

Catholic Education Service Digest of 2022 Census Data for Schools and Colleges in Wales





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Introduction

We are pleased to present the 2022 census digest for Catholic education in Wales.

This year, the census digests for England and Wales coincide with the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Education Service, which we have been delighted to celebrate. Additionally, for the ninth year in a row the return rate for our census has been 100%. This means that the CES census remains the most accurate report of Catholic education in England and Wales but, also, that we are now able to reflect on almost a decade's worth of precise data.

In Wales, our data this year has shown that the number of pupils in Catholic secondary schools has slightly risen for the third successive year and fallen slightly in primary schools, bringing the total number of pupils educated in the 85 Catholic schools of Wales to 28,315.

The CES would like to thank every Catholic school in Wales for contributing to this year's census, which provides us with the essential data needed to monitor long-term trends in Catholic education. As such, the information is invaluable in our discussions with our government partners, MSs, MPs, local authorities, and the media.

Collating the data is no small undertaking so we would also like to thank Robert Rushworth and Rebekah Hayward for their hard work in the production of this document.

Chairman

The Rt Rev Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds

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Paul Barber

Schools and Colleges



Headlines

- There are 85 Catholic schools in Wales
- Catholic schools make up 6% of the national total of maintained schools
- 28,315 pupils are educated in Catholic schools
- 50% of pupils at Catholic maintained schools are Catholic
- 1654 teachers work in Catholic maintained schools
- 44% of teachers in Catholic maintained schools are Catholic

1 Schools and Colleges

1.1 Numbers of Schools and Colleges

There is one Catholic primary school in Wrexham diocese classed as a Welsh medium school. A further two primary schools in Menevia and Wrexham are classed as English medium but with significant Welsh spoken.

1.1.1 Numbers of schools by phase and diocese (2022)

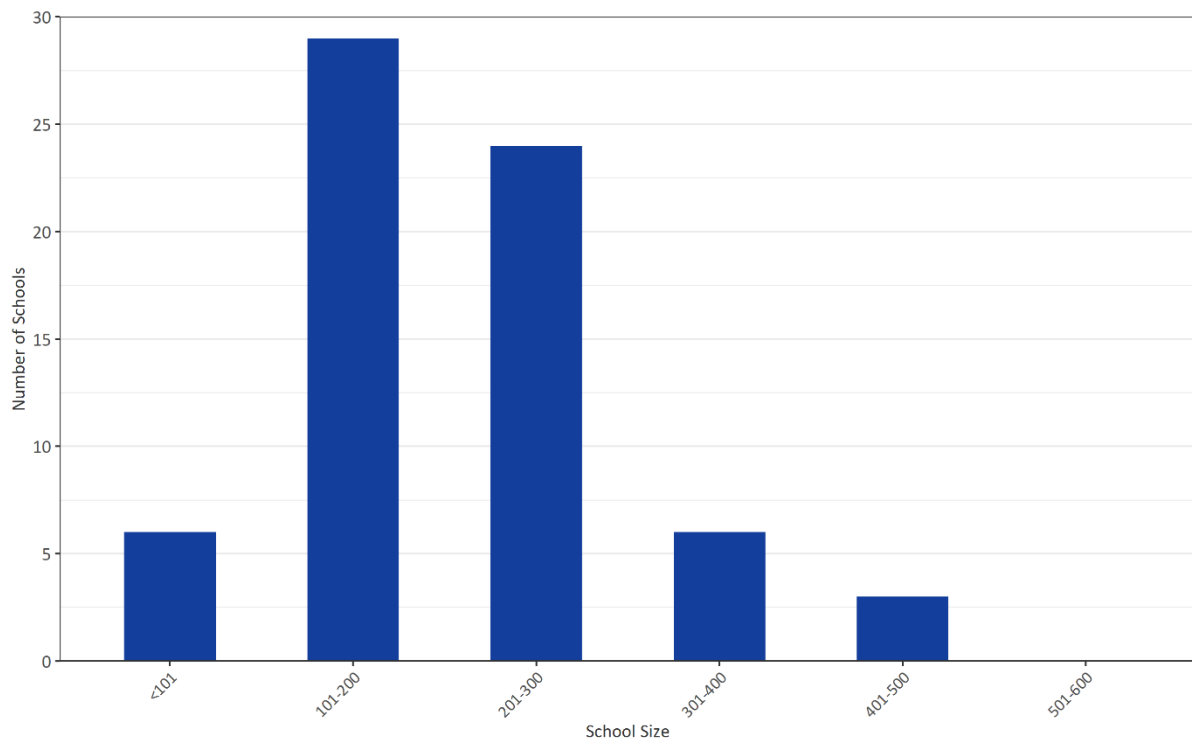
Diocese	Primary	Secondary	Sixth form colleges	All through	Independent	Total
Cardiff	40	9	1	0	0	50
Menevia	15	3	0	0	0	18
Wrexham	13	2	0	1	1	17
Total	68	14	1	1	1	85

1.2 School sizes

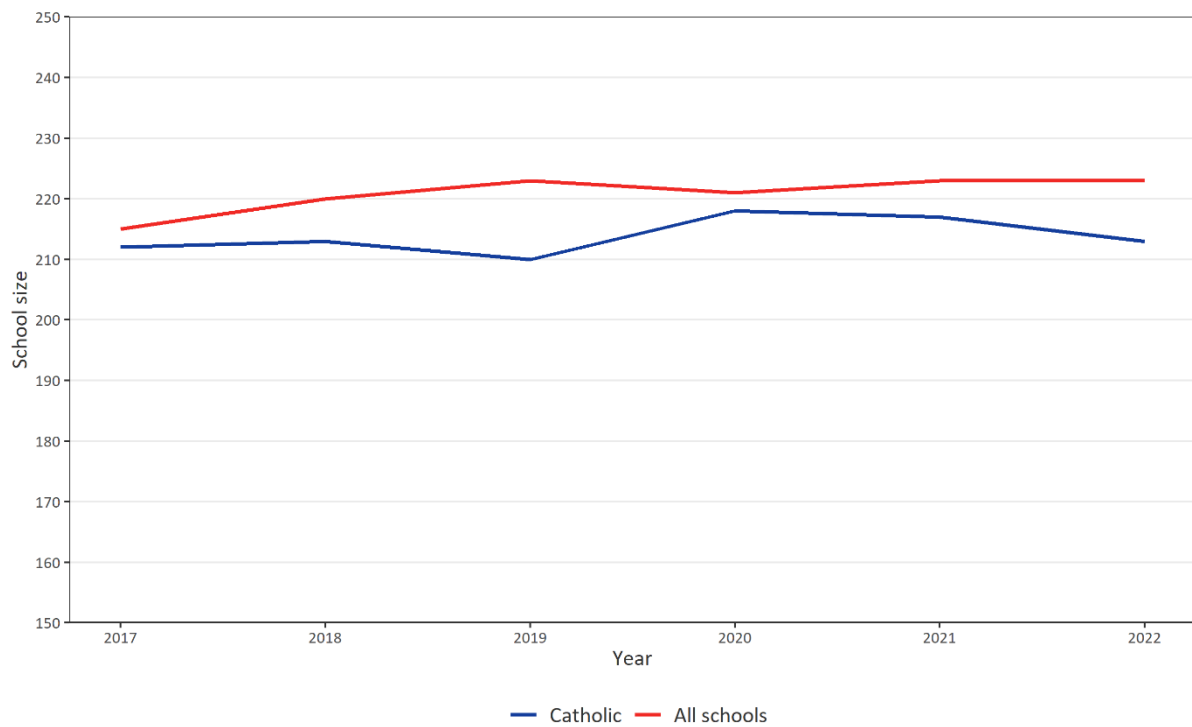
1.2.1 Distribution of sizes in Catholic maintained schools (2022)

School size (number of pupils)	Number of primary schools	Number of secondary schools	Number of all through schools
<101	6	0	0
101-200	29	0	0
201-300	24	0	0
301-400	6	0	0
401-500	3	1	0
501-600	0	1	0
601-700	0	0	0
701-800	0	3	0
801-900	0	4	1
901-1000	0	1	0
1001-1100	0	2	0
1101-1200	0	1	0
1201-1300	0	0	0
1301-1400	0	0	0
1401-1500	0	1	0
Total	68	14	1

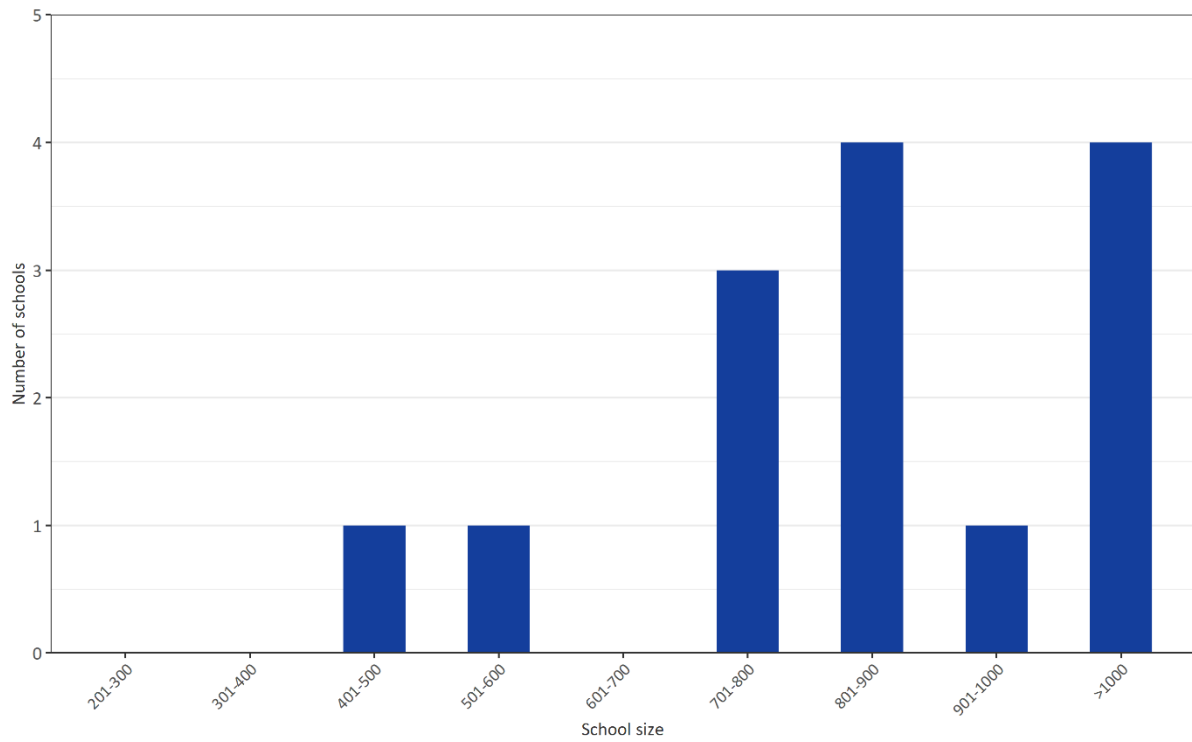
1.2.2 Distribution of size of maintained primary schools (2022)



