Our ethnic background describes how we think of ourselves. This may be based on many things, including, for example, our skin colour, language, culture, ancestry or family history. **Ethnic background is not the same as nationality or country of birth.** The Information Commissioner (formerly the Data Protection Registrar) has recommended that young people aged over 11 years old have the opportunity to decide their own ethnic identity. Parents or those with parental responsibility are asked to support or advise those children aged over 11 in making this decision, wherever necessary. Pupils aged 16 or over can make this decision for themselves.

Please study the list below and **tick one box only** to indicate the ethnic background of the pupil or child named above. Please also tick whether the form was filled in by a parent or the pupil.

**White**
- [ ] White British
- [ ] White Irish
- [ ] White Traveller
- [ ] White Turkish / Turkish Cypriot
- [ ] White Eastern European
- [ ] White Western European
- [ ] White Gypsy
- [ ] White Roma
- [ ] White other

**Mixed**
- [ ] Mixed White and Black Caribbean
- [ ] Mixed White and Black African
- [ ] Mixed White and Asian
- [ ] Any other mixed background

**Asian or Asian British**
- [ ] Indian
- [ ] Pakistani
- [ ] Bangladeshi
- [ ] Nepalese
- [ ] Other Asian

**Black or Black British**
- [ ] Black Caribbean
- [ ] Black African
- [ ] Any other Black background

**Chinese**
- [ ] Chinese

**Any other ethnic background**
- [ ] Filipino
- [ ] Japanese
- [ ] Moroccan
- [ ] Thai
- [ ] Any other Ethnic Group

[ ] I do not wish an ethnic background category to be recorded

Any information you provide will be used to compile statistics on the school careers and experiences of pupils from different ethnic backgrounds. The information will be passed on to the Local Authority and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to contribute to local and national statistics, and to help ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. The information will also be passed on to future schools, to save it having to be asked for again.