



## INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education and Skills has developed an electronic database of primary school pupils called the Primary Online Database (POD). This database holds data on all primary school pupils including their PPSN, First Name, Last Name, 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/standard the pupil is enrolled in, and will also contain, on an optional basis, information on the pupil's religion and on their ethnic or cultural background.

Through this database, the Department will be able to evaluate the progress 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.

### ETHNIC OR CULTURAL BACKGROUND

**To which ethnic or cultural background group does your child belong? (Please tick one):**

(Categories are taken from the Census of Population)

White Irish		Irish Traveler	
Black or Black Irish-African		Black or Black Irish – Any other Black background	
Any Other White Background		Asian or Asian Irish – Any other Asian background	
Other (inc. mixed background)		Asian or Asian Irish - Chinese	
Roma			

### RELIGION

**What is your child's religion? (Please tick one):**

**(Minority Religion – Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist) Where an applicant is a member of a minority religion a letter is required from their present rector / pastor / minister / leader)**

Church of Ireland		Presbyterian		Methodist, Wesleyan		Baptist	
Lutheran		Apostolic or Pentecostal		Roman Catholic		Orthodox (Greek, Coptic, Russian)	
Hindu		Buddhist		Muslim (Islamic)		Jehovah's Witness	
Jewish		Agnostic		Atheist		No Religion	
Other Religions (Please explain)							

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW:

***I consent for the Information on these two pages 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: \_\_\_\_\_