WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING BY DEPUTY R.S. KOVACS OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2024

Ouestion

"Will the Minister confirm the number of pupils in each primary and secondary school in Jersey with English as an additional language, who have Romanian as a first language, broken down by year group?"

Answer

If a pupil experiences more than one language (which may include English) during early development, then they are deemed to be a Multi-lingual learner (MLL) and the language/languages other than English are recorded as their Home Language (introduced in Jersey in 2022) or First Language.

- The data in this report includes all pupils in Primary, Secondary, Private and Special schools in Jersey as of the Spring census 2023/2024 (19/01/2024).
- The schools that haven't been listed do not have any pupils with Romanian as an additional language.
- Inconsistencies can be observed in MLL data submission for Private schools as it is not mandatory for Private schools to submit MLL data.

The data has been provided as follows:

- Total pupils with Romanian as a Home Language by School
- Total pupils with Romanian as a Home Language by Year Group
- Total pupils with Romanian as a Home Language or First Language by School
- Total pupils with Romanian as a Home Language or First Language by Year Group

The "Romanian as a Home Language" group includes all pupils that have Romanian in the Home Language field. The "Romanian as a Home Language or a First language" group includes all pupils that have Romanian in either the Home Language or in the First language fields.

Both categories could include pupils that have another additional language (which may not be English).

In total, there are 217 children with Romanian as their home or first language.

Disclosure control:

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide the data by school and year group due to low numbers. We have applied disclosure controls to avoid publishing any numbers fewer than 5 which could identify individuals.