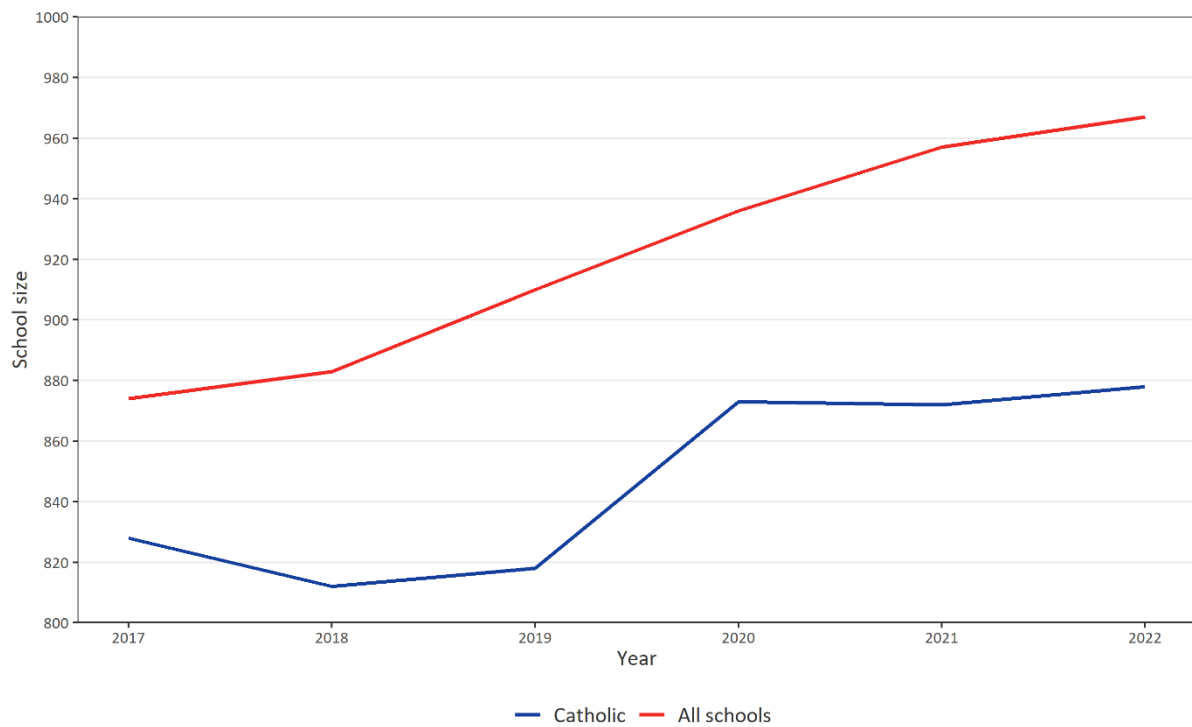
1.2.3 Average maintained primary size (trends)



1.2.4 Distribution of size of maintained secondary schools (2022)



1.2.5 Average maintained secondary size (trends)



Pupils



2 Pupils

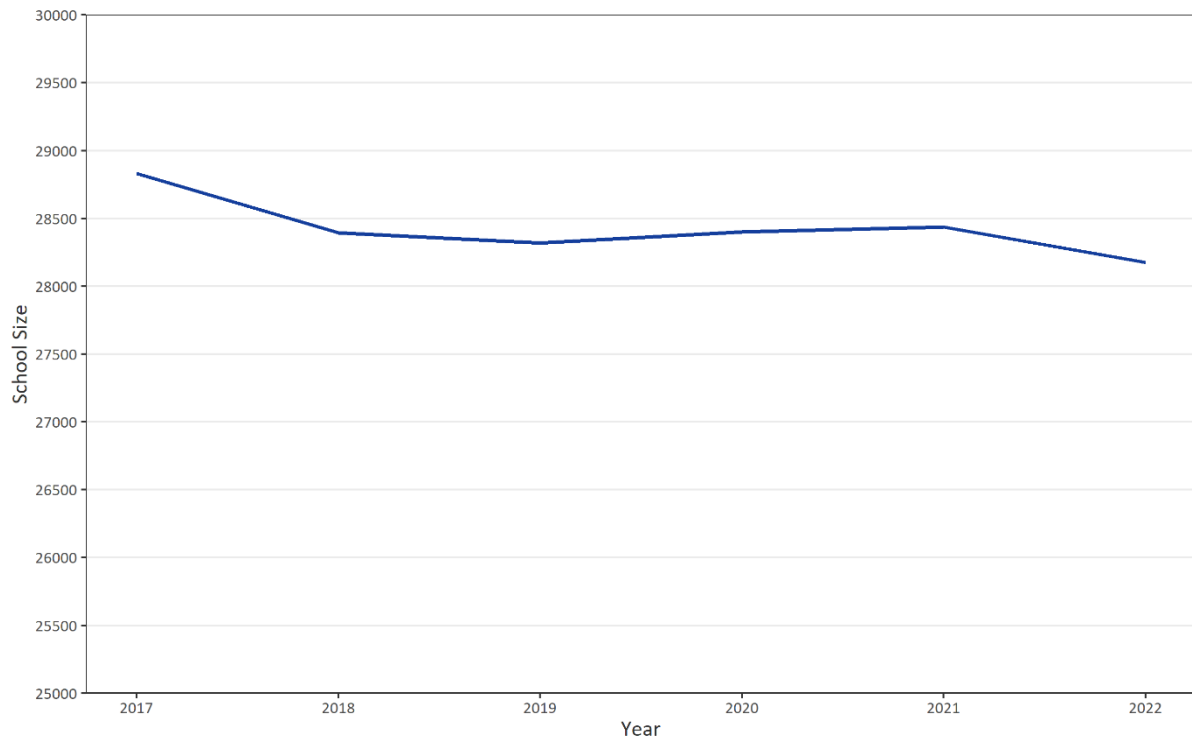
2.1 Pupil numbers

Pupils in maintained Catholic primary schools have decreased whereas in Catholic secondary schools there was a small increase in pupil numbers. Pupil numbers in Catholic maintained schools followed national trends in 2022.

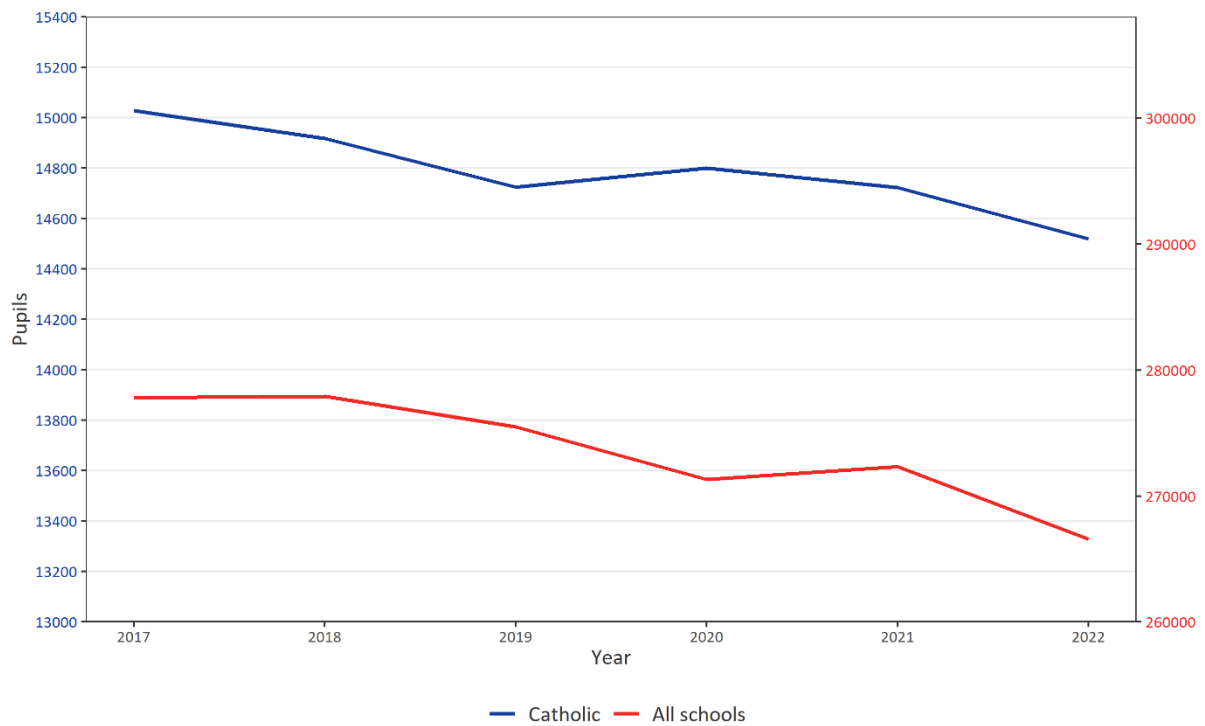
2.1.1 Pupil numbers by phase (2022)

Phase	Pupil Numbers
Maintained Primary	14,520
Maintained Secondary	12,293
Maintained Sixth Form Colleges	1,363
Independent	139
Total	28,315

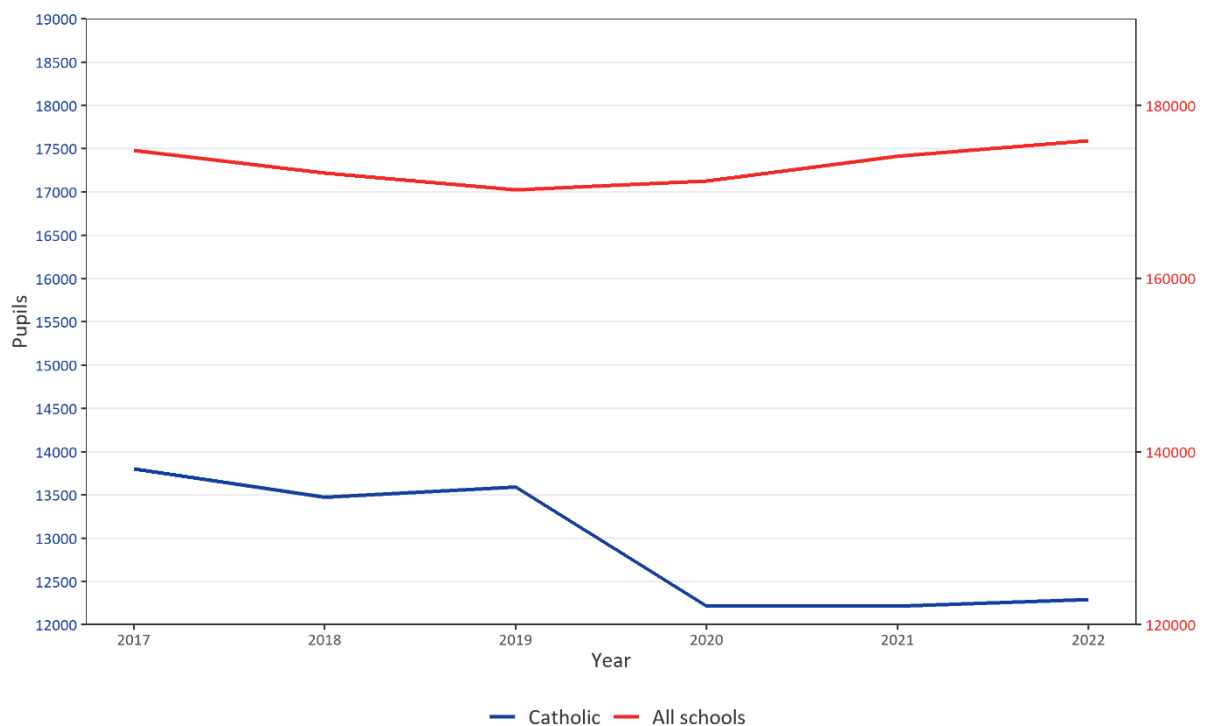
2.1.2 Number of pupils in Catholic schools (trends)



