

Gender imbalance of Teachers in Manx Primary Schools

A Freedom of Information reply from the Department of Education dated 18th October 2022 revealed that there is a total of 321 fulltime employed Primary School teachers on the Island.

Significantly, <u>86%</u> of Primary School teachers on the Isle of Man are *female*.

Additionally, <u>4</u> Primary Schools (Andreas, Cronk-y-Berry, St, Mary's RC and Sulby) have **no** male teachers at all.

Two questions:

- 1. For the teaching staff themselves, is gender equality in the workplace necessary and important?
- 2. More importantly, from the parent and child perspective, is the scarcity of male Primary school teachers a matter of concern and a potential risk to girls and boys proper social and educational development?

See our FOI page for the full Department of Education response.