

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



St Cuthbert's
ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

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THE ROMA COMMUNITY

How many Roma are there?

There is no official count. In Europe, there are between 10 and 12 million. Two thirds of these live in central and eastern Europe where they make up to 5% to 10% of the population. In the UK there are up to 300,000 in each country.

What is the situation for Roma in Europe today?

Millions of Roma live in isolated slums, often without any electricity or running water and struggle to get the health care they need. Many live with the daily threat of forced evictions, police harassment and violent attacks. Roma children also often suffer segregation in schools and receive a lower standard of education.

What impact does this have?

Roma have more health problems, worse housing and lower literacy levels than non- Roma people in central and eastern Europe, they can expect to live 10 years less than others. On average they earn less and are more likely to be unemployed. Without good jobs, they can't afford proper housing, good health care, or the quality of education for their children.

Why is this happening?

This situation is not the inevitable result of poverty. It's because of centuries of prejudice and discrimination from the governments, institutions and individuals. Together, they have pushed the great majority of Roma to the margins of society and kept them there.

Key Messages:

- Staff are reminded to wear their school lanyards at all times
- Please remember to sign all essential visitors in and out of the building
- Date for your diaries: Safer Internet Day on 8th February 2022. Helpful resources to be found at :
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

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EASTERN EUROPEAN ROMA IN THE UK

The majority of Roma in the UK are from Eastern Europe. There are well established Eastern European communities in many cities in England such as Manchester, Sheffield and Bradford.

The top three nationalities that have arrived in Hull in 2019- 2020 are:

- Romanian
- Polish
- Lithuanian



They are predominantly settled around Newland Avenue, Hull City Centre & Chanterlands Avenue.

Education of Roma Children

The Race Disparity Audit shows that Roma pupils in the UK are consistently one of the lowest performing ethnic group at all Key Stages.

Roma children have the significantly higher rates of absence.

Roma children are three times more likely to be excluded.

Starting points in Europe for Roma children.

In many Eastern European countries Roma children may have a minimal amount of education or substandard education and are segregated.

The emphasis is on practical work rather than academia.

As schools we need to do to engage the Roma community:

- Trust is the key.
- Schools need to be sensitive and to develop very good relationships with Roma community.
- Go above and beyond and develop an understanding of the Roma culture.
- How do we follow through with safeguarding concerns within this community? It is clear we must follow our guidelines, but we need to be aware of the community's cultural needs.
- Some key things in the Roma community go against UK safeguarding threshold. The key is to support the community in helping them understand what is allowed and what is not.
- Some Roma families do not understand that the children in their families are entitled to an education.