



Hillcross Primary School

The following LGBT+ language is used across the school to all primary school children.

Gender	Babies are given a gender when they are born e.g. 'boy' or 'girl'.
Gender identity	Everyone has a gender identity. This is the gender that someone feels they are. This might be the same as the gender they were given when they were a baby, but it might not. They might feel like they are a different gender, or they might not feel like a boy or a girl.
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans.
Homophobic bullying	Using any word associated with being LGBT e.g. gay, lesbian, with the intention of offending people (this would include telling someone they are LGBT) or to indicate something is rubbish e.g. 'that's so gay'. It also includes using slang words for being LGBT e.g. dyke, faggot.
Trans	Trans is a word that describes people who feel the gender they were given as a baby doesn't match the gender they feel themselves to be. For examples, someone who is given the gender 'boy' as a baby but feels like a girl.
Straight or heterosexual	A straight or heterosexual person is someone who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership with, people who are the opposite gender to them. For example, a man who is in a relationship with a woman, or a girl who is in love with a boy.
Gay	The word gay refers to someone who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership with, people who are the same gender as them. For example, a man who loves another man or a woman who loves another woman – this includes two dads or two mums.
Lesbian	The word lesbian describes a woman who falls in love with, or wants to have a relationship or partnership, with other women. For example, a woman who is in love with another woman, or two mums who are in love with each other.
Bisexual	Bisexual is a word to describe someone who falls in love, or wants to have a relationship or partnership, with someone of the same gender as them or with someone of a different gender to them. A bisexual person might say that the gender of the person they fall in love with doesn't matter to them.

Homosexual - **This term should not be used** as the origins of the word is discriminatory and many people find this term offensive. "Homosexual" was the medical terminology coined to describe people who are attracted to people of the same sex as mentally ill and, even today, it is used as justification for carrying out so-called "homosexual-cure therapies"