2.1.3 Number of pupils in maintained primary schools (trends)



2.1.4 Number of pupils in maintained secondary & sixth form colleges (trends)



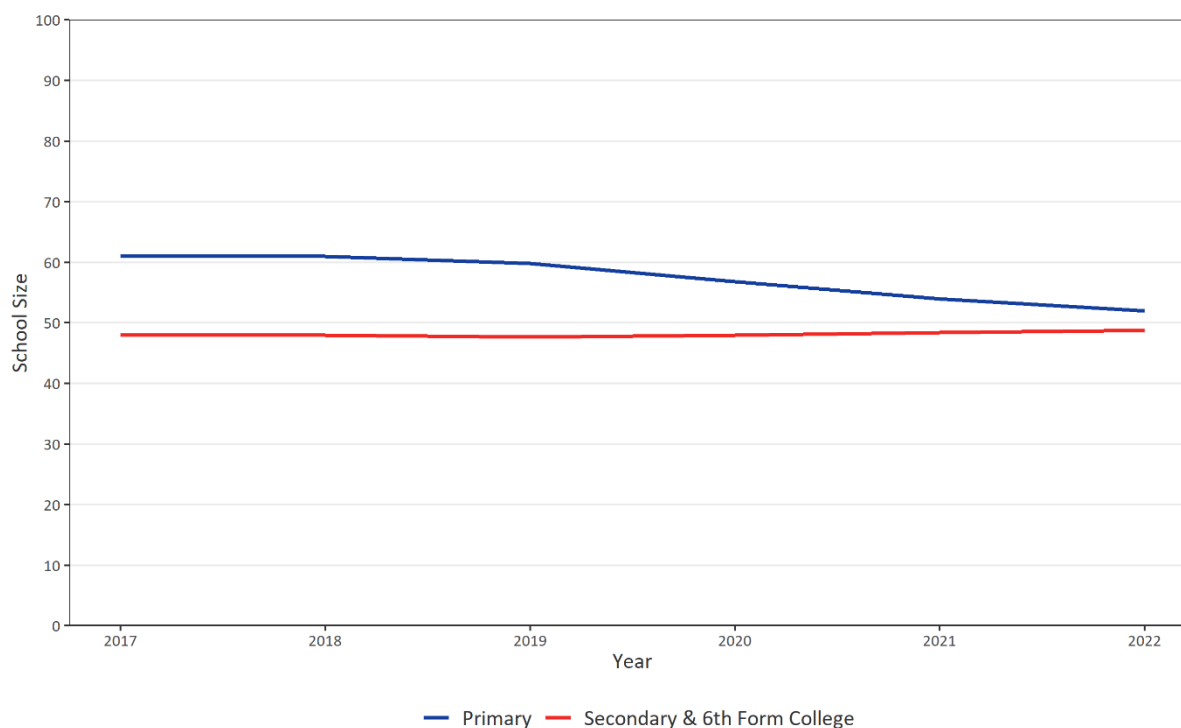
2.2 Pupil Religion

Catholic schools in Wales continue to educate not only Catholic pupils but pupils of other faiths and none. The percentage of Catholic pupils in secondary schools has risen slightly for the third successive year.

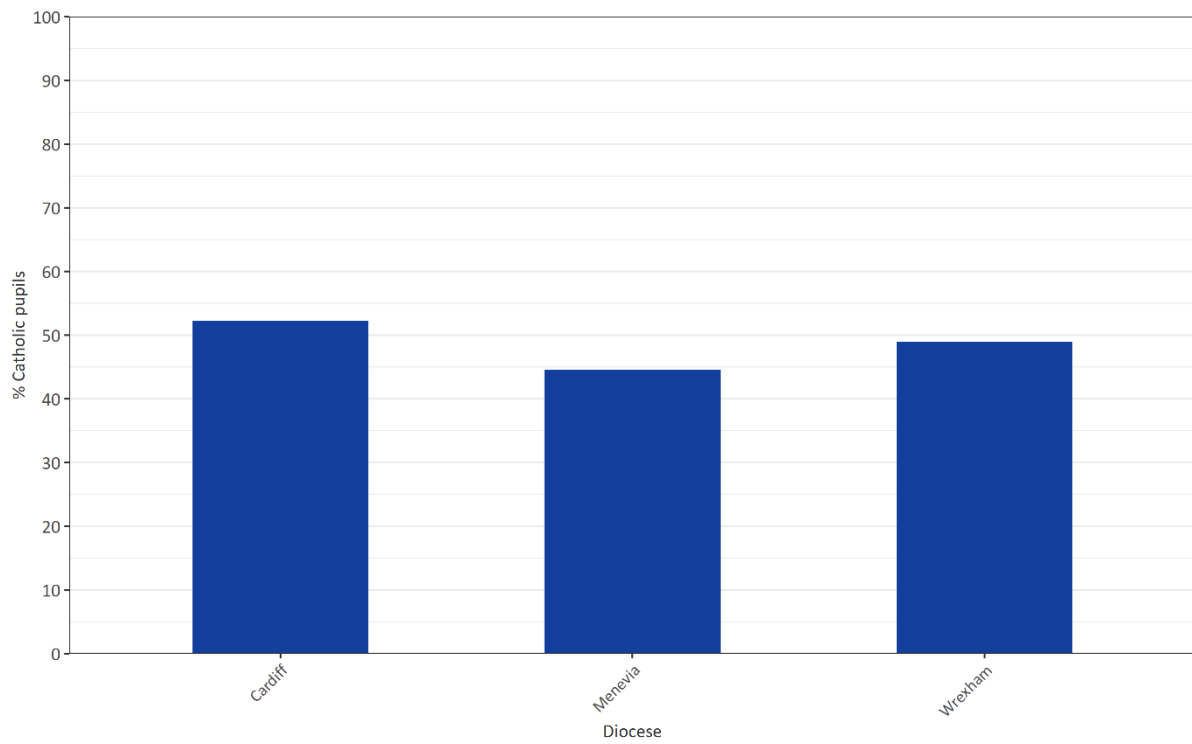
2.2.1 Percentage of Catholic pupils in maintained Catholic schools and colleges (2022)

	Number of pupils	Number of Catholic pupils	% Catholic pupils
Maintained Schools and Colleges	28,176	14,184	50.3
Maintained Primary Schools	14,520	7,555	52.0
Maintained Secondary Schools (inc sixth form college)	13,656	6,629	48.5
Total	28,315	14,184	50.1

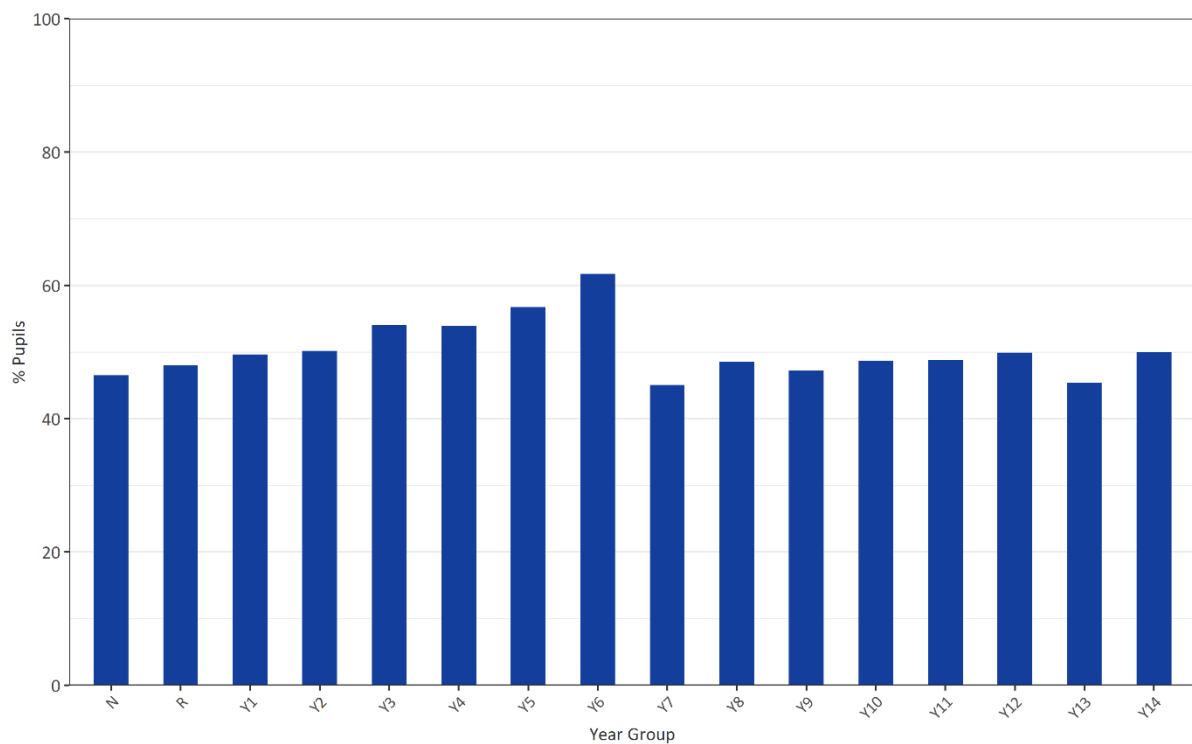
2.2.2 Percentage of Catholic pupils in maintained schools by phase (trends)



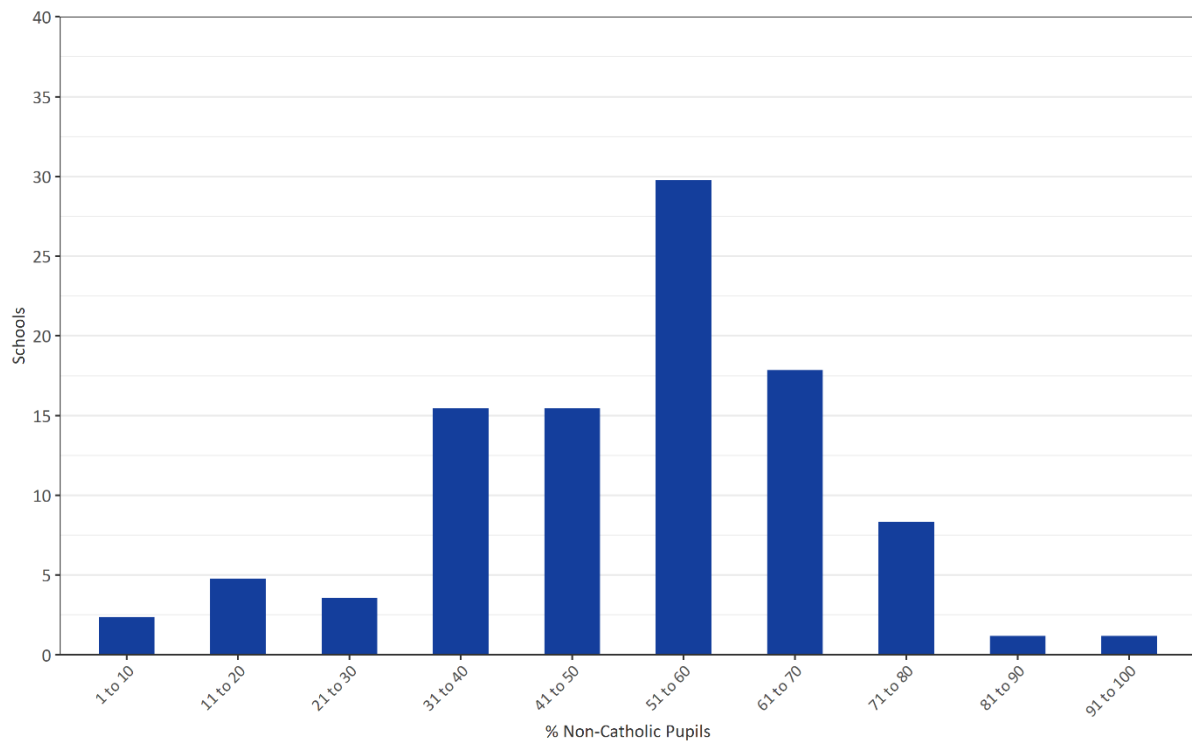
2.2.3 Percentage of Catholic pupils in maintained schools by diocese (2022)



