



# Ascription

## Ethnic origin

<b>A) White</b>		<b>B) Mixed</b>		<b>C) Asian or Asian British</b>	
British	<input type="checkbox"/>	White & black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	White & black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scottish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other mixed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other white	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>D) Black or Black British</b>		<b>E) Chinese / other ethnic group</b>			
Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please state:	
African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Other black	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

This leaflet is for parents. It was written to explain why schools ask parents to identify an ethnic code for their child (ascription) and why they ask for information about a child's first language.

Schools usually ask for this information at admission (when the child first starts school).

The information you give to your child's school should only be used to help teachers give the best support possible to your child.

If you have questions about this, or any other aspect of your child's education and you do not want to talk to the school, contact us by phone or email.

We can also help you communicate with your child's school.

In UK schools, information about pupils' ethnic backgrounds is collected and used to monitor progress and achievement. It is a statutory requirement that all schools collect this information for every child. This means schools have to collect ethnicity data by law.

When your child first joins a UK school, you will be asked to ascribe to the ethnic group you feel best represents your family's background. Children who are in secondary school (11-16 years old) can do this for themselves, though we recommend they do so with the support of their families.

You have the right to decide whether or not to give this information to the school and the school cannot make a decision for you. It is recommended that you **do** provide the information, however, as it is used to monitor the progress and achievement of different groups of pupils to make sure none is disadvantaged.

