

Catholic Schools in Leicester

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Oona Stannard, chief executive of the Catholic Education Service, has recently claimed that Catholic schools are ethnically diverse and around 30 per cent, on average, are non-Catholic. I have requested the data on which these assertions are based (of course, looked at another way, the claim is that 70% of the students are Catholic). The following figures show that Catholic Schools in Leicester are *divisive both by religion and by race* .

1. RELIGION AND ETHNICITY OF PUPILS IN LEICESTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

SOURCE: COUNCIL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2005

	Religion							Race					
	Christian	Hindu	Muslim	Other Religion	No Religion	Not Recorded	Uncl assifi ed	Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other	Ref use d
RC Primaries													
Christ the King RC	99	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	8	85	1	1
Holy Cross RC	86	0	0	1	4	8	1	0	8	11	79	1	0
Sacred Heart RC	85	2	1	1	6	4	1	17	22	21	36	2	3
St Joseph RC	92	3	1	1	0	3	0	6	2	7	82	1	1
St Patrick's RC	92	6	1	1	0	1	0	24	12	13	49	1	0
St Thomas Moore RC	94	2	2	2	0	0	0	9	1	8	81	1	0
All RC Primaries	92	2	1	1	2	2	0	10	8	11	69	1	1
All Leicester Primaries	26	14	25	6	20	9	1	37	8	6	46	1	0
RC Secondaries													
English Martyrs RC	93	0	0	1	0	6	0	4	3	7	81	0	4
St Paul's RC	92	3	0	2	1	2	0	11	8	8	67	1	5
All RC Secondaries	93	2	0	1	0	4	0	8	6	7	74	1	5
All Leicester Secondaries	32	18	19	6	17	1	8	39	6	5	48	1	1

Admission policies that I have had a sight of assert quite openly that the schools are primarily to serve the Catholic communities and that put being a baptised Catholic at the top of their criteria for admission when oversubscribed. These are schools that are paid for out of taxes.