2.2.4 Percentage of Catholic pupils in maintained schools by year group (2022)

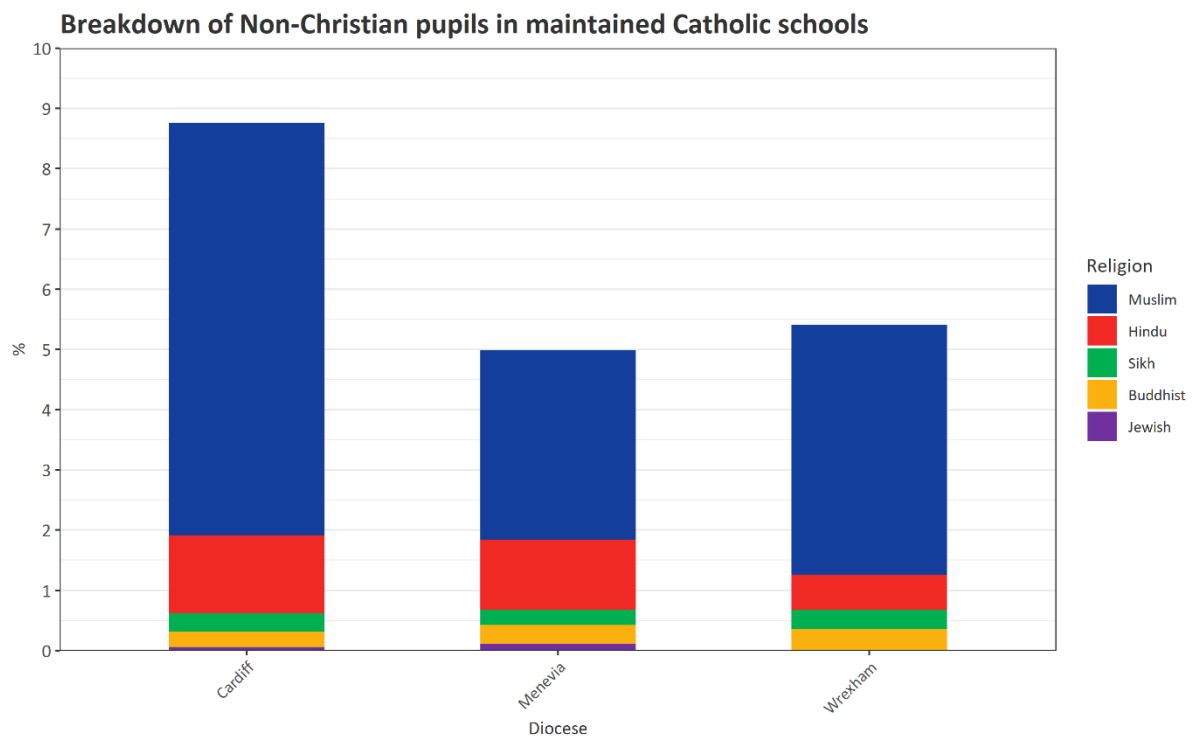


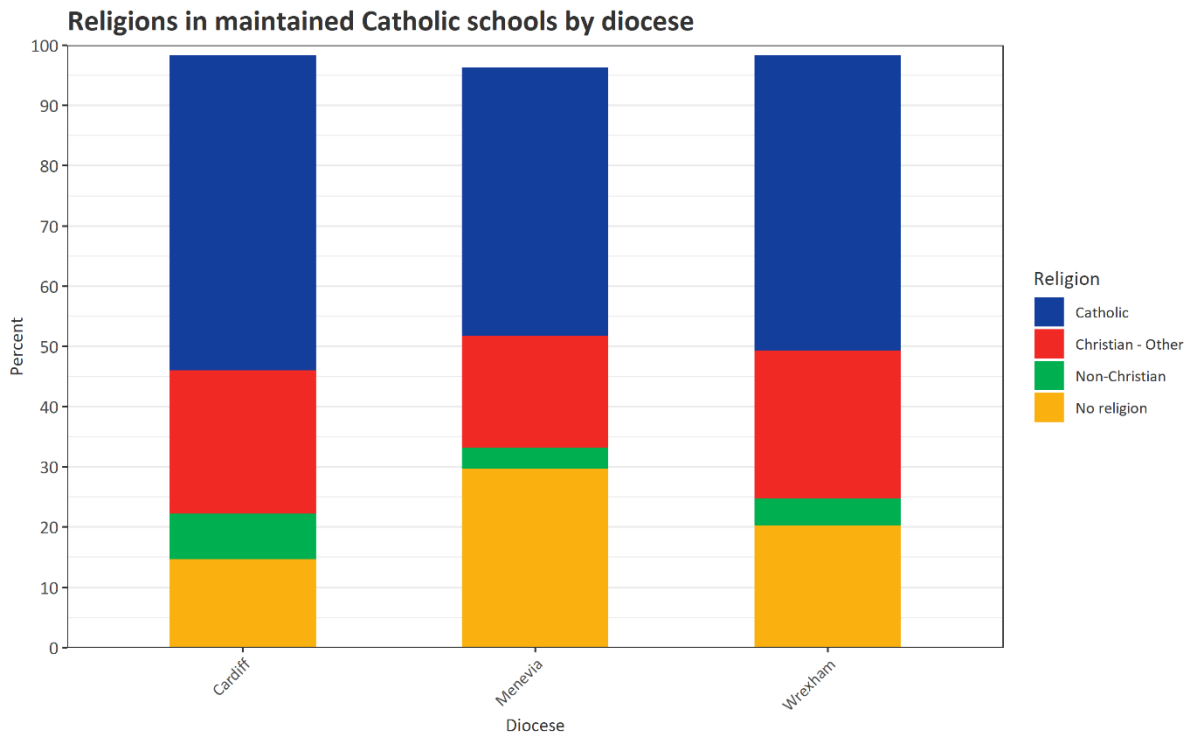
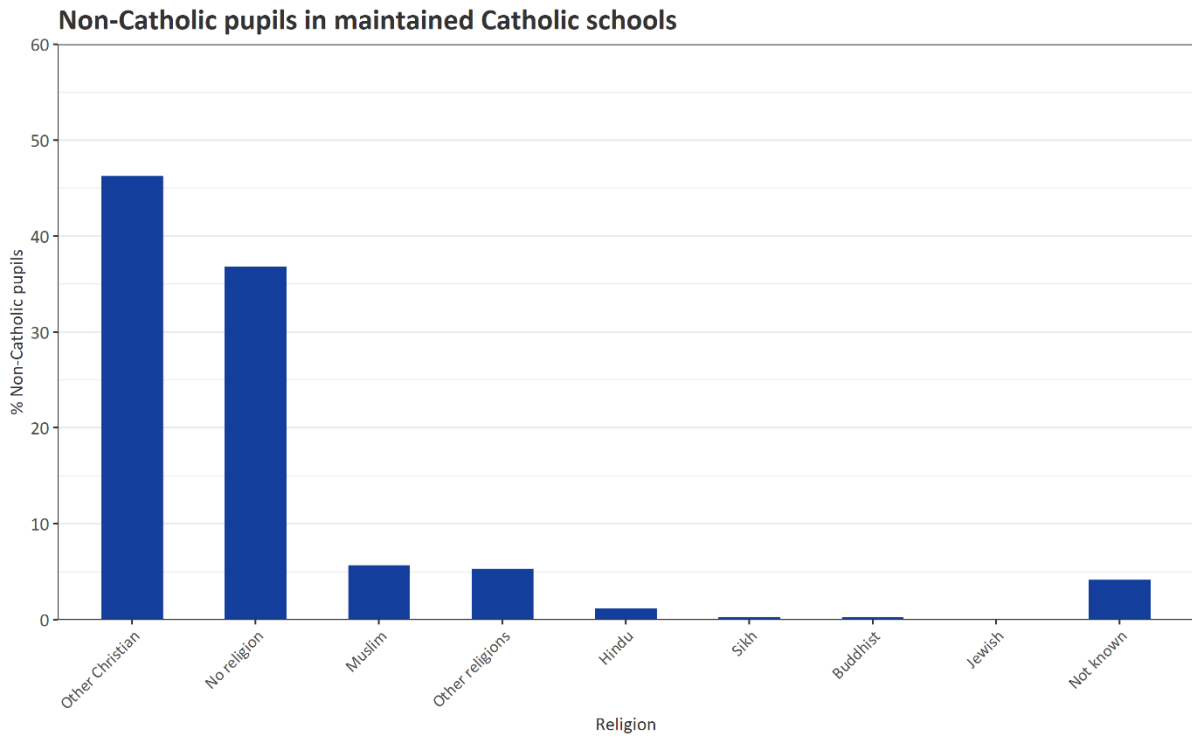
2.2.5 Distribution of non-Catholic pupils in maintained schools (2022)



2.2.6 Breakdown of non-Catholic religions

There are 13,992 non-Catholic pupils in maintained schools, just under 50% of the total. 46.3% of non-Catholic pupils are from other Christian denominations. 5.7% are Muslims and 36.8% do not have a religion (no change since 2021). 73.4% of pupils in maintained Catholic schools are Christians and 80% are from a faith background.

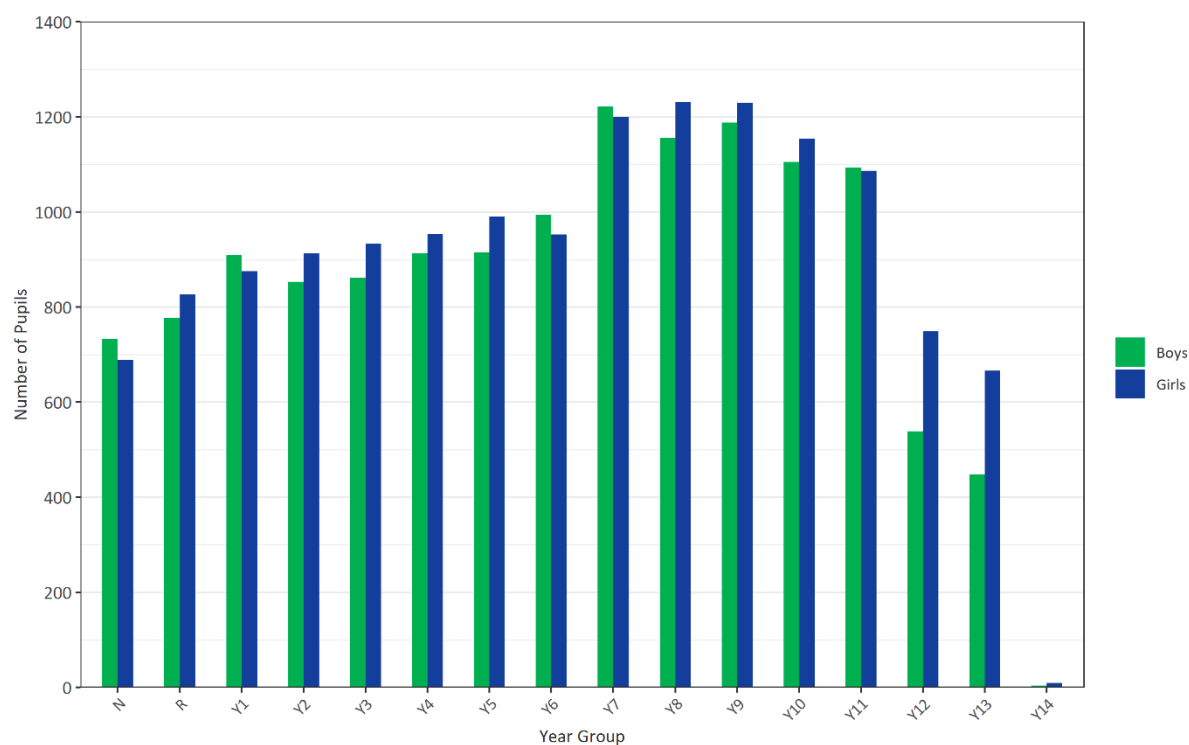




2.3 Gender

The gender balance remains fairly even until years 12 to 13 where girls significantly outnumber boys.

2.3.1 Pupil numbers in maintained schools by gender and year group (2022)



2.4 Withdrawal from Collective worship and RE

Across all Catholic schools two pupils (0.01%) were withdrawn from collective worship and religious education.

2.5 Withdrawal from Relationship and Sex Education

Across all Catholic schools three pupils (0.01%) were withdrawn from relationship and sex education.

2.6 School uniform

99% of Catholic schools in both the maintained and independent sector required a school uniform.

