

# REAch2 Academy Trust

## Gender Pay Gap Report 2020/21

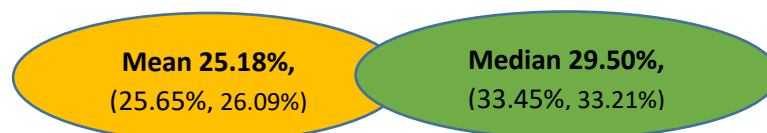
REAch2's actions to close the gender pay gap

This is the fourth year of Gender Pay Gap reporting for the Trust (snapshot date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020) where we have seen a further small decrease in some areas of the GPG as with many other employers. Whilst the pay gap may be a sector challenge, REAch2 is not complacent and we continue to take actions to reduce the difference where we can, using the available data to target our actions in order to provide a level playing field, treat everyone fairly and to benefit from 100 percent of the talent pool. We recognise that evidence-based design of hiring practices, promotion procedures and reward will help REAch2 to do the right thing and the smart thing.

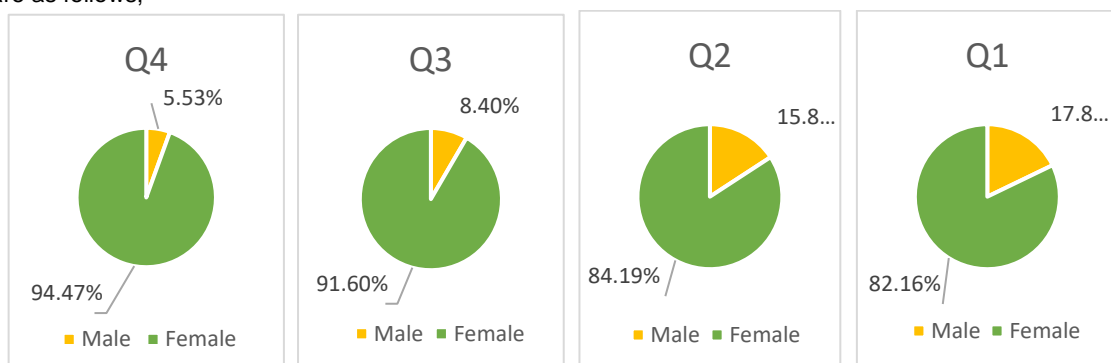
- We continue to engage with key stakeholders and unions, to review options, developing and rolling out progressive policies.
- We use skill-based assessment tasks in recruitment, with standardised tasks and scoring to ensure fairness across candidates, as well as structured interviews to minimise unfair bias.
- We embrace workplace flexibility at all levels of the organisation, including part time working and job sharing.
- We offer networking and collaboration opportunities across different groups such as head teachers, deputy head teachers and school business managers.
- We ensure fair access to development opportunities, with the aim of giving every employee an active professional development plan and talent management pathways.

The Gender Pay Gap is based on the relevant data as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 covering all schools and centrally based staff and whilst we continue to report a gender pay gap, this is seen to be moving positively in some of the areas we are monitoring and as a result, we remain confident that all our staff are paid appropriately, within the specified pay ranges and equivalent job roles across the Trust, and that the steps we are taking will continue to impact beneficially over time.

Our Gender Pay Gap is as follows; (brackets show previous years)



The proportion of males/females in each quartile pay band ordered lowest to highest by hourly rate (Q4 to Q1) are as follows;

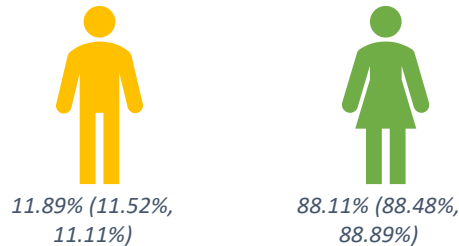


The Trust overall continues to have a smaller proportion of men employed within each of the quartiles, which facilitates the gender pay gap and is indicative of the primary education sector. The majority of employees covered in quartiles 3 and 4, are in essential support roles such as cleaning, catering, midday supervisors, teaching support, and administration, are women. Additionally, the greatest proportion of these are paid during term time only.

Bonus payments are not the norm in the education sector or in our Trust. REAch2 does not have significant amounts of over-time working; work is generally undertaken Monday to Friday. However, women employed represent the majority of our higher paid roles (Q1) such as, teachers, school leadership staff, headteachers and central support teams, which are paid all year round.

The proportion of males to females in each pay band from lowest (Q4) to highest (Q1) by hourly rate are shown above and overall women make up 88.11% of the workforce. A great proportion of our staff are employed in part time / term time only roles. *[Previous years 2019, 2018 in brackets].*

#### Proportion of males/females employed in REAch2 Academy Trust



Although much has changed since REAch2 began, we remain true to our values. REAch2 started in 2012 in one primary school with 600 children and around 120 staff. Today, we are the largest primary only multi-academy Trust, with 60 schools, 20,000 children and over 3,400 staff. REAch2 is committed to raising standards and achieving excellence for all pupils, whatever their background or circumstance.

Schools, staff and children benefit from a strong ethos of support and collaboration across the REAch2 family. Teachers belong to a national community of professionals and benefit from a wide range of networks and development opportunities. Everything we do in the Trust is driven by the our goal to achieve: truly exceptional performance; distinctive contribution and enduring impact.

**Sir Steve Lancashire, CEO**