

Education and Learning

Annual Performance report Autumn 2024

Based on published data to 25/10/24



Devon schools (October)



- As at Oct 2024, 64% of schools ¹ in Devon are Academies (including free schools) and 36% are LA maintained schools.
- Of the 239 academies/free schools, 230 (96%) are supported by 25 multi academy trusts.
- Of the 132 LA maintained schools, 62 (47%) are supported by 19 Federations.

number of schools in Devon	Oct-22	Oct 23	Oct 24
nur, pri, sec, spec & AP/PRU schools	372	372	371
maintained schools	164	157	132
<i>of which</i>			
no of federations	24	22	19
no of schools supported by federations	69	67	62
academies/free schools	208	215	239
<i>of which</i>			
no of MATs	29	29	25
no of schools supported by MAT	197	206	230
no of schools supported by SAT	11	9	9

¹ nursery, primary, secondary, special and AP/PRU (excludes independents & FE)

Devon pupil numbers (January 2024 census)



- There are 107,924 pupils attending 415 schools in Devon in 2023/24 (includes state-funded and independent schools). This is a reduction of 0.6% on the previous year (622 fewer pupils).
- The number of pupils in state funded primary schools in Devon has fallen by 1.3% (780 pupils). Numbers also fell in 2022/23 (0.2%, 107 pupils).
- The number of pupils in state funded secondary schools in Devon has risen very slightly by 0.2% (97 pupils).
- The number of pupils in state funded special schools has risen by 7% to 1,733 (an increase of 113 pupils).

number of pupils	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
primary schools	58,388	58,281	57,501
<i>of which</i>			
academies / free schools	26,964	28,200	29,585
LA maintained	31,424	30,081	27,916
secondary schools	40,850	41,070	41,167
<i>of which</i>			
academies / free schools	35,152	36,291	37,280
LA maintained	5,698	4,779	3,887
special schools	1,584	1,666	1,783
<i>of which</i>			
academies / free schools	353	435	484
LA maintained	1,187	1,185	1,249
non maintained special schools	44	46	50
nursery schools	161	209	200
alternative provision	92	137	117
independent schools	7,072	7,183	7,156
total	108,147	108,546	107,924

Devon state funded schools – pupil characteristics



Free School Meals

- The number of Children eligible for Free School Meals continues to rise. On Spring 2024 census day 20,098 pupils in Devon LA maintained schools and academies were eligible for Free School Meals. This is an increase of 4.9% (945 pupils) on last year.
- This means that 19.9% of the Devon pupil population in state funded schools are eligible for Free School Meals. This remains significantly lower than the national average (24.6% at Jan 2024).

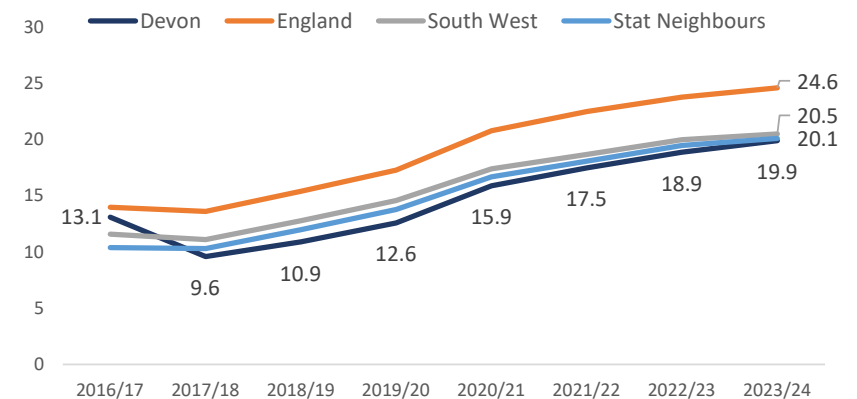
Special Educational Needs

- 5.4% of pupils attending Devon state funded schools¹ have an EHCP, representing 5,437 pupils, an increase on the last year of 338 pupils. This is higher than nationally and regionally. This differs from the number of pupils with an EHCP maintained by Devon LA, which is 8,873 pupils as at Jan 2024.
- 14.8% of pupils attending Devon state funded schools¹ have SEN Support, representing 14,909 pupils, an increase of 185 pupils. Devon has a higher proportion of SEN Support than nationally and regionally (13.4% and 14.1% respectively).

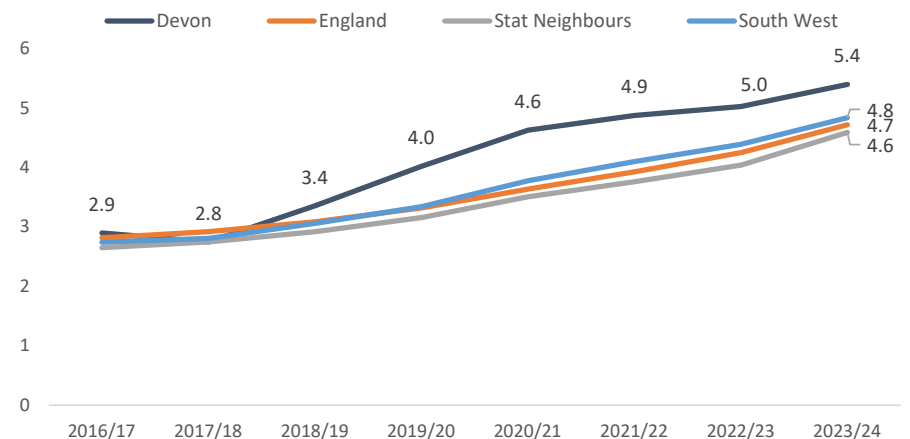
data source: DfE schools, pupils & their characteristics 23/24, Special educational needs in England 23/24, Education, health and care plans 2024

¹ excludes independent schools, figures in the next slide includes independent schools.

Percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals



Percentage of pupils with SEN Statement / EHCP



SEND pupil numbers

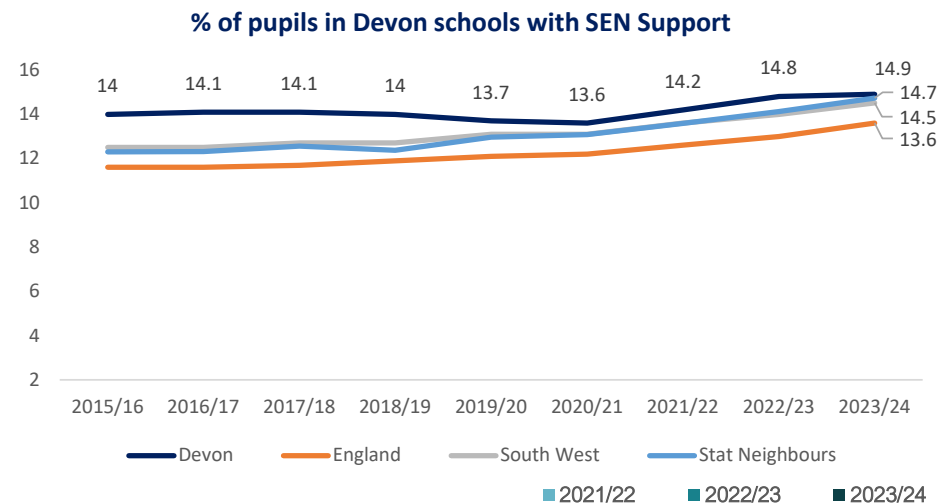


The number of pupils in Devon schools with SEN Support has fallen slightly by 0.3% to 16,068 in 2023/24. It has increased by 11.3% since 2015/16 (14,438 pupils).

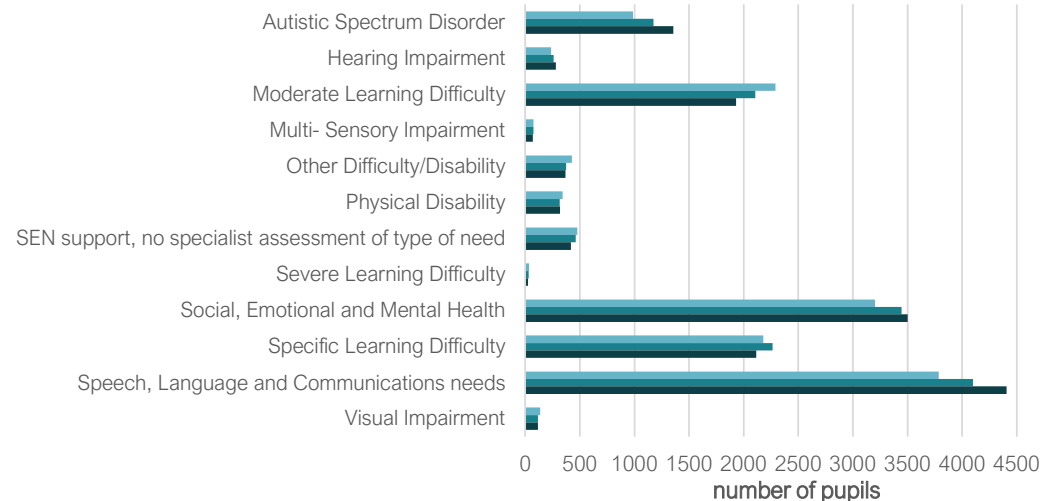
The percentage of pupils with SEN Support has increased slightly to 14.9% in 2023/24. This is significantly higher than the national average of 13.6%.

The most common type of need among pupils with SEN Support in Devon schools is speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). Devon has 29.6% (4,407) of pupils with SEN Support with a primary need of SLCN, significantly higher than national (25.6%).

The second most common type of need in Devon is social, emotional and mental health (SEMH). Devon has 23.5% of SEN Support pupils in Devon, with SEMH needs. This is higher than national (22.3%).



% of SEN Support pupils by most common primary need	Devon			National		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Moderate Learning Difficulty	16.2	14.3	12.9	18.9	17.3	15.8
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	22.6	23.4	23.5	20.0	21.0	22.3
Specific Learning Difficulty	15.4	15.4	14.2	14.4	14.2	14.0
Speech, Language and Communication needs	26.7	27.8	29.6	25.1	25.5	25.6

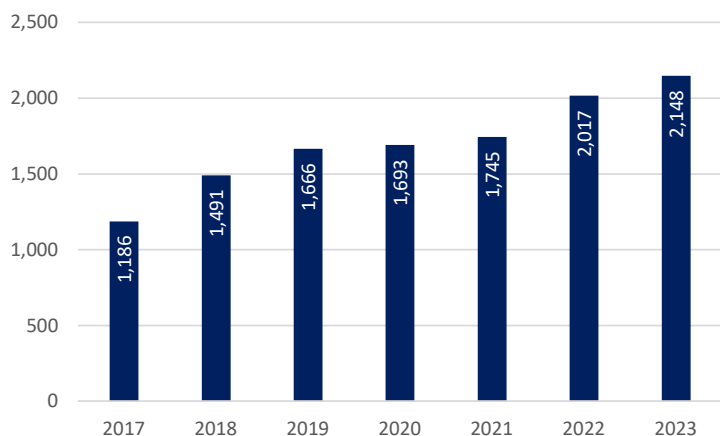


data source: [DfE special educational needs in England academic year 2023/24](#), published 20/06/24

EHCNA pupil numbers requests for assessment (30th Sept 24)



Requests for EHCNA



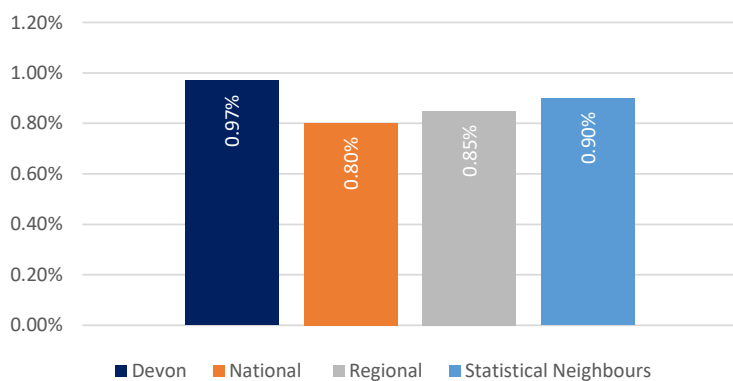
Devon received 2148 requests for assessment in 2023. This is an increase of 6.49% from 2022 (2017 requests)

Requests represent 0.97% of Devon's 0-25 Population*. This is higher than the average for National (0.8%) Regional (0.85%) and Statistical Neighbours (0.9%)

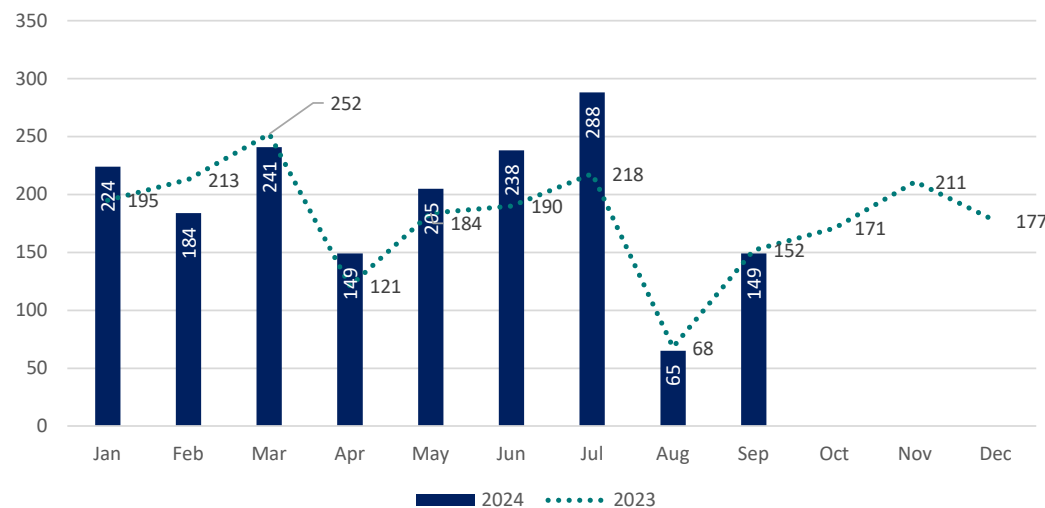
Currently compared to the same point last year there is a 9% increase in the number of requests received.

Based on the available data the predicted total for (2024) is 2324 new requests, this would be an increase of 8% on (2023) 2152 requests

% Request of Population



EHCNA Requests 2023 - 2024



data source: [DfE special educational needs in England academic year 2023/24](#), published 20/06/24

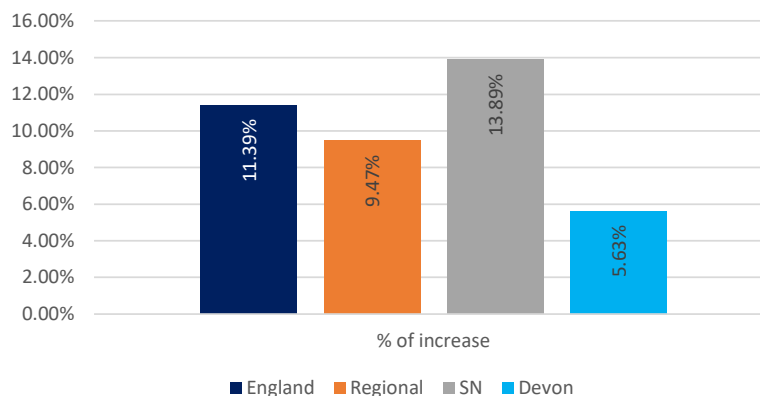
* ONS Estimate Mid - 2022

EHCP pupil numbers

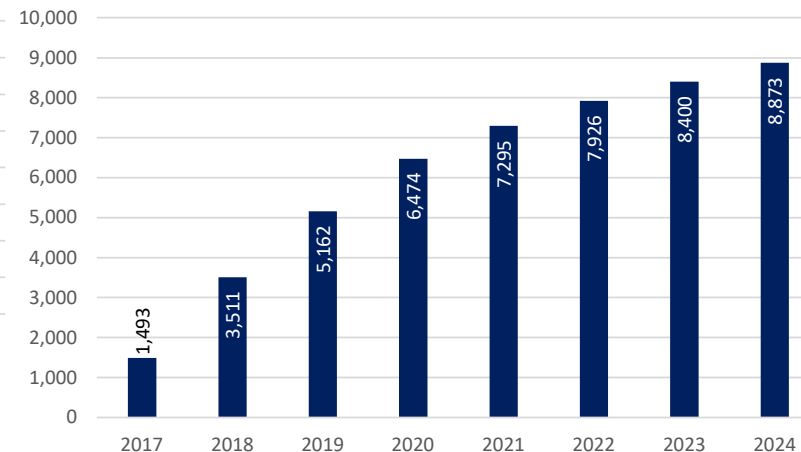


	Jan-23	Jan-24	%
England	575,963	517,049	11.39%
Regional	55707	50887	9.47%
SN	58457	51328	13.89%
Devon	8873	8400	5.63%

% Year on Year - Increase in Active Plans



Active Plans in Devon

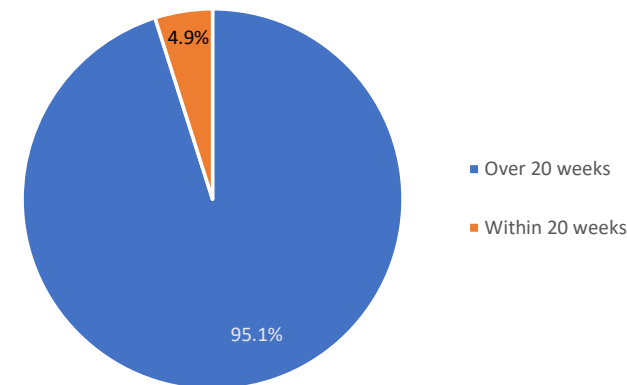


Active Education Health Care Plans

Devon's Active EHCPs increased by 5.63% on the previous year (8873 EHCPs 2024, 8400 EHCPs in 2023). This is significantly below National (11.39%), Regional (9.47%) and Statistical neighbour (13.89%) comparisons

New Plans issued

- Devon issued 980 EHCPs in 2023 -- 48 of these were within 20 weeks
- 4.9% of EHCPs issued were within 20 weeks compared to 2022 where 11.8% of EHCPs were issued within 20 weeks
- Devon performed substantially lower than National (50.26%), Regional (33.41%) and Statistical Neighbour (30.61%) comparisons
- Devon is ranked in the bottom 10 of all Local authorities for % of EHCPs issued within 20 weeks



Source: [Education, health and care plans, Initial requests, assessments, discontinued plans, 20 week timeliness, mainstream to special transfers, mediation and tribunals](#)

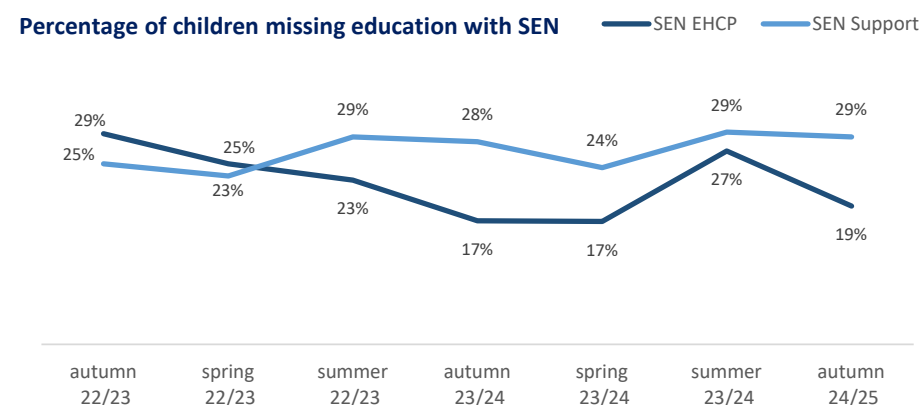
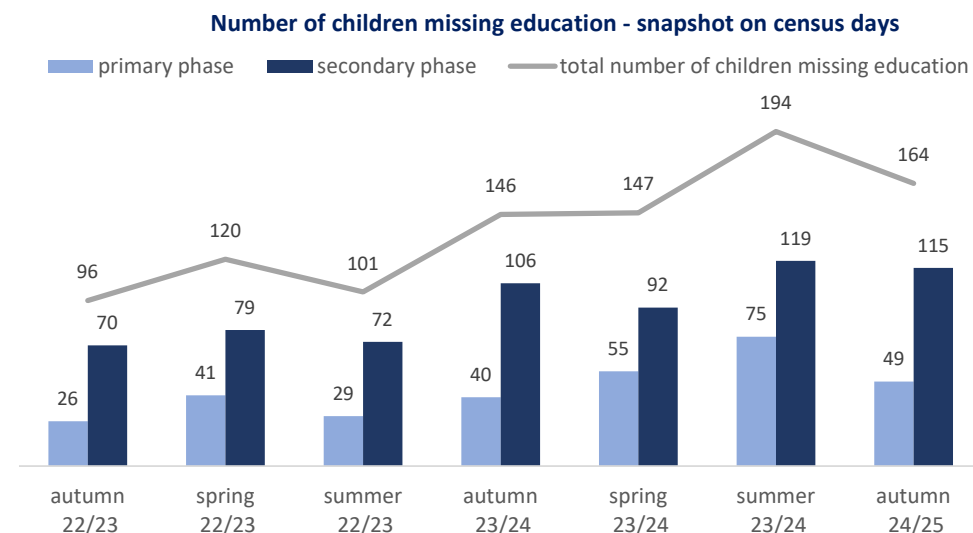
1. From 2023, the data collection changed from aggregated figures at local authority level, to a person level collection. This has been a major change in approach and as such care should be taken with comparisons across this period. Further detail on the change is provided in the publication and supporting methodology.

2. This data item has been marginally impacted by reporting issues in some local authorities – please see the methodology for further information.

Children Missing Education – snapshot on census days



- In 2023/24, the number of children missing education was highest in the summer (194 CME). The majority of children missing education are in the secondary school phase. In the summer 24 census 61% of children missing education were in the secondary phase (119 out of 194). This rises to 70% in autumn 24 census (115 out of 164).
- More boys are missing education than girls. On average, 58% of those missing education in Devon are boys, slightly higher than nationally (average of 52%).
- Nearly 50% of children missing education have special educational needs. The percentage missing education with an EHCP rose from 17% in autumn 23/24 to nearly 27% in summer 23/24. This is significantly higher than nationally where 6% had an EHCP in autumn 23/24.
- Of the reasons known for being CME, the reasons most reported in Devon were unsuitable home education, believed to have moved to another LA and awaiting the outcome of a school application.



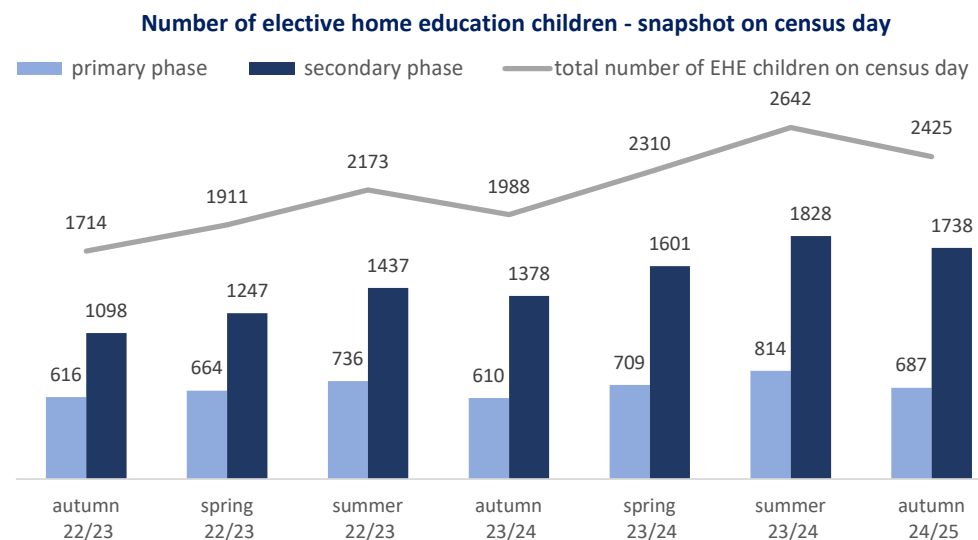
CME by social care groups	Number of Devon CME				Percentage of Devon CME				National
	Aut 23	Spr 24	Sum 24	Aut 24	Aut 23	Spr 24	Sum 24	Aut 24	Aut 23 (%)
Child in need	8	5	12	8	5.5%	3.4%	6.2%	4.9%	3%
Child protection plan	4	1	9	6	2.7%	0.7%	4.6%	3.7%	1%
Looked after child	7	5	2	5	4.8%	3.4%	1.0%	3.0%	1%

data source: [DfE publication Children Missing Education academic year 2023/24](#), local information from termly census returns, Aut 24 final 06/11/24

Elective Home Education – snapshot on census days



- In 2023/24, the number of elective home education children was highest in the summer census (2,642, EHE). The majority of children are in secondary school phase. In the summer census 69% of home educated children were secondary phase (1,828 out of 2,642).
- On average, slightly more girls are home educated than boys, 52% compared to 48%. This is similar to nationally where 51% are girls.
- In Devon, approximately a third of home educated children have special educational needs. On average, 8% of Devon’s home educated children have an EHCP, whilst 27% have SEN Support (26% in autumn 23/24 rising to 29% in summer 23/24). This is higher than nationally where 5% had an EHCP in autumn 23/24 and 15% had SEN Support.
- Less than 1% of Devon’s EHE children are children in need, looked after or child protection plan.
- In 2023/24, of the reasons known for being EHE, the main reasons in Devon were mental health, followed by philosophical or preferential reasons and dissatisfaction with school (general). This differs slightly from nationally where in autumn 23/24 philosophical was the main reason followed by mental health.



Main reasons for EHE	Number of Devon EHE				Percentage of Devon EHE				National
	Aut 23	Spr 24	Sum 24	Aut 24	Aut 23	Spr 24	Sum 24	Aut 24	Aut 23 (%)
Mental Health	484	552	623	493	24%	24%	24%	20%	13%
Philosophical or preferential reasons	414	416	428	379	21%	18%	16%	16%	16%
Dissatisfaction with school general	220	248	273	242	11%	11%	10%	10%	8%
Lifestyle choice	80	111	107	113	4%	5%	4%	5%	8%

Early Years – 2yr old take up of funded places

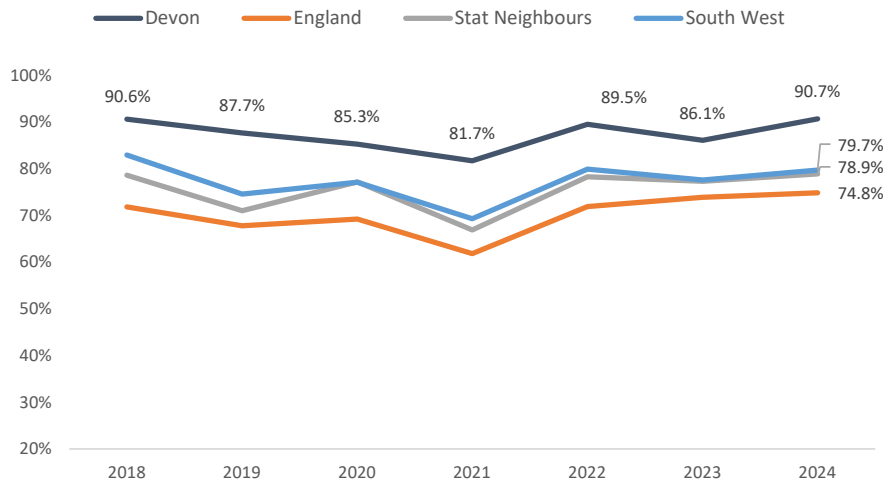


DfE Information – annual update – 2 year olds

Nationally published information indicates that as of Jan 2024 the percentage of 2-year olds benefitting from early years funded places has risen in Devon and nationally. Devon still performs significantly better than nationally, regionally and statistical neighbours.

The 2021 figures are lower due to Covid lockdowns.

Percentage take up of 2 year old funding

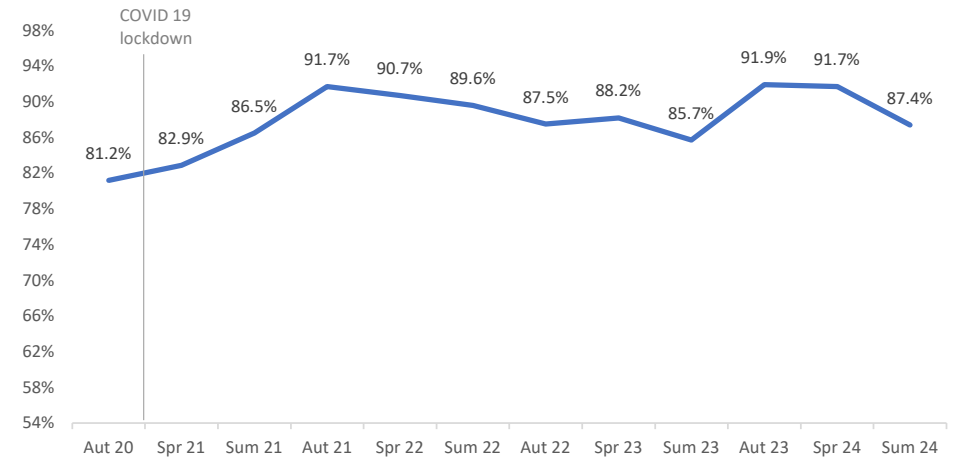


data source: DfE Education provision: children under 5 years of age 2024, 11/07/24

Local Information – termly update

On a termly basis, local information indicates that take up rates are higher than last year. Summer 2024 saw an 87.4% take up rate compared to 85.7% in Summer 2023. The drop in the summer 24 take up rate compared to spring is believed to be linked to the introduction of the working parents entitlement (some apply via this route rather than the targeted entitlement).

% Take Up Of Early Years Funding For 2 Year Olds



latest available benchmarks from Spr 2024: national: 74.8% regional: 79.7%

data source: DCC Early Years team, 08/11/24

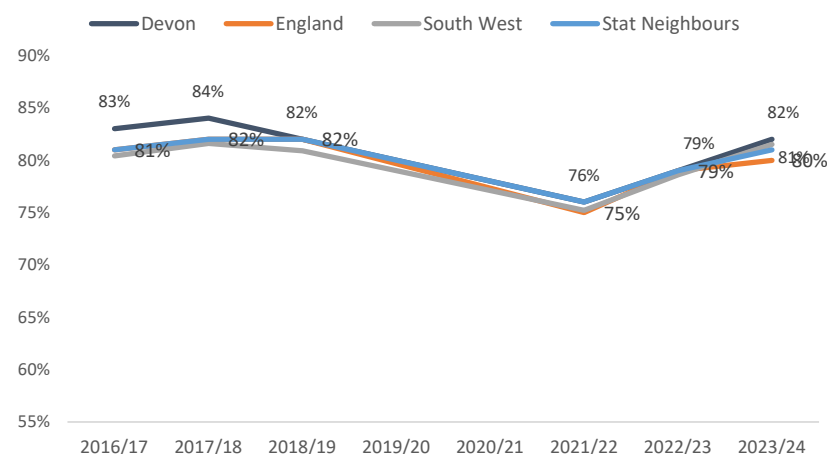
Yr1 Phonics attainment - 2023/24 published results



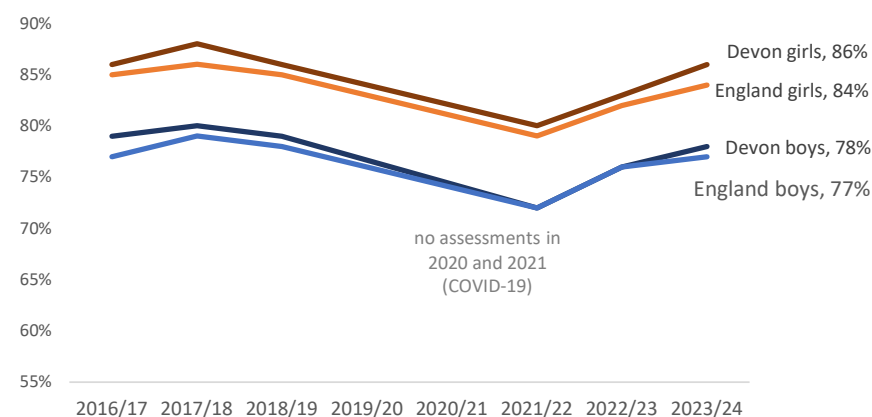
All pupils

- Attainment in Phonics has risen in the last year. In Devon, (82%) of pupils met the expected phonics check in year 1, compared to 79% in 2022/23.
- Devon has been above the National average 3 times in the last 3 academic year(s) for the Year 1 expected standard
- Devon's average for Year 1 expected standard has increased by 2.5%, from 79.2% in 2022/23 to 81.7% in 2023/24, the National average increased by 1.3%, from 78.9% in 2022/23 to 80.2% on 2023/24
- From the Year 1 phonics cohort of 7,516 pupils in Devon, (82%) achieved the expected standard of 32, a total of 6,144 pupils.
- The average point score for Devon pupils in Year 1 phonics cohort is 33.8
- Devon pupils are performing above nationally (80%) regionally (81%) and against statistical neighbours (81%)
- More girls continue to meet the phonics standard than boys Nationally (84%) and within Devon (86%)
- In Devon, 86% of girls met the standard compared to 78% of boys Both achieved higher than the National Average

percentage of pupils meeting expected standard in Yr1 Phonics



percentage of pupils meeting expected standard in Yr1 Phonics by gender



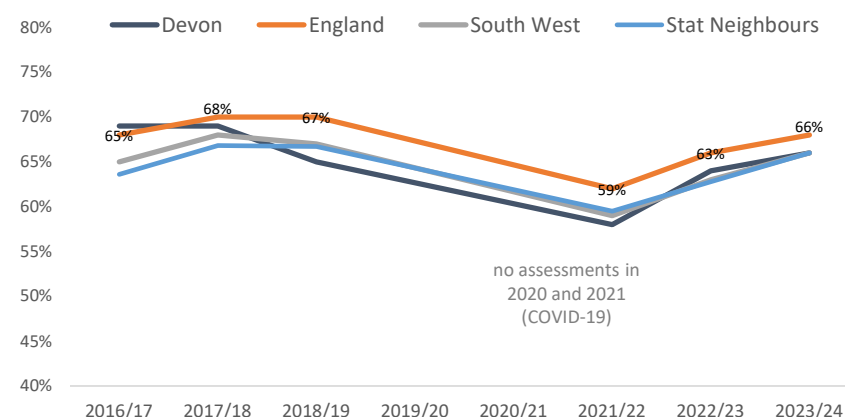
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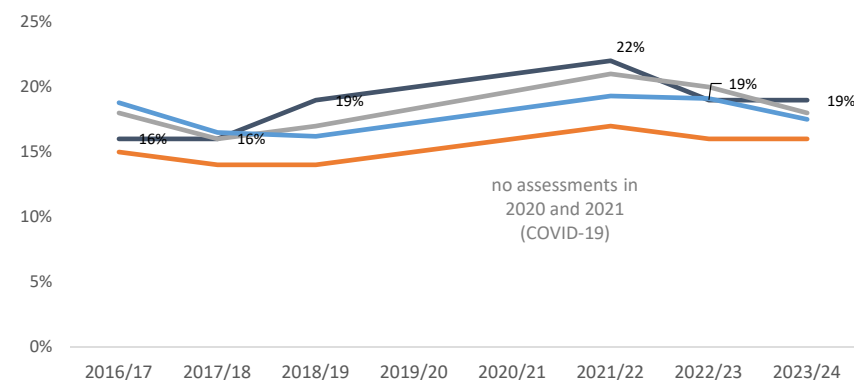
Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)

- Attainment in phonics has risen for FSM pupils and all other pupils, both locally and nationally.
- In Devon (66%) of FSM pupils achieved the expected standard compared to (68%) nationally and (66%) regionally.
- The FSM attainment gap in Devon has remained level from last year at 19%.
- The attainment gap is wider in Devon than nationally (19% compared to 16% nationally). Devon's gap is wider than regionally and statistical neighbours (18%)

Percentage of pupils with FSM meeting expected standard in Yr1 Phonics



Attainment gap between pupils with FSM meeting expected standard



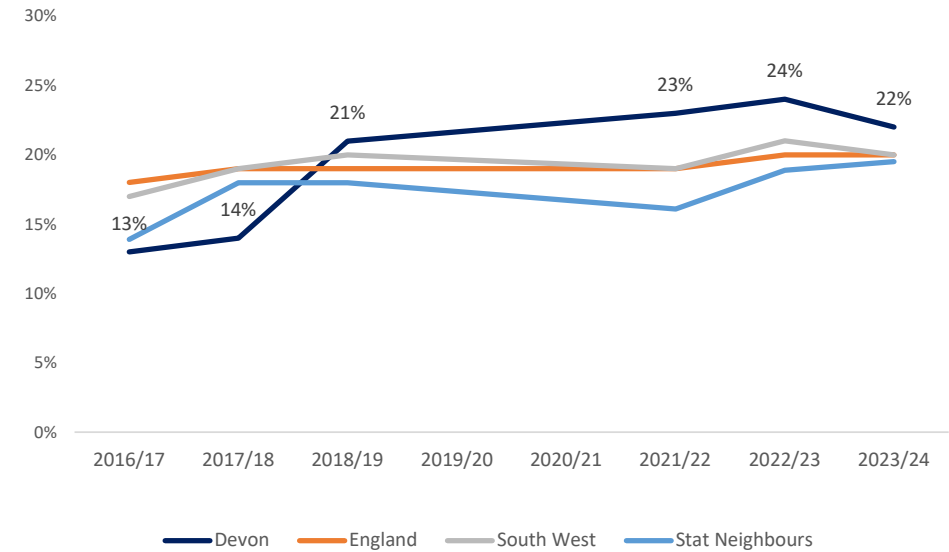
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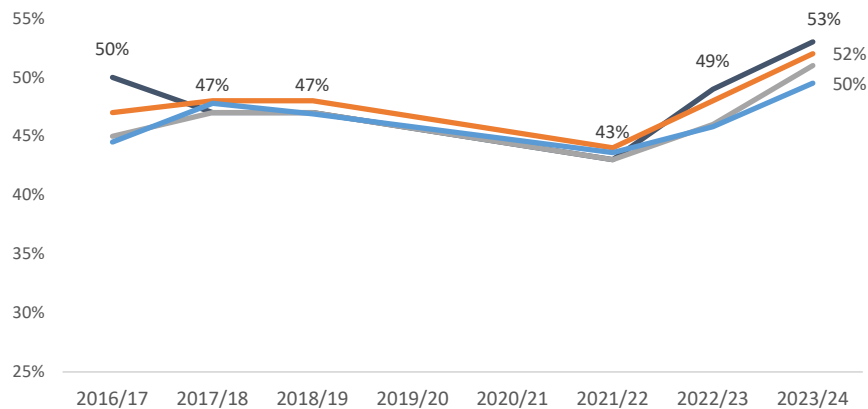
Pupils with Special Educational Needs

- SEN pupils with an EHCP do not perform as well as pupils with SEN Support, this is the case both in Devon and nationally.
- (22%) of pupils with an EHCP in Devon met the expected standard, a slight decline on last year when (24%) met the expected standard.
- Devon pupils with an EHCP still perform better than both nationally (22% compared to 20%) and statistical neighbours (20%).
- 53% of Devon pupils with SEN Support met the expected standard, slightly higher than the national average (52%).

percentage of pupils with an EHCP meeting expected standard in Yr1 Phonics



percentage of pupils with SEN Support meeting expected standard in Yr1 Phonics



no assessments in 2020 and 2021 (COVID-19)

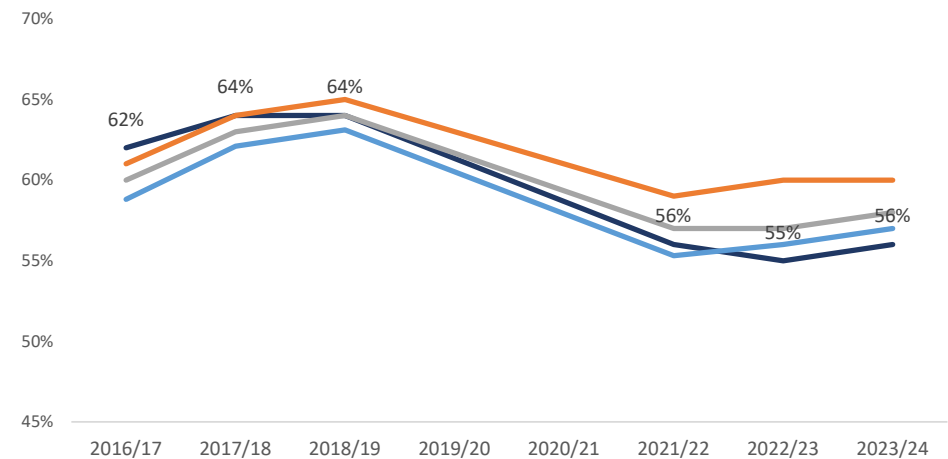
