



The Department of Education and Skills is developing an electronic database of primary school pupils called the Primary Online Database (POD) which will involve schools maintaining and returning data on pupils to the Department at individual pupil level on a live system. The database will allow the Department to evaluate progress and outcomes of pupils at primary level, to validate school enrolment returns for grant payment and teacher allocation purposes, to follow up on pupils who do not make the transfer from primary to post primary level and for statistical reporting.

The database will hold data on all primary school pupils including their PPSN, First Name, Surname, Name as per Birth Certificate, Mother's Maiden Name, Address, Date of Birth, Gender, Nationality, whether one of the pupil's mother tongues is English or Irish, whether the pupil is in receipt of an Exemption from Irish and if so the reason for same, whether the pupil is in receipt of Learning Support and if so the type of learning support, whether the pupil is in a Mainstream or Special Class. The database will record the class grouping and standard the pupil is enrolled in. The database will also contain, on an optional basis, information on the pupil's religion and on their ethnic or cultural background. **In order to assist with the gathering of data please complete page one and two of this form in CAPITAL LETTERS and return to the school.** The second page of this form will be retained by your primary school.

Teacher/Class Name _____

Current Standard

Junior Infants Senior Infants First Class
 Second Class Third Class Fourth Class
 Fifth Class Sixth Class Special Class

Pupil Forename: _____

Pupil Surname: _____

PPSN of Pupil _____

Mother's Maiden Surname _____

Pupil's Date of Birth _____

Pupil's Gender: Male Female

Birth Cert Forename (if different from name above)

Birth Cert Surname (if different from name above)

Pupil Address _____

County _____

Nationality _____ (In the case of dual citizenship where Irish is one, please choose Irish)

Is one of the pupil's mother tongues (i.e. language spoken at home) Irish or English?

Yes No

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
(inc. Protestant) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presbyterian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Methodist, Wesleyan | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim(Islamic) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Orthodox
(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: _____

Please complete this form and return to your primary school. For further information on POD please go to the Department of Education and Skills' website www.education.ie