



**Ambitious  
about Autism**  
Schools Trust



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gender pay  
gap report**

Snapshot date: 5 April 2023

## Overview

Ambitious about Autism Schools Trust is committed to the principles of equal opportunities and equal treatment for all employees, regardless of sex, race, religion or belief, age, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or disability.

Ambitious about Autism Schools Trust has a clear policy on paying employees equally for the same or equivalent work, regardless of their sex (or any other characteristic set out above).

As such we have a transparent and fair total reward policy which is reviewed annually. We:

- Evaluate job roles and pay grades as necessary against our job evaluation framework and job family pay scales;
- We review (as necessary) our job families, pay grades, salary ranges and incremental pay points to ensure we have a fair structure and framework in place that meets the needs of the organisation, reflects the market and is affordable;
- Seek independent advice and guidance on pay matters and policy when required.

We do not meet the threshold (250 members of staff) for reporting under the Equality Act (2010) and Gender Pay Gap Information Regulations 2017, however we believe in the interests of transparency and our commitment to doing better, it is important to publish this information. However small changes in the ratio of men and women can result in a big impact in mean and median pay.

We are reporting:

1. The difference in the mean pay of full-pay men and women, expressed as a percentage; (mean arithmetic average of the population);
2. The difference in the median pay of full-pay men and women, expressed as a percentage; (median is the middle point of the population)
3. The difference in mean bonus pay of men and women, expressed as a percentage;
4. The difference in median bonus pay of men and women, expressed as a percentage;
5. The proportion of men and women who received bonus pay; and
6. The proportion of full-pay men and women in each of the four quartile bands (i.e. dividing the workforce into four equal parts).

We have carried out the calculations using our HR and payroll records using the snapshot date of 5 April 2023.

We have discussed our results with our Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Staff Council. We have developed an action plan which is integrating into our revised Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and Plan for 2021-24 to improve our recruitment, development, and retention of a diverse and inclusive workforce.

## Ambitious about Autism Schools Trust results

1. Mean gender pay gap: on average males earn 29.6% higher hourly rate than females.
2. Median gender pay gap: on average median pay for males is 38.6% higher than females.
3. Mean bonus gender pay gap: on average males' bonus was 0.5% higher than females.
4. Median bonus gender pay gap is 0%.
5. 76.7% of the workforce received a bonus (72.7% male and 77.8% female).
6. Proportion of full-pay men and women in each of the four quartile bands:
  - a. Quartile A: (Lowest quartile) 16.7% male, 83.3% female
  - b. Quartile B: 0% male, 100% female
  - c. Quartile C: 16.7% male, 83.3% female
  - d. Quartile D: (Highest quartile) 41.7% male, 58.3% female.

Overall gender split of full pay relevant employees (not reportable) 20% male and 80% female.

We are committed to continue to build and strengthen our staff recruitment, induction, development, promotion, and retention strategies to ensure our approaches and decisions are fair, objective and unbiased.

## Next steps

We are refreshing our People Strategy and focus on 4 pillars of creating a great place to work, being an employer of choice, creating a culture of high-performance while being inclusive and building our diversity. We are implementing a new Workforce Information System, and this will facilitate a refresh of diversity information and in turn will enable us to review pay gap analysis on a wider range of criteria other than gender.

## Declaration

We confirm that the information in this statement is true and accurate.



Michael Clark  
Chair of Nomination and Remuneration Committee



Jolanta Lasota  
Chief Executive

Date: 25/03/2024

# We are Ambitious about Autism

Ambitious about Autism is the national charity standing with autistic children and young people.

We believe every autistic child and young person has the right to be themselves and realise their ambitions.

We started as one school and have become a movement for change. We champion rights, campaign for change and create opportunities.

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