



# Communicating Needs and Other Information

AN INFORMATION SHEET BY THE TRAVELLER MOVEMENT

At The Traveller Movement, we are aware of the discrimination that Romany Gypsy, Roma, and Irish Traveller communities face when accessing education. However, we encourage all members of these communities to declare their ethnic status to schools for several reasons.

1. **Legal Responsibility:** Declaring ethnicity at registration ensures that schools acknowledge their duty to address any discrimination.
2. **Bullying Awareness:** It helps staff monitor and address potential bullying, which disproportionately affects Romany Gypsy, Roma, and Irish Traveller children.
3. **Accurate Data:** Registering as Romany Gypsy, Roma, and Irish Traveller contributes to more accurate local and national data, aiding efforts to influence government support.

Most schools have procedures to identify any specific needs your child may have, including:

Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)  
Allergies or intolerances to food, medication, or other substances  
General health or prescribed medication (especially if needed during school hours)  
Family circumstances (e.g., individuals authorised to collect or remove the child from school)