Pupil Information required for Department of Education and Skills Primary Online Database

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The Department of Education and Skills has developed an electronic database of primary school pupils called the Primary Online Database (POD) which involves schools maintaining and returning data on pupils to the Department at individual pupil level on a live system. The database allows 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 Birth Surname, Address (including Eircode), Date of Birth, Gender, Nationality, whether the pupil is in receipt of an Exemption from Irish and if so the reason for same, and 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, on their ethnic or cultural background and whether one of the pupil's mother tongues is English or Irish. **In order to assist with the gathering of data please complete this form in CAPITAL LETTERS and return to the school.** The form will be retained by the 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 Birth 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)

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Pupil Address _____   **Eircode**

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County _____

(See https://finder.eircode.ie/ for Eircode)

Nationality _____ (In the case of dual citizenship, please specify both nationalities)

The Department has consulted with the Data Protection Commissioner in relation to the collection of individual pupil information for the Primary Online Database. Religion and ethnic and cultural background are special category data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Mother tongue is personal category data requiring consent for collection. While these questions are optional, written consent is sought by the student's school to record this information and for the school to forward this information to the Department.

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. Aggregated information on religion will be used for statistical purposes only. Mother tongue is collected to identify, monitor and evaluate the need for English as an additional language (EAL) support. Parents/guardians have the option to identify their children's religion, ethnic background or if mother tongue is English or Irish 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.

Special category data

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

White Irish ☐	Irish Traveller ☐	Roma ☐	Any other White Background ☐
Black or Black Irish - African ☐		Black or Black Irish - Any other Black Background ☐	
Asian or Asian Irish – Chinese ☐		Asian or Asian Irish - Any other Asian background ☐	
Other (inc. mixed background) ☐		No consent ☐	

What is your child's religion?

Roman Catholic ☐	No Consent ☐	No Religion ☐
Muslim (Islamic) ☐	Church of Ireland (Anglican) ☐	Orthodox (Greek, Coptic, Russian) ☐
Christian Religion (not further defined) ☐	Apostolic or Pentecostal ☐	Other Religions ☐
Hindu ☐	Presbyterian ☐	Atheist ☐
Baptist ☐	Buddhist ☐	Protestant ☐
Jehovah's Witness ☐	Methodist, Wesleyan ☐	Lutheran ☐
Agnostic ☐	Evangelical ☐	Jewish ☐

Personal category data

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

Yes ☐   No ☐   No Consent ☐

I consent for the special category data in the two questions and the personal category data question 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