

The Department has consulted with the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to the collection of individual pupil information for the Primary Online Database. Both religion and ethnic and cultural background are sensitive personal data categories under Data Protection legislation. These questions are optional. While these questions are optional, the information would be very useful to the Department for statistical and research purposes. Aggregated information on Ethnic/Cultural background will be used to track the progress of these groups, and to compare their progress with other groups, thereby identifying gaps in the system and assisting in the development and implementation of appropriate policies and interventions. Enhanced capitation in respect of pupils who are members of the Traveller Community will be paid to schools on the basis of the answers to this question. Aggregated information on religion will be used for statistical purposes only. Parents/guardians are asked, if they wish to do so, to identify their children's religion and ethnic background, and to consent for this information to be transferred to the Department of Education and Skills. This page of the form will be retained by your primary school.

**To which ethnic or cultural background group does your child belong (please tick one)?  
(Categories based on the Census of Population)**

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|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| White Irish                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Irish Traveller                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Roma | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other White Background                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Black or Black Irish – African                    |                          |      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black or Black Irish – Any other Black Background |                          |   | <input type="checkbox"/> |      |                          |
| Asian or Asian Irish – Chinese                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian or Asian Irish – Any other Asian background |                          |      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (inc. Mixed background)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | No consent  |                          |      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**What is your child's religion?**

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Roman Catholic                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Church of Ireland<br>(Inc. Protestant) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presbyterian     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Methodist, Wesleyan                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jewish                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim (Islamic) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Orthodox<br>(Greek, Coptic, Russian) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Apostolic or Pentecostal               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hindu            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buddhist                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jehovah's Witness                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lutheran         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Atheist                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Baptist                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Agnostic         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Religions                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Religion                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Consent       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*I consent for the sensitive personal data in the two questions above to be stored on the Primary Online Database (POD) and transferred to the Department of Education and Skills and any other primary schools my child may transfer to during the course of their time in primary school.*

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_