2.7 Ethnicity

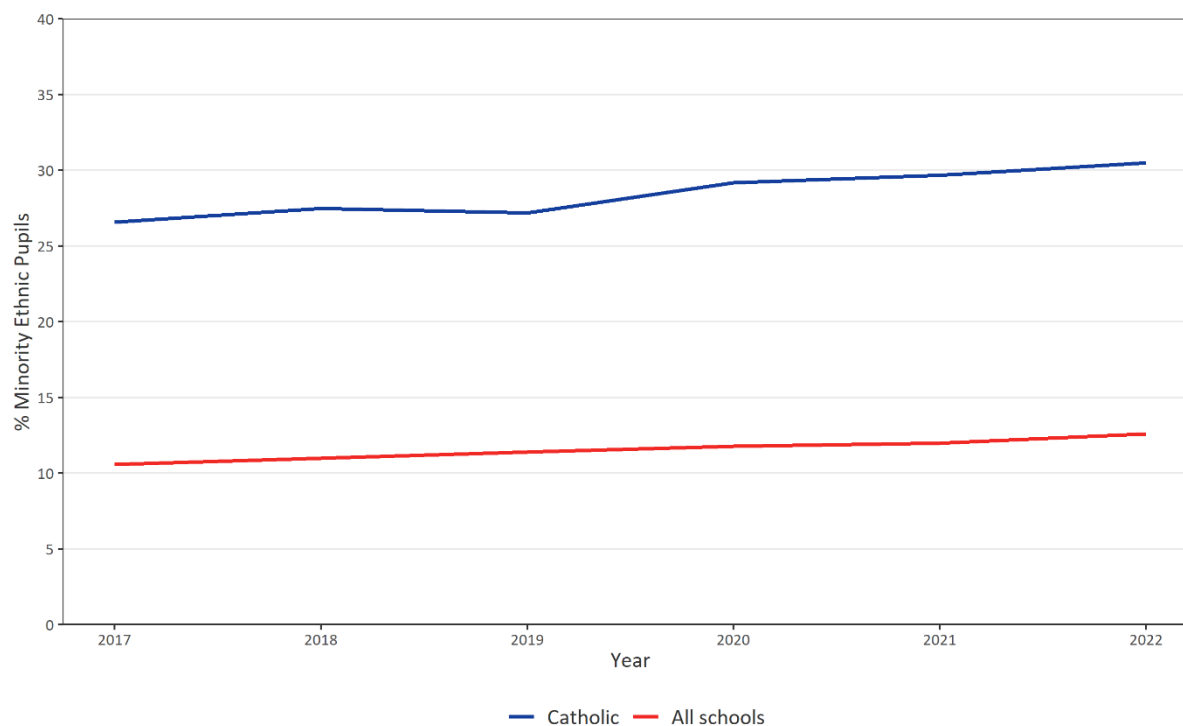
Catholic schools continue to be considerably more ethnically diverse than the national average.

2.7.1 Pupil ethnicity (2022)

	Number of pupils	% White British	% White Irish	% White Other	% Traveller of Irish / Gypsy / Roma Heritage	% Mixed/Dual	% Asian /Asian British	% Black/Black British	% Chinese	% other ethnic group	% not known
Maintained Catholic	28,176	67.9	0.0	9.9	0.2	5.8	6.0	4.5	0.4	3.6	1.6
All schools	401,970	86.7	See note	3.3	0.3	3.7	2.6	1.1	0.2	1.5	0.6
Primary	14,520	66.7	0.0	9.9	0.3	6.3	5.8	4.8	0.4	3.1	2.7
Secondary + 6th form college	13,656	69.2	0.03	9.9	0.1	5.4	6.2	4.2	0.4	4.1	0.4

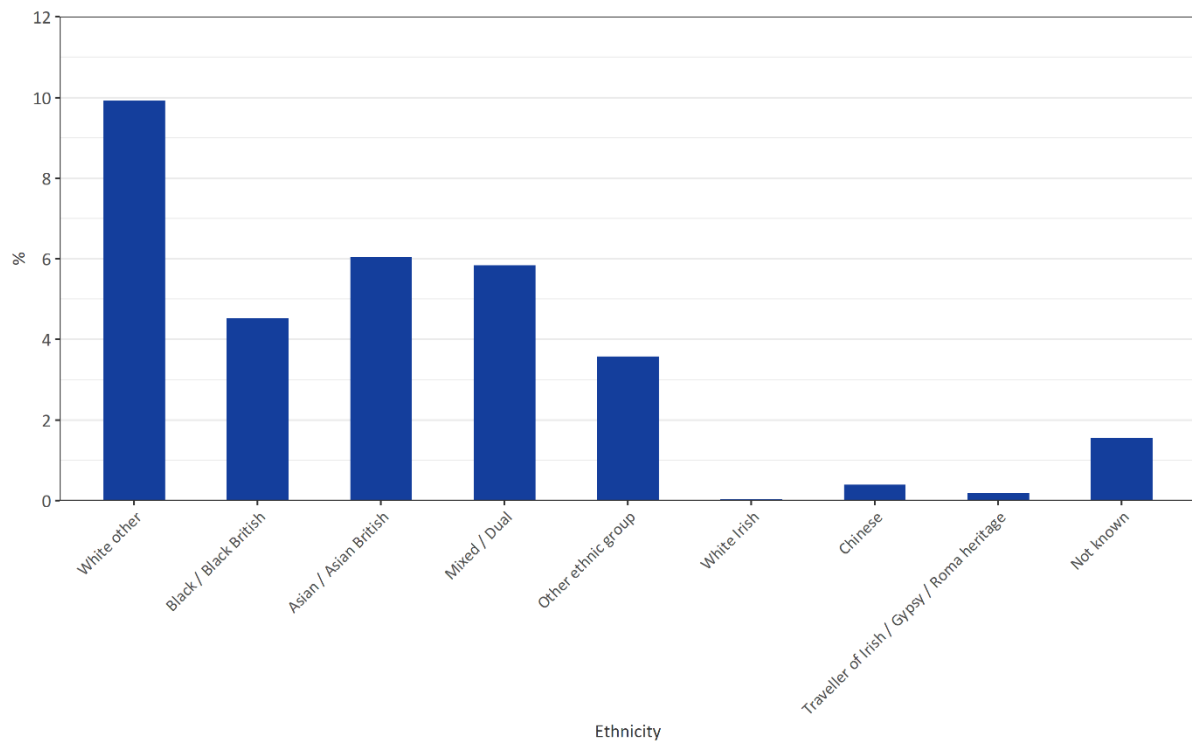
¹National data includes white Irish with white other.

2.7.2 Percentage of pupils from minority ethnic groups, maintained schools (trends)

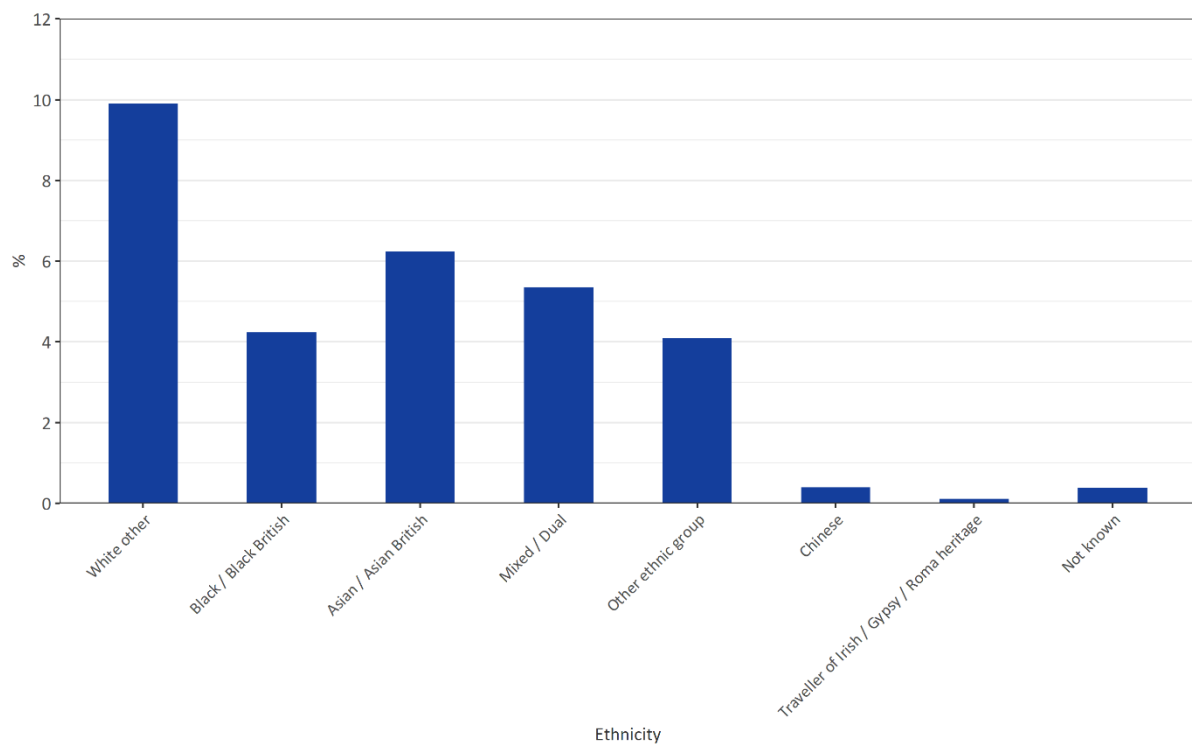


²Includes all pupils classified as belonging to an ethnic group other than White British.

2.7.3 Pupil ethnicity, minority ethnic groups, in maintained primary schools (2022)



2.7.4 Pupil ethnicity, maintained secondary schools and sixth form college (2022)



2.8 Free school meals (FSM)

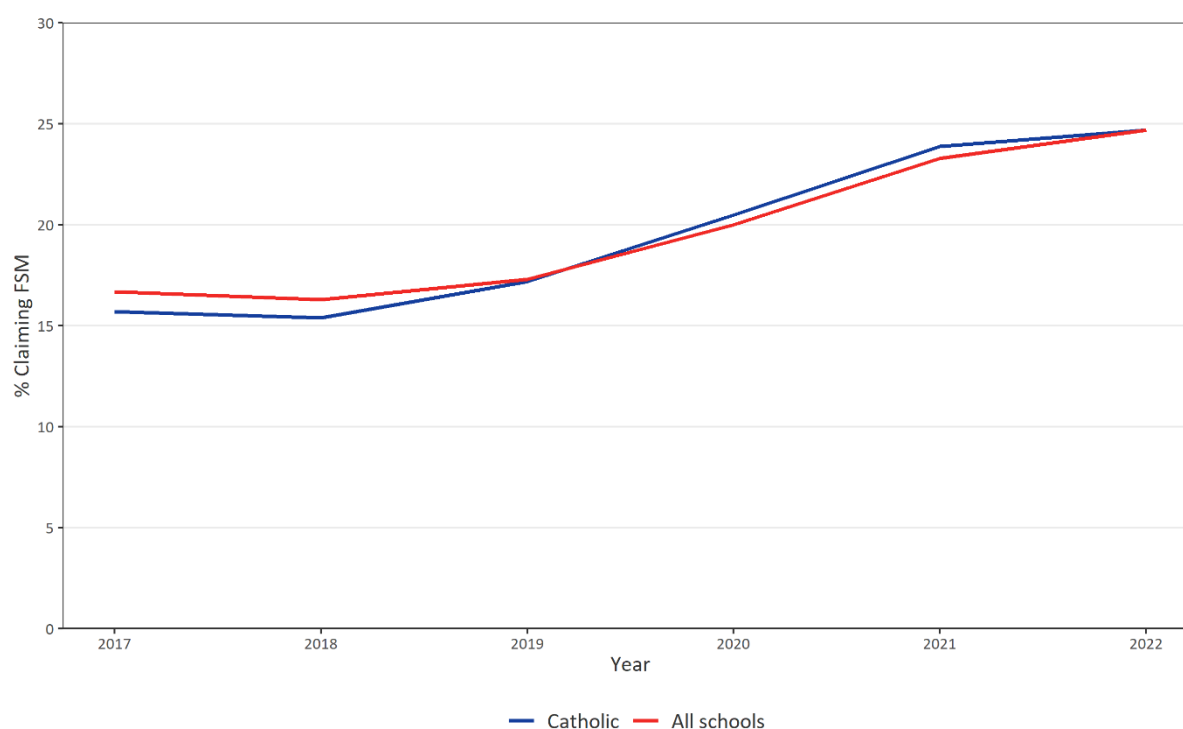
25% of pupils in Catholic primary schools and 22% of pupils in Catholic secondary schools are eligible for free school meals.

