

Recognising Your Child's Ethnicity

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5 reasons to tell your child's school about their ethnicity

1. It's a human right for everyone to be respected for who they are.
2. It's empowering to be proud of your heritage and culture.
3. A parent's openness about a child's ethnicity enables the school to provide learning which reflects all aspects of the child. It also allows the child to draw upon all their life experiences in their school work.
4. Teachers can support an individual child's learning best when they know the whole child.
5. If you want your children to have good, genuine friends in school, other children need to know who they really are.

When children start a new school all parents/carers are asked to fill in a form which includes information about your child's ethnicity. You will probably be asked to check this annually and can change the information if you wish. People often fit into more than one category. Please choose the one which best describes your child's culture and values.



In school we are all proud of who we are and where we come from. Our language of the month is Russian. That's my language and the other children have had fun learning some. I can have a little conversation in Italian with my best friend!

7 year old boy

I'm so glad that the school know my daughter's ethnicity as they now do all sorts of things about Poland. It's great to see how proud she is and how interested the other children are.

Parent, 10 year old girl

Do you know that a lot of Travellers fought in the war? They never mention that. Did you know that?

12 year old boy

Once a term we are allowed to wear clothes that show our background or the country we come from. I felt really proud wearing my salwar kameez. Everyone wore different things. It was great.

Parent, 13 year old girl

We are all encouraged to let the school know about our children's background so that they and the school can be proud of their diversity. There are fantastic displays in school showing where all the children come from.

8 year old girl