



Ethnicity, Religious Affiliation and Language Data

Ethnically Based Statistics

All schools are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to collect “ethnically based” data on their pupils. Information has to be collected when pupils enter primary, secondary and special schools, (including sixth form colleges).

This Information\Data is being collected because:

“Pupils learn best if the teaching they receive is related to, and seeks to draw and build on, what they already know. A school is better equipped to offer each child a suitable education if the basic facts about his or her cultural identity – including ethnic origin, linguistic background and religion – are known.

Parents are not obliged to answer any questions, but their voluntary co-operation is appreciated as the information will help the Local Authority and schools to be in a better position to understand and meet the needs of all pupils in Southend.

The school is required to forward total figures for the school to the Local Authority. The Local Authority will pass aggregated statistics to the DfE. No names or addresses of pupils will be disclosed. Information which could identify individual pupils will not be sent”.

Information on ethnicity can be gathered via the My Child at School Admission Form by choosing your child’s ethnicity from the drop-down list under the Ethnicity field. You can also provide your child’s language and religious affiliation in the same manner on the admission form. You are not obliged to provide this information.

Please be assured that access to any ethnically based information will be strictly limited to those who need the information to make suitable educational provision for children.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the school.