Eligibility has risen in recent years because of transitional protection during the introduction of universal credit. Any pupil in receipt of free school meals will continue to be eligible even if their parents cease to be eligible for the qualifying benefit.

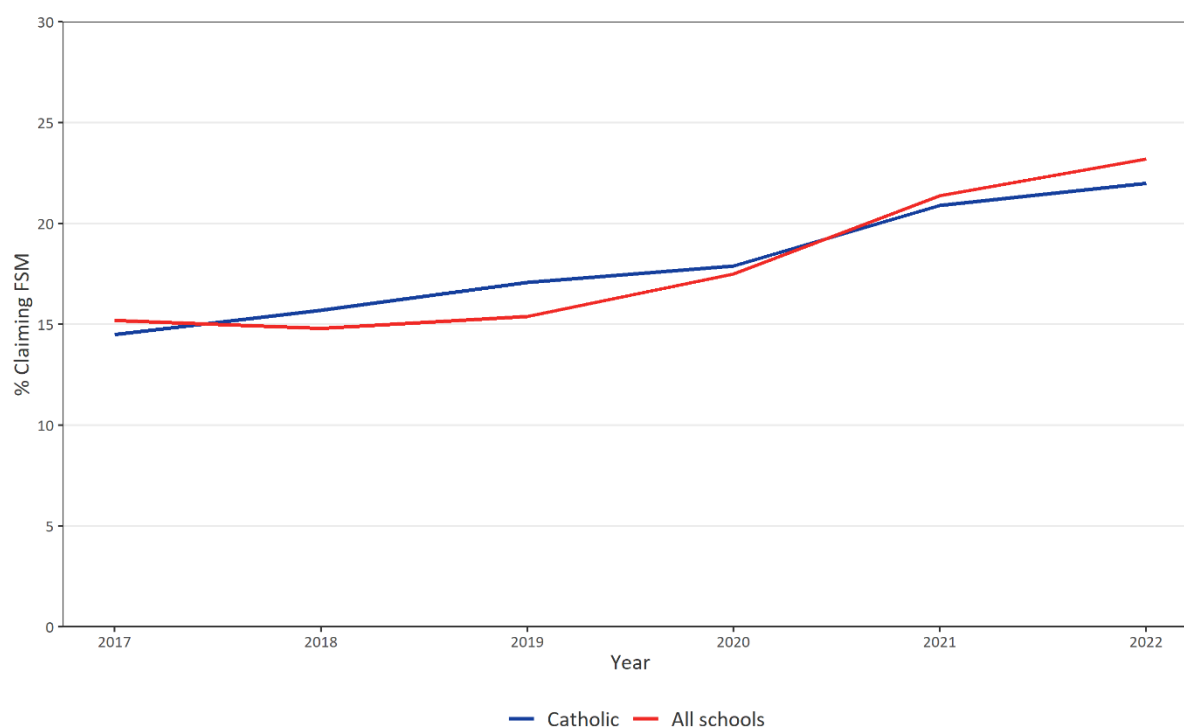
2.8.1 Pupils eligible for FSM (2022)

Phase	Number of pupils	Number eligible for and taking FSM	% eligible for and taking FSM
Maintained Catholic schools total	28,176	6,289	22.3
Maintained national total	471,131	102,391	26.9
Maintained Catholic primary	14,520	3,589	24.7
Maintained primary national	266,574	65,927	24.7
Maintained Catholic secondary	12,293	2,700	22.0
Maintained secondary national	175,957	40,888	23.2

2.8.2 Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM, maintained primary schools (trends)



2.8.3 Percentage of pupils eligible for FSM, maintained secondary schools (trends)



2.9 Looked-after children

0.9% pupils in Catholic maintained schools were in care on the census date.

2.10 Special educational needs (SEN)

There are no Catholic special schools in Wales, therefore we would expect the percentage of pupils with statements to be slightly lower in the Catholic sector.

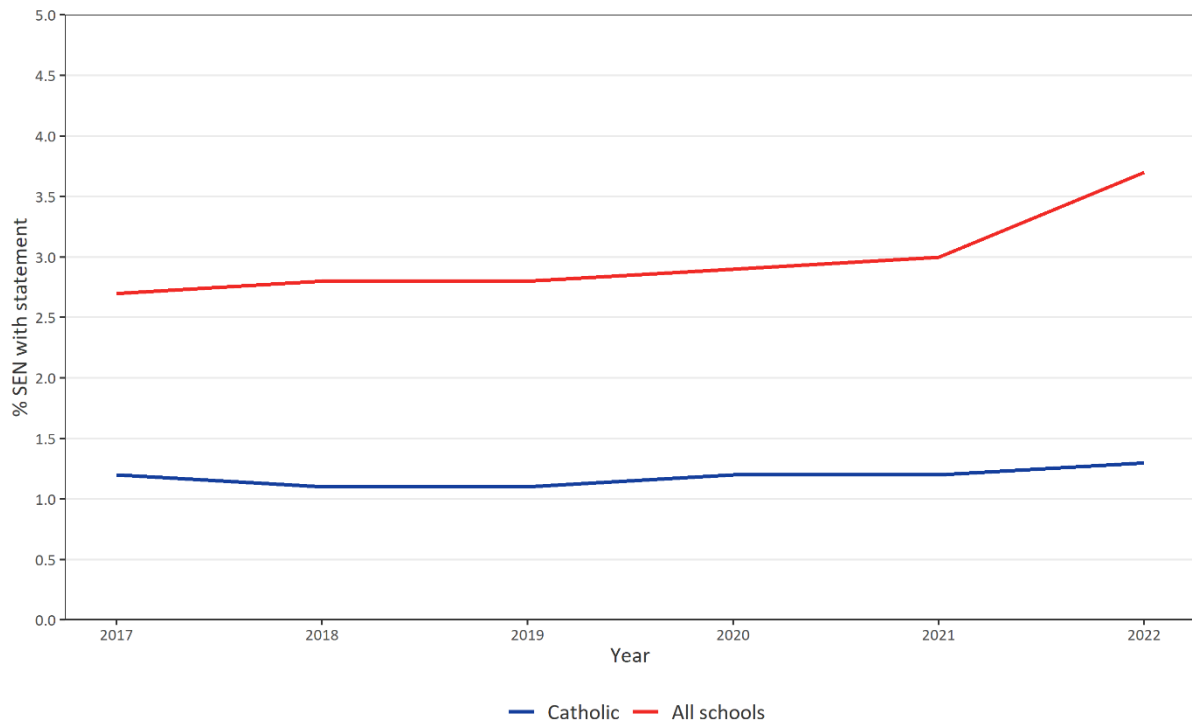
2.10.1 Percentage of pupils with SEN by phase (2022)

	Number of pupils	% SEN with statement	% SEN without statement
Primary	14,520	1.1	11.8
Secondary (excluding 6th form college)	12,293	1.7	11.5

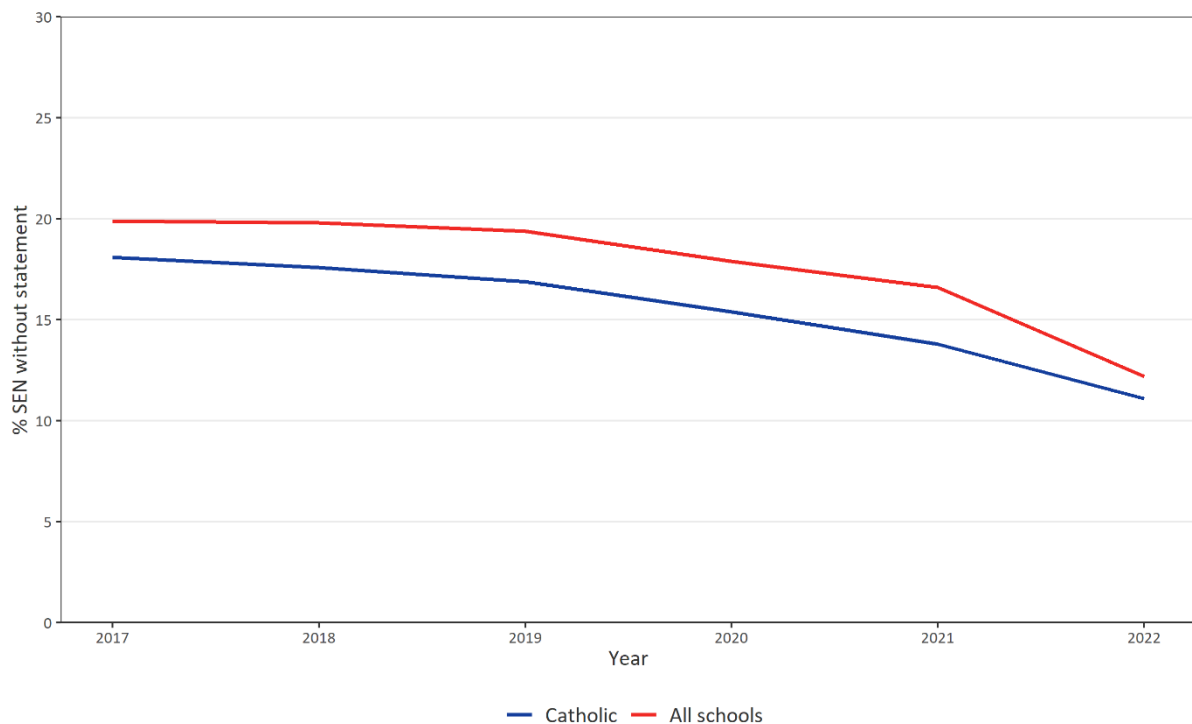
2.10.2 Percentage of pupils with SEN by Diocese (2022)

	% SEN with statement	% SEN without statement
Cardiff	1.1	8.4
Menevia	1.6	18.2
Wrexham	1.7	14.4

2.10.3 Pupils with SEN with statement, maintained schools (trends)



2.10.4 Pupils with SEN without statement or EHC plan, maintained schools (trends)



2.11 Pupil ability to speak Welsh

These data are obtained from the Pupil Level Annual School Census 2022 and show pupil ability in Welsh as assessed by parents of pupils in primary, middle and secondary schools.

