



GENDER PAY GAP REPORT 2025

1. Introduction

Equals Trust is an employer required by law to carry out Gender Pay Gap Reporting under the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017.

This involves carrying out six calculations that show the difference between the average earnings of men and women in our Trust; it does not involve publishing individual employee data.

We can use these results to assess:

- The levels of gender equality in our workplace
- The balance of male and female employees at different levels of our organisation
- How effectively talent is being maximised and rewarded.

The challenge in our organisation, and across the country, is to eliminate any pay gap between men and women. Gender Pay Gap Reporting requires the Trust to make the six calculations based on the sex of our employees. We have established this by using our existing HR and payroll records on the snapshot date of 31st March 2025.

The gender pay gap shows the difference in average pay between all men and women in the workforce. If a workforce has a particularly high gender pay gap, this can indicate there may be a number of issues to deal with, and the individual calculations may help identify what those issues are.

The gender pay gap is different from equal pay. Equal pay deals with the pay differences between men and women who carry out the same jobs, similar jobs or work of equal value. It is unlawful to pay people unequally because they are a man or a woman.

This report includes figures from all schools within Equals Trust as at the 31st March 2025 and all data included in this report has been calculated according to the requirements of The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.



2. Gender Pay Gap Analysis

Equals Trust is committed to fairness, in particular, promoting equality of opportunity for all and a culture which values differences. As an employer, we want to ensure our workforce is representative of the community it serves and to attract and retain talented people from a wide range of backgrounds and with diverse skills and experience.

Equals Trust uses pay scales for all Teachers which are aligned to the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document, which is reviewed on an annual basis. For non-teaching staff Equals Trust uses scales set by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. **Equals Trust does not make bonus payments to staff** and therefore those calculations have not been carried out.

Equals Trust employs its workforce across a variety of roles. **89.6% of our workforce is female, 10.4% is male.** This calculation is made using the sex recorded on employment records with Equals Trust.

Using pay data from all **723 staff** employed by Equals Trust on 31st March 2025 (the snapshot date) the following calculations were made:

	Mean Pay Gap	Median Pay Gap	Lower Quartile	Lower Middle Quartile	Upper Middle Quartile	Upper Quartile
Equals Trust	31.02% Lower for women	56.34% lower for women	5.0% M 95.0% F	7.2% M 92.8% F	9.4% M 90.6% F	20.0% M 80.0% F

Mean averages are useful because they place the same value on every number they use, giving a good overall indication of the gender pay gap.

EQT's mean pay gap of 31.02% lower for women is a result of women occupying the vast majority of roles across Equals Trust and the lower number of male employees being unevenly distributed across the quartiles. This analysis is supported by the quartile results which indicate that Equals Trust has a higher proportion of women in all quartiles and the percentage of men is highest in the upper quartile.

Median averages are useful to indicate what the typical situation is i.e., pay in the middle of the organisation and not distorted by large or smaller pay rates or bonuses.

EQT's median pay gap in 2025 is **56.34% lower** for women. This is slightly more than the previous reporting period following an increase of males in the higher quartiles, and a reduction in the lower quartiles.



A key element of the vision and values of Equals Trust is transparency and, as such, further analysis has been completed to assess the gender pay gap across leadership, teachers and non-teaching staff for all our school staff:

	Mean Pay Gap	Median Pay Gap	Lower Quartile	Lower Middle Quartile	Upper Middle Quartile	Upper Quartile
Leadership	12.2% lower for women	13.6% lower for women	25% M 75% F	50% M 50% F	50% M 50% F	67% M 33% F
Teachers	3.6% lower for women	-2.2% lower for men	12.1% M 87.9% F	21.2% M 78.8% F	7.6% M 92.4% F	20.0% M 80.0% F
Support Staff	1.9% lower for women	8.4% lower for women	6.3% M 93.8% F	1.8% M 98.2% F	11.7% M 88.3% F	5.4% M 94.6% F

Equals Trust has a majority of women in all pay grades; higher and lower although it is notable that there is an equal split of men and women in the middle two quartiles of the leadership pay grade.

According to the School Workforce Census 2024, 86% of primary classroom teachers were female. At EQT 84.8% of classroom teachers are female, this large majority of female staff impacts on our gender pay gap figures as our Gender Pay Gap depends on the distribution of the low number of male workers across the pay scales. The weighting of male teachers has shifted since last year, with increased representation in the bottom and two middle quartiles, and a slight decrease in the upper middle quartile. As with previous years we actually have a negative pay gap on median pay for all teachers.

The mean pay gap for leadership positions has decreased slightly while the median pay gap has increased. Due to the very low number of people in leadership positions these figures can change as new schools join the Trust and the number of leadership positions increases.

The mean and median pay gap for support staff have both decreased since our last report. The proportion of males in the lower quartile of support staff has increased and the proportion of males in the upper quartile of support staff has decreased



3. Closing The Gender Pay Gap Together

Our analysis shows that the gender pay gap in Equals Trust is caused by a having a large majority of female employees however it is noted that in the leadership positions there is now a majority of women.

Equals Trust is committed to being an excellent employer with teaching and learning remaining at the centre of all that we do. As such, the Trust will collaborate with staff and other stakeholders to close the gender pay gap.

Actions will include:

- Ensuring HR practices are appropriate, robust and standardised across Equals Trust
- Enhancing the professional development of teaching and support staff
- Ensure pay and reward structures are underpinned by job evaluations, benchmarking and appropriate performance appraisal methods
- Regular gender and equal pay assessments, restricting discretion by individual Local Governing Bodies where necessary
- Regular staff appraisal to identify barriers to progression within the workplace
- The use of gender neutral language in job advertisements
- The use of a variety of channels to attract new talent
- Examining and removing barriers to flexible working across our organisation
- Ensure senior leaders and line managers are acting as role models and implementing HR practices in a consistent and appropriate manner
- Supporting team members with caring responsibilities where appropriate

4. Supporting Statement

I can confirm that the above information has been prepared using accurate payroll data on the snapshot date and fairly presents the Gender Pay Gap information for Equals Trust.

Signed: _____

Jenny Cook
CEO

Equals Trust
17th March 2025