



Primary School Survey

Guide for changing to a multi-denominational school

All school-level reports have now been published. Schools should talk to their parents, staff and local community about the results and consider whether they would like to be part of the first group of schools to make changes based on the survey findings.

Beginning the journey to become a multi-denominational school in five steps

1

Schools let the Department know by 31 October 2026 if they are interested in moving to a multi-denominational ethos.

2

The Department reviews the request and considers any impact the change may have on the availability of school places in the local area.

3

The Department provides support to schools, including facilitators and other assistance, where appropriate.

4

Schools, supported by their facilitator, consider which multi-denominational patron body* would best meet their needs and how they can introduce a multi-denominational ethos in their school.

5

Schools transfer to a multi-denominational patron from September 2027 and begin introducing their new ethos.

*The main multi-denominational patron bodies will be given the opportunity to express their interest in taking on patronage of individual schools. In order to ensure schools are appropriately supported, the maximum number of schools any multi-denominational patron would be involved in supporting in any given year would be 8-10 schools.

