primary schools in Northern Ireland 2001/02-2023/24**

2001/02	547
2010/11	2,450
2020/21	3,873
2023/24	4,965

1. A newcomer pupil is one who has enrolled in a school but who does not have the satisfactory language skills to participate fully in the school curriculum, and the wider environment, and does not have a language in common with the teacher, whether that is English or Irish.

This has previously been referred to as English an Additional Language. It does not refer to indigenous pupils who choose to attend an Irish medium school.

- 2. Figures include children in mainstream classes and in specialist provision in mainstream
- 3. Earliest year available was 2001/02