



Gender Pay Gap Report -2023

Trust Ed Schools' Partnership is a Mixed Multi-Academy Trust comprising of six schools Church and non-Church schools, based in South Shropshire serving the communities of Bridgnorth, Craven Arms and Church Stretton.

This is our third report produced under the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017, which requires organisations with 250 or more employees to measure and report on the gender pay gap, on an annual basis. This involves carrying out six calculations that show the difference between the average earnings of men & women in our organisation but does not involve publishing individual colleagues' data.

We are required to publish the results on our own website and to a government website <https://gender-pay-gap.service.gov.uk/> where the results from other organisations can also be viewed.

Gender pay reporting requires us to make calculations based on colleague gender, and their pay during March 2022. We have done this by using our existing payroll records and following the approach to reporting set out in government guidance. We can use these results to assess the levels of gender equality in the Trust, in relation to pay, and the balance of male and female employees at different levels. The Trust does not pay bonuses and therefore reporting is not applicable for this element.

We believe that men and women are paid equally for doing equivalent jobs across the Trust. The majority of our posts, both in education and support services, are linked to nationally agreed pay spines. This significantly reduces the chances of discrepancy between male and female pay with bands for the same role. The Trust does recognise the risk of gender bias even within national pay structures, but our robust job evaluation process is designed to protect against such inequalities. We use pay scales based on the School Teachers Pay & Conditions Document for teachers and school leaders. For support staff, each Trust school currently follows the job evaluation / grading structure adopted from our local authority and use pay scales set by the NJC.

On the snapshot date (31 March 2022) there were 357 full-pay relevant employee post holdings, of which 24% were men and 76% were women.

Mean and Median Gender Pay Gap

Mean Gender Pay Gap

	Number of Posts	Average Hourly Rate
Male	86	£25.46
Female	271	£18.25

The mean gender pay gap = 28.34%

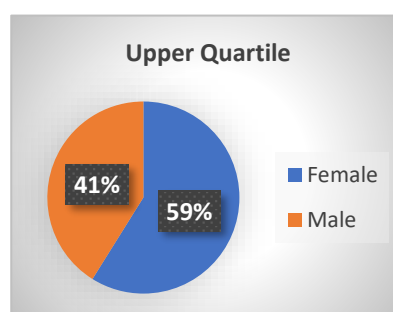
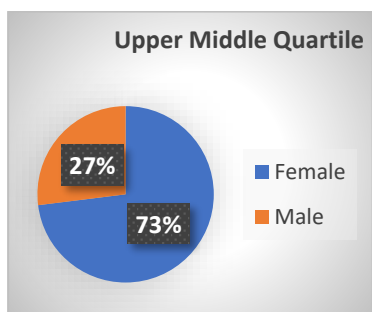
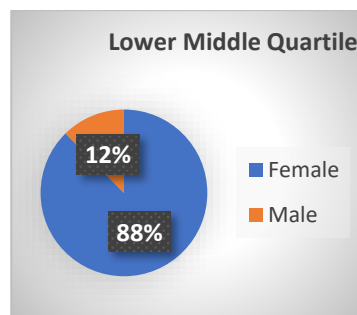
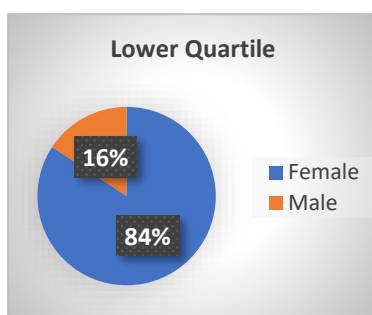
Median Gender Pay Gap

	Number of Posts	Average Hourly Rate
Male	86	£26.23
Female	271	£11.47

The median pay gap is 56.27%

Quartile Pay Band Gender Information

Quartile	Male No.	Male %	Female No.	Female %	Total No.
Lower Quartile	14	15.73	75	84.27	89
Lower Middle	11	12.36	78	87.64	89
Upper Middle	24	26.97	65	73.03	89
Upper Quartile	37	41.11	53	58.89	90



Who received bonus pay?

There is no provision for the payment of bonuses at Trust Ed Schools' Partnership, therefore the requirement to report on the proportion of our employees receiving them is not applicable.

Difference in Bonus Pay

No bonuses were paid, so there is no difference in bonus pay.

Narrative

Whilst the Gender Pay Gap for Trust Ed appears high it is important to note that the makeup of the workforce across the Trust has a significant impact on the Gender Pay Gap that said the Gender Pay Gap is improving and has reduced from last year by around 3%. The profile shows that the majority of staff across the trust are women. In addition, 61% of staff are part time and of those part time staff 88% are women. Given that the majority of part time roles are in the more lower paid support staff roles this

contributes to the Pay Gap. When looking at the Gender Pay Gap between Teacher roles and Support staff this can go some way to explaining how such a large Gap exists overall.

In education, the terms and conditions of employment, particularly support staff, for many roles tend to be family friendly and attract female applicants for roles such as Lunch-time Supervisor, Cleaner, Administrator and Teaching Assistant, which are lower paid. It is also common for the public sector and education to have a predominance of female employees in the workforce. Primary schools tend to be more female dominated and four of the schools within the Trust have primary provision.

In terms of Support Staff 83% are women and when looking at the Gender Pay Gap for support staff only, the Gap is actually 3% for the mean average and is 0% for the median average.

In Terms of Teaching staff 65% are women and the Gender Pay Gap, when look at Teaching staff only, falls to just 10.06% for the mean average and 4.83% for the median average.

It is important to note that The Gender Pay Gap for the Trust does not represent a position of the Trust paying Men more than Women for doing the same job but instead is a reflection of the make-up of the workforce and the differences in the roles between women and men.

Actions

We will:

- Continue to monitor and review our recruitment process to make sure we are attracting the best possible candidates, regardless of gender.
- Continuing to improve and expand our CPD offer to support internal progression
- Review the gap within support and teaching to ensure it does not grow.

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