



Ethnic Monitoring Information Sheet

The Department of Education and Skills (DfES) has asked for the collection of information on pupils' ethnic background. The Local Education Authority also requires this information from Schools to help ensure that all children have the opportunities to fulfil their potentials.

The following information answers some of the questions you may have about the information requested:-

WHY DO YOU NEED TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION?

- To know and respond to the particular need of various sections of the community.
- To make informed decisions and hence target our resources according to identified need.
- To monitor levels of attainment at school, local and national level.
- To help Authorities to identify barriers to achievement, to establish strategies to raise standards for all pupils equally.
- To make successful bids for additional money available for such purposes.
- To identify areas of need which are not well met.
- To monitor changes in practice and develop policies to meet needs effectively.
- To enable us to meet the cultural, language and faith/religious needs of pupils in schools and to help us communicate with parents.

HOW WILL YOU MAKE SURE THAT PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT MY CHILD IS SECURE AND CONFIDENTIAL?

This information will be part of a pupil's personal file, which is always treated as strictly confidential. Information gathered will be used solely to compile statistics at local and national level and will not allow individual pupils to be identified in the public domain and will only be used for valid education purposes. From time to time information will be passed from School to Authority and to the DfES. Parents/carers have the right to see the personal information held on their child.