



SHOEBURYNESS HIGH SCHOOL

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Ethnically-Based Statistics

All schools are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to collect “ethnically-based” data on their pupils. Information has to be collected when pupils enter primary, secondary and special schools, including sixth form colleges.

Parents may wonder why the information is being collected. To quote from the Southend document:

“Pupils learn best if the teaching they receive is related to, and seeks to draw and build on, what they already know. A school is better equipped to offer each child a suitable education if the basic facts about his or her cultural identity – including ethnic origin, linguistic background and religion – are known.

Parents are not obliged to answer any questions but their voluntary co-operation is appreciated as the information will help the Local Authority and schools to be in a better position to understand and meet the needs of all pupils in Southend.

The school is required to forward total figures for the school to the Local Authority. The LA will pass aggregated statistics to the DfE. No names or addresses of pupils will be disclosed. Information which could identify individual pupils will not be sent”.

The most efficient way for us to gather the required information is for parents to complete the questionnaire on the reverse of this letter and return it to the school. You will see that you are asked to write your child’s name, date of birth etc. and to tick a box to answer each question. You are not obliged to answer any of the questions, but in any case we would appreciate the return of the form with your child’s name on.

Please be assured that access to any ethnically-based information will be strictly limited to those who need the information to make suitable educational provision for children.

If you have any questions about this please contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T-L Jones

Headteacher

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