

Gender Pay Gap Report

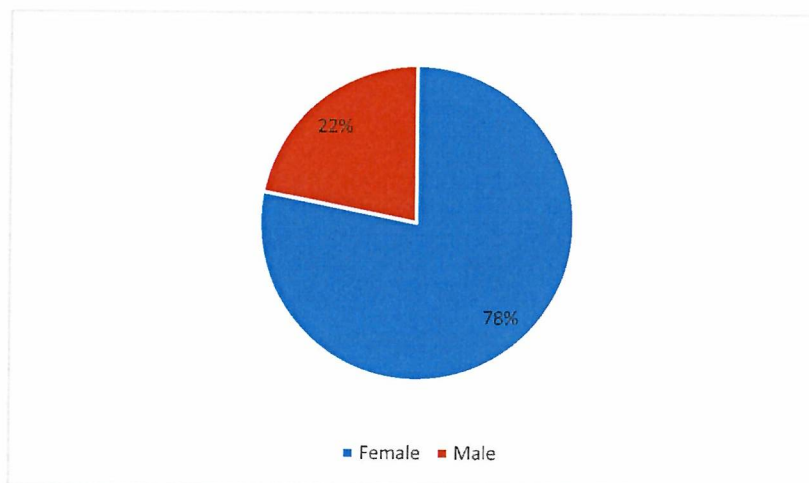
Snapshot Date: 31st March 2026

As an employer we are required by law to carry out Gender Pay 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 across the Trust.

The East Midlands Education Trust is committed to equality for all staff irrespective of gender. Our clear Pay Policy includes nationally negotiated pay scales, with Teaching scales aligned to the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and Associate pay set by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. Associate pay is also subject to a transparent Job Evaluation process, using the London Job Evaluation Scheme, to ensure that all staff are paid equally for work of equal value. Staff move through the pay scales for their grade automatically on an annual basis.

This Gender Pay Gap Report is based on the data as at 31st March 2026

- Total Number of Employees: 2575
- Number of Female Employees: 2009
- Number of Male Employees: 566



Mean Gender Pay Gap

March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
20.59%	22.1%	20.6%

Median Gender Pay Gap

March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
47.0%	14.9%	47.79%

Mean Gender Bonus Pay Gap

March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
0%	0%	0%

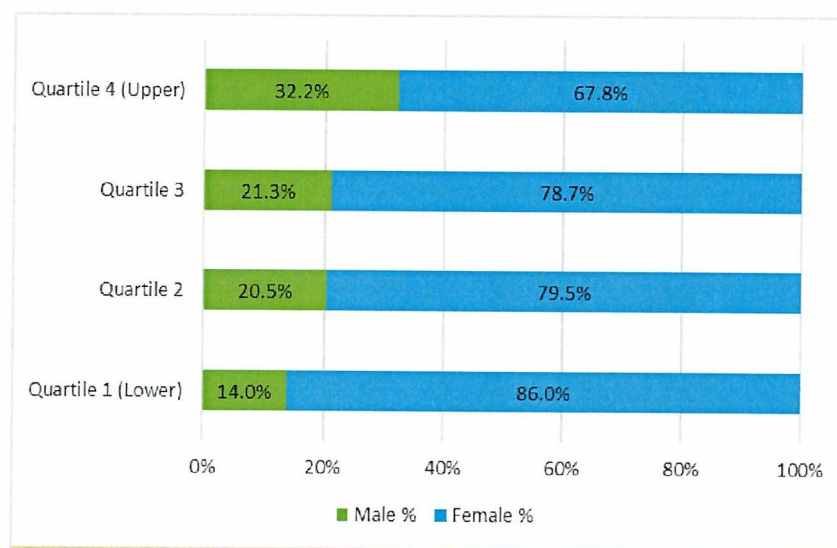
Median Gender Bonus Pay Gap

March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
0%	0%	0%

Proportion of Females and Males receiving bonuses

March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
0%	0%	0%

Proportion of Females and Males in each quartile pay band



Overall, it can be seen that the gender pay gap is a result of a higher number of women in lower graded roles. This is traditionally the case in schools as many of the lower graded posts work during term time only or have working hours which could easily fit around school drop off and pick up times. As a society the norm is still for the female parent to carry out the majority of childcare responsibilities in the home, and these roles tend to favour families with school age children.

However, when dividing employees into associate and teaching staff, the gender pay gap is significantly lower, showing a lower gap when employees are compared within their occupational groups.

Teaching Staff	March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
Mean average gender pay gap	6.7%	5.8%	3.2%
Median average gender pay gap	0%	0%	3.6%

Associate Staff	March 2026	March 2025	March 2024
Mean average gender pay gap	2.8%	4.5%	8.5%
Median average gender pay gap	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%

Reducing the Gender Pay Gap

In August 2018, the Government Equalities Office published a paper of evidence based actions for employers to take to reduce their gender pay gap. Of the multiple actions evaluated in the paper, six are listed as being 'Effective', having been tested in real world settings and found to have a positive impact. Currently EMET has embedded four of these six actions into our working practices:

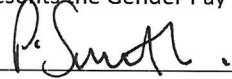
1. Use skill based assessment tasks in recruitment
All posts that are recruited to within the Trust are subject to skill based assessment tasks as part of the interview process. Teachers are expected to teach a typical lesson, TAs are assessed for their interaction with students and administrative staff complete written and/or practical tests relevant to the role they have applied for. These tests carry equal weight within the recruitment process to the formal interview.
2. Use structured interviews for recruitment and promotions
All interviews conducted in the Trust are structured, with questions set in advance and asked of all candidates in order to compare answers objectively.
3. Encourage salary negotiations by showing salary ranges
All posts are advertised with a salary range. These ranges are set by job evaluation for associate posts and by the teachers' pay bands for teaching posts. There is additional flexibility for schools to offer recruitment and retention allowances to encourage high quality candidates for shortage roles.
4. Introduce transparency to promotion, pay and reward processes
All promotion, pay and reward processes are transparent within the Trust. Pay and reward is clearly set out within the EMET Pay Policy which is reviewed and updated regularly.

The two other areas are:

5. Include multiple women in shortlists for recruitment and promotions
While we do not insist that a women is shortlisted for every role, the shortlisting process is completed using the skills set out in the application form and gender does not play a role, therefore women have as equal a chance of being selected as men.
6. Appoint diversity managers and/or diversity task forces
We currently do not have specific diversity focused staff in school, but schools are aware of diversity matters and seek advice where needed. Again, the recruitment process is focused on the applicants skills and experience and does not consider gender as part of that process.

Overall, the Trust is working to reduce the Gender Pay Gap.

I can confirm that the above information has been prepared from payroll data on the snapshot date and fairly represents the Gender Pay Gap figures for the East Midlands Education Trust for 2026.

Signed: 

Paul Smith
CEO