Ability to speak Welsh & speaking Welsh at home as assessed by parents		National	%	Catholic	%
Can speak Welsh but not fluently	Speaks Welsh at home	9235	2.45	125	0.47
	Does not speak Welsh at home	79205	21.03	7280	27.15
Fluent in Welsh	Speaks Welsh at home	29295	7.78	35	0.13
	Does not speak Welsh at home	22885	6.08	30	0.11
Cannot speak Welsh		184800	49.06	13600	50.72

Staff



3 Staff

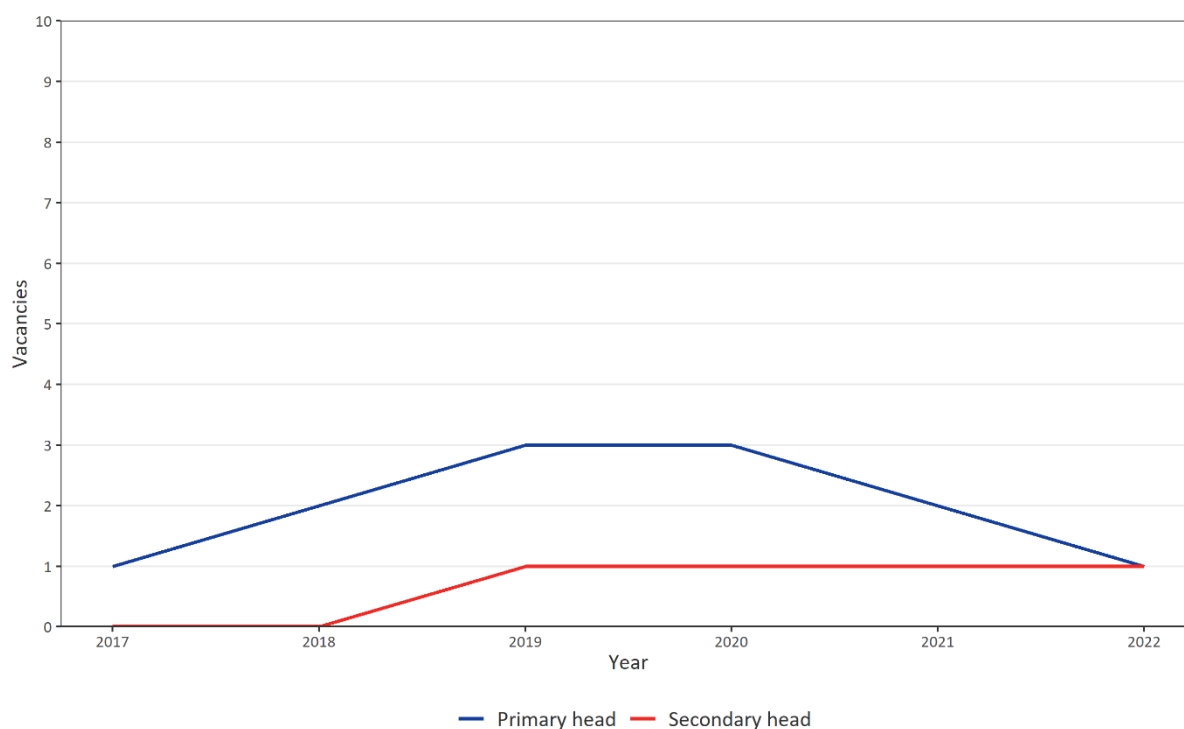
3.1 Leadership Teams

Headship vacancies have decreased in primary schools and are unchanged in secondary schools. The proportion of Catholic staff with National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) has decreased in Catholic primary schools and increased slightly in Catholic secondary schools.

3.1.1 Leadership vacancies, NPQH and gender (2022)

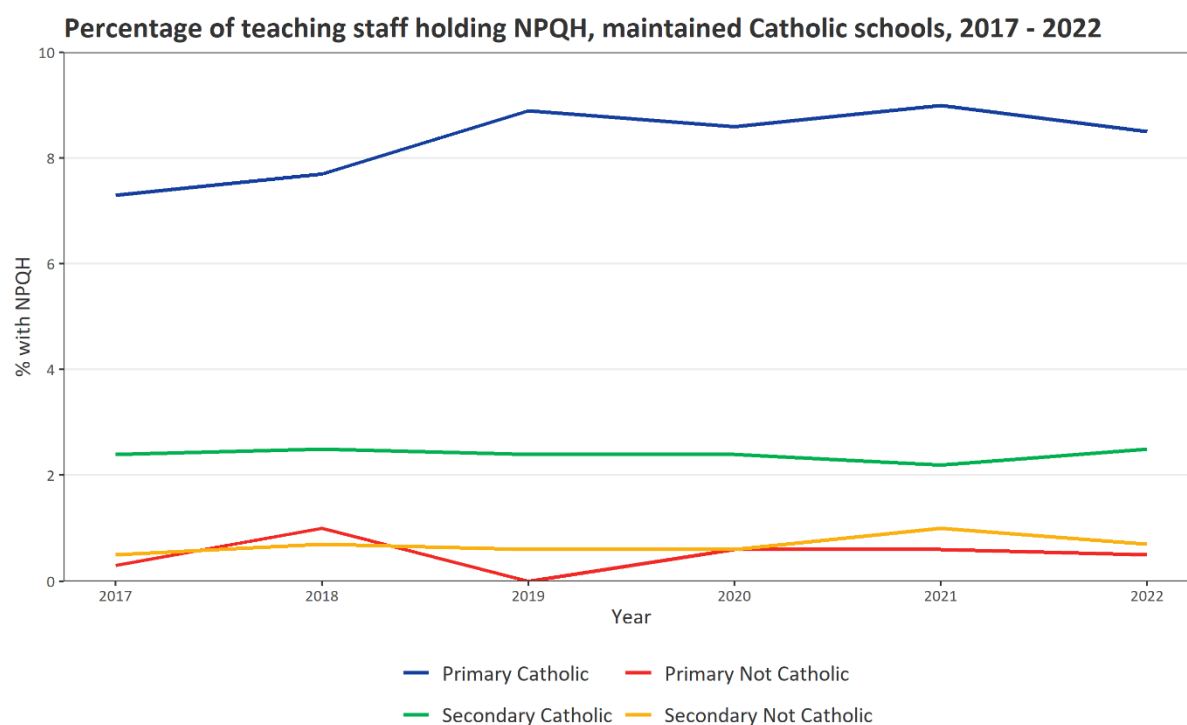
	Schools	Headship vacancies	Deputy / assistant vacancies	% Catholic with NPQH	% Not Catholic with NPQH	% Catholic taking NPQH	% Not Catholic taking NPQH	Gender of heads %F/ %M
Primary	69	1	1	8.5	0.5	0.9	0.0	76/24
Secondary	14	1	0	2.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	36/64

3.1.2 Headship vacancies, maintained schools (trends)



3.2 National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)

3.2.1 Percentage of teaching staff holding NPQH, maintained schools (trends)



NPQH has not been mandatory for head teachers since 2011.

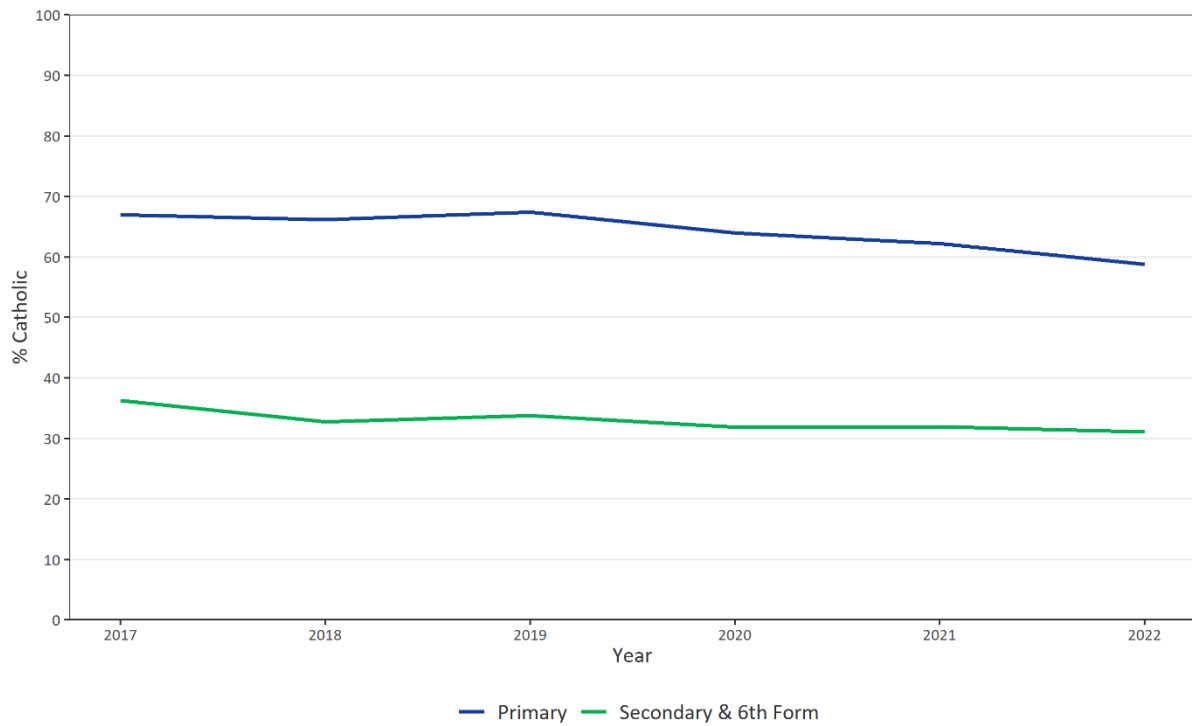
3.3 Staff Catholicity

In primary schools, staff Catholicity has decreased by 8% since 2017. In secondary schools, staff Catholicity decreased by 5% during the same period.

3.3.1 Staff Catholicity and the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) (2022)

	Number of teachers	% Catholic teachers	Number of staff with CCRS	% with CCRS
Primary	738	58.8	174	23.6
Secondary (inc 6th form college)	906	31.1	42	4.6
Total	1,644	43.6	216	13.1

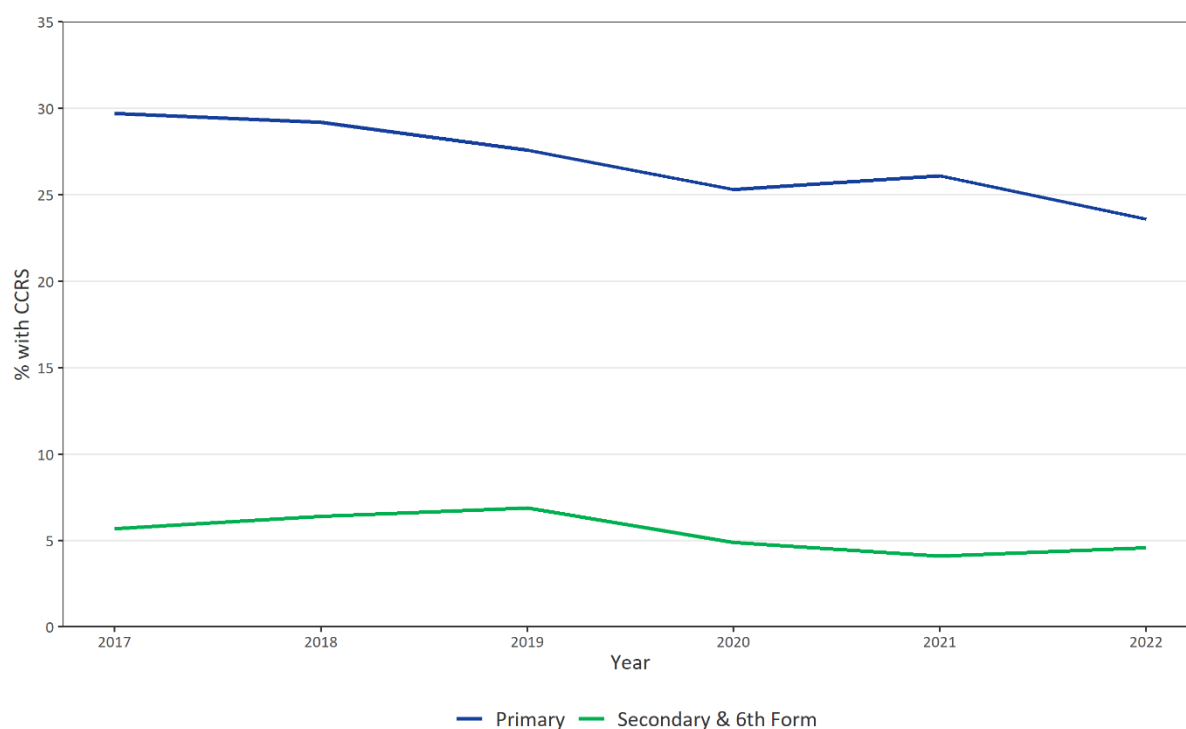
3.3.2 Staff Catholicity, maintained schools (trends)



3.4 Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Since 2020 there has been a slight decrease in the percentage of staff with CCRS in primary schools. In secondary schools the percentage of staff with CCRS has risen slightly after decreasing in the previous two years.

3.4.1 Percentage of teaching staff holding CCRS, maintained schools (trends)



3.5 RE Teaching

3.5.1 Teachers of RE by phase (2022)

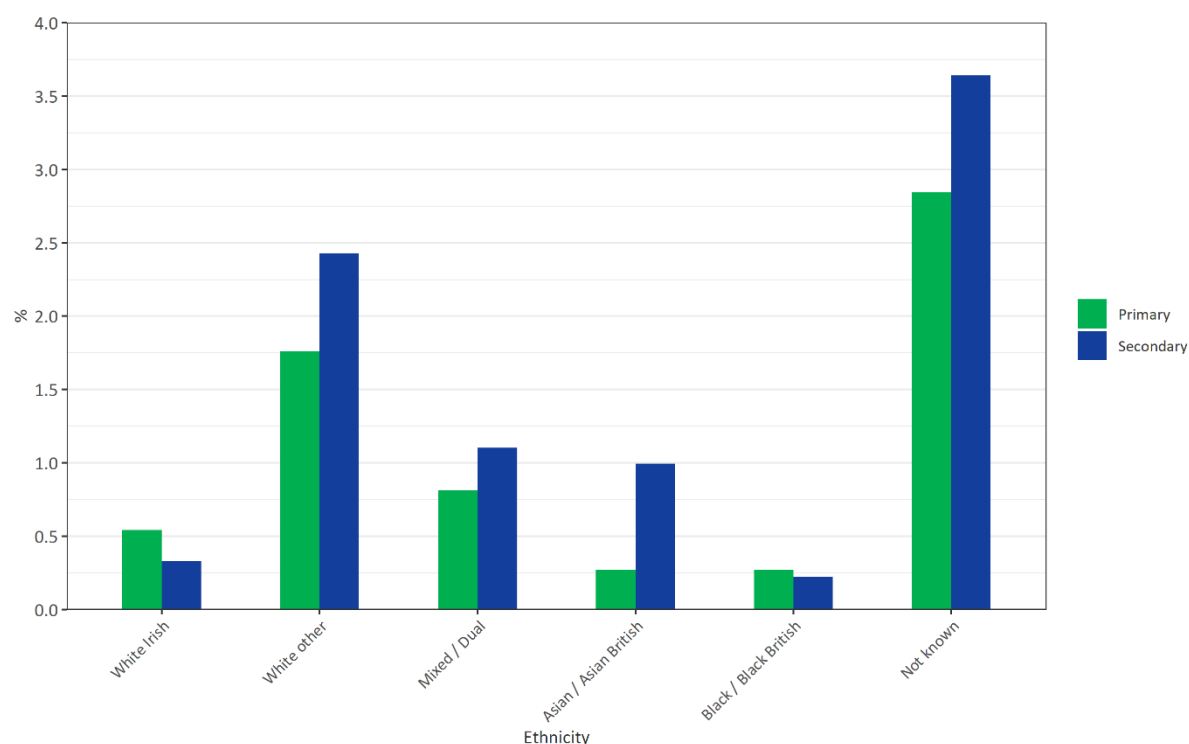
Phase	Number of teachers	Number of specialist qualified RE teachers	Percentage specialist qualified RE teachers	Number of staff teaching RE	Percentage of staff teaching RE	Number of staff teaching RE for 50%+ of timetable	Percentage of staff teaching RE for 50%+ of timetable	Number of settings where RE classes taken by teaching assistants
Primary	738	43	5.8	462	62.6	2	0.3	8
Secondary (inc 6th form colleges)	906	64	7.1	83	9.2	66	7.3	0

3.6 Staff Ethnicity

3.6.1 Ethnicity of teachers overall and by phase (2022)

Phase	% White British	% White Irish	% White Other	% Irish / Gypsy / Roma	% Mixed / Dual	% Asian / Asian British	% Black / Black British	% Chinese	% Other Ethnic Group	% Not Known
All Catholic Maintained	92.2	0.4	2.1	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	3.3
Catholic Primary	93.2	0.5	1.8	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	2.8
Catholic Secondary (inc 6 th form college)	91.3	0.3	2.4	0.0	1.1	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.6

3.6.2 Staff ethnicity, minority ethnic groups, in maintained schools (2022)

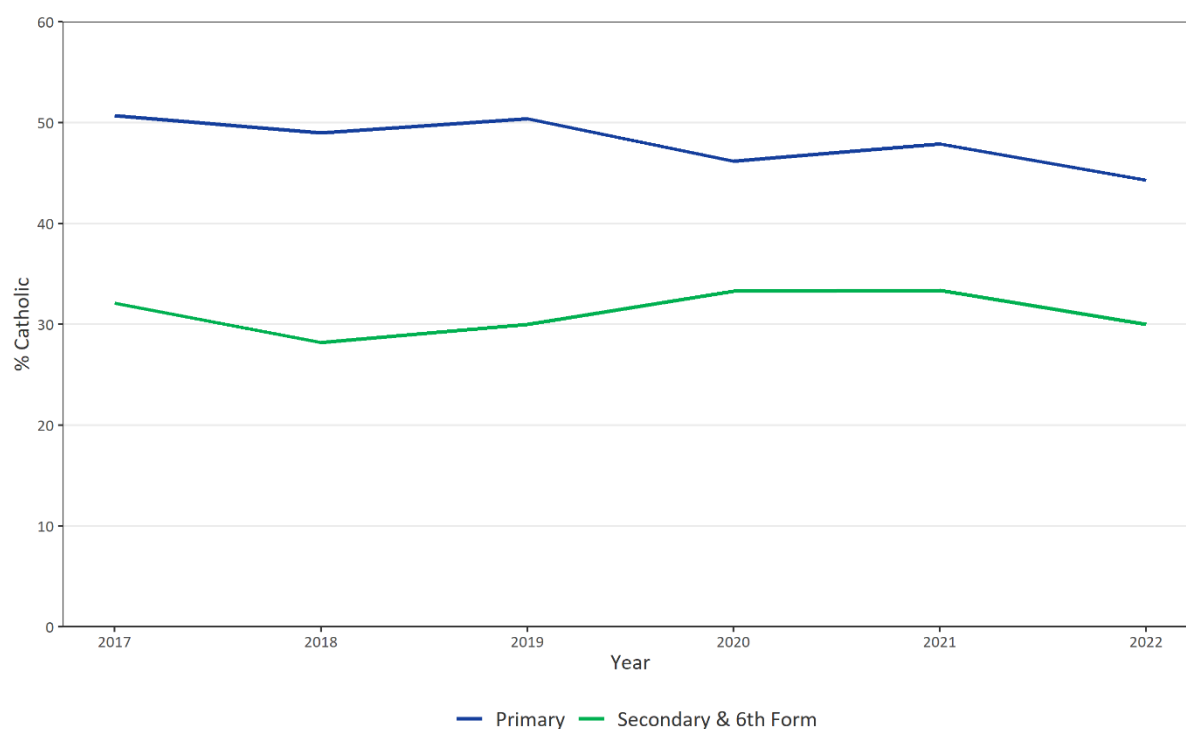


3.7 Education Support Staff

3.7.1 Percentage and Catholicity of education support staff (2022)

Phase	Number of teachers	Number of support staff	Ratio of support staff to teachers	Percentage Catholic support staff
Primary	738	754	1.0	44.3
Secondary (inc 6 th form college)	906	353	0.4	30.0

3.7.2 Percentage of Catholic education support staff (trends)



3.8 Staff ability to speak Welsh

Number of school teachers who have declared that they are fluent or fairly fluent in the Welsh language (yes, no, not known):

	National		Catholic	
	Number	%	Number	%
Yes	11697	34.2	214	13.5
No	22626	63.1	1313	82.5
Unknown	992	2.7	64	4
Total	35315	100	1591	100

Number of school teachers who have declared that they are trained to work, currently work or have ever worked in the medium of Welsh or feel confident to do so (yes, no, not known):

	National		Catholic	
	Number	%	Number	%
Yes	9388	27.7	126	7.9
No	24919	69.5	1400	88
Unknown	1008	2.8	65	4.1
Total	35315	100	1591	100

The data is supplied by the Education Workforce Council.

Appendix



Appendix

Maintained schools' totals referenced in tables

Totals in this table are used to calculate percentages in the following tables: A.2; A.3; A.6; A.7.

Diocese	Number of pupils	Number of teachers
Cardiff	18,692	1,101
Menevia	5,102	290
Wrexham	4,382	253
Total	28,176	1,644

A.1 Numbers of pupils in maintained schools by diocese

Diocese	Number of pupils in primary schools	Number of pupils in secondary schools & 6th form college
Cardiff	9,017	9,675
Menevia	2,633	2,469
Wrexham	2,870	1,512
Total	14,520	13,656

A.2 FSM, SEN & looked after children by diocese

Diocese	% Eligible for FSM	% SEN with statement or EHC plan	% SEN no statement	% Looked-after children
Cardiff	21.6	1.1	8.4	0.9
Menevia	23.5	1.6	18.2	0.7
Wrexham	24.1	1.7	14.4	1.0
Total	22.3	1.3	11.1	0.9

A.3 Ethnicity of pupils by diocese

Diocese	% White British	% White Irish	% White Other	% Irish / Gypsy / Roma Heritage	% Mixed/Dual	% Asian/Asian British	% Black/Black British	% Chinese	% Other ethnic group	% Not known
Cardiff	66.4	0.0	8.9	0.1	6.2	6.9	5.3	0.5	3.6	1.9
Menevia	71.4	0.0	8.3	0.5	4.9	5.5	4.1	0.1	4.6	0.5
Wrexham	70.3	0.0	16.1	0.2	5.3	3.0	1.4	0.3	2.2	1.3
Total	67.9	0.0	9.9	0.2	5.8	6.0	4.5	0.4	3.6	1.6

A.4 Catholicity and CCRS by diocese

Diocese	Number of Catholic teaching staff	% Catholic teachers	% with CCRS
Cardiff	473	43.0	9.8
Menevia	138	47.6	20.3
Wrexham	105	41.5	19.4
Total	716	43.6	13.1

A.5 Ethnicity of teachers by diocese

Diocese	% White British	% White Irish	% White Other	% Irish / Gypsy / Roma Heritage	% Mixed/Dual	% Asian/Asian British	% Black/Black British	% Chinese	% Other ethnic group	% Not known
Cardiff	90.5	0.5	2.5	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.2	4.4
Menevia	94.1	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
Wrexham	97.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	92.2	0.4	2.1	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	3.3

A.6 Percentage of Catholic pupils in maintained schools by year group

Yr Group	N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
% Catholic	47	48	50	50	54	54	57	62

Yr Group	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
% Catholic	45	49	47	49	49	50	45	50

A.7 Distribution of non-Catholic pupils in maintained schools

Percentage of non-Catholic Pupils	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
1 to 10	2	2.4
11 to 20	4	4.8
21 to 30	3	3.6
31 to 40	13	15.5
41 to 50	13	15.5
51 to 60	25	29.8
61 to 70	15	17.9
71 to 80	7	8.3
81 to 90	1	1.2

A.8 Non-Catholic pupil religions by diocese

	% Other Christian	% Buddhist	% Hindu	% Jewish	% Muslim	% Sikh	% Other religions	% No religion	% Religion not known
Cardiff	49.8	0.3	1.3	0.1	6.9	0.3	7.0	30.8	3.6
Menevia	33.5	0.3	1.2	0.1	3.1	0.2	1.3	53.6	6.6
Wrexham	48.3	0.4	0.6	0.0	4.2	0.3	3.4	39.7	3.3

A.9 Pupil numbers in maintained schools by gender and year group

	N	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Boys	733	777	909	853	862	913	915	995
Girls	689	827	876	913	933	954	991	953
Total	1422	1604	1785	1766	1795	1867	1906	1948

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	Y14
Boys	1222	1156	1188	1105	1093	539	448	4
Girls	1200	1231	1230	1155	1087	749	666	10
Total	2422	2387	2418	2260	2180	1288	1114	14

A.10 Headline data, England and Wales

	England	Wales
Total pupils	820,994	28,315
Total pupils (state-funded)	785,492	28,176
Total pupils (independent)	35,502	139
Total schools	2090	85
Total schools (state-funded)	1,990	84
Total schools (independent)	100	1
Pupil Catholicity (state-funded)	60%	50%
Pupil Catholicity (independent)	31%	
Total teachers (state-funded)	47,662	1644
Staff Catholicity (state-funded)	47%	44%

A.11 Map showing the Catholic dioceses in Wales





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