

Names & Pronouns

A name can be a very personal thing for someone who is transgender or gender diverse. A lot of time and thought can go into picking the right name. It is important to use the chosen name rather than a birth (or dead) name.

A pronoun is a word that replaces a name. He and she are both gendered pronouns. For gender diverse, non-binary people, the use of gendered pronouns may not reflect how they identify, and may have desire to use a non gendered pronoun such as they.

If you use the wrong pronoun, this is known as misgendering. This can be upsetting to those who have undertaken steps to socially change their name and pronoun. If you are unsure of someone's pronoun, politely ask or use their chosen name. Below are examples of pronouns used in conversation

Masculine (Male)



HE HIM HIS

HE went to the shop.

It was HIM.

The book is HIS.

Feminine (Female)



SHE HER HERS

SHE went to the shop.

It was HER.

The book is HERS.



Neutral/Non Binary (They)

THEY THEM THEIRS

THEY went to the shop.

It was THEM.

The book is THEIRS.

UNSURE

Use a persons name until you can politely ask someone what their pronoun is

