



# Alun School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Collection and Recording of Data on National Identity and Ethnic Background

The Welsh Assembly Government has asked all schools to collect information on the national identity and ethnic background of its students. Please read the descriptions overleaf, tick the appropriate boxes and return the form to your Group Tutor. A previous school may have asked you for similar information before, but we have been asked to check with parents again as there have been changes in the ethnic categories being used throughout Wales. If you do not wish to provide your child's national identity and/or ethnic background information, please tick the appropriate boxes.

The Information Commissioner has advised that students aged 12-15 are generally considered capable of deciding their own national identity and ethnic background. It is recommended that this decision be made with the support and knowledge of the parent or person with parental responsibility. However, should this form not be returned within a reasonable time period, we will give the student the opportunity to provide the information. Students aged 16 and over are recommended to make their own decisions and will be asked for the information.

We are committed to ensuring that students from all ethnic backgrounds enjoy equal opportunities to fulfil their potential in every aspect of school life. The information will increase the level of knowledge we have about our students and the communities we serve. It will help us to plan and meet individual learning needs and assist us in ensuring that the curriculum meets the specific needs of individuals and groups of students. It will also be used to compile statistics on the school careers, experiences and achievements of students from different ethnic backgrounds. The statistics will help to highlight any areas where students from particular ethnic backgrounds may not enjoy the opportunity to fulfil their potential. It will then be possible to address these areas. The statistics will also help to highlight good practice, so that it can be identified and shared between schools and Local Education Authorities throughout Wales. These statistics will not allow individual students to be identified publicly and the information will only be used for statistical and research purposes. This information will be passed to the Local Education Authority and the Welsh Assembly Government to contribute to local and national statistics.

Please note that you can ask to check your child's information at any time, and, if you wish, you may have the national identity and/or ethnic background information changed or removed.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Jones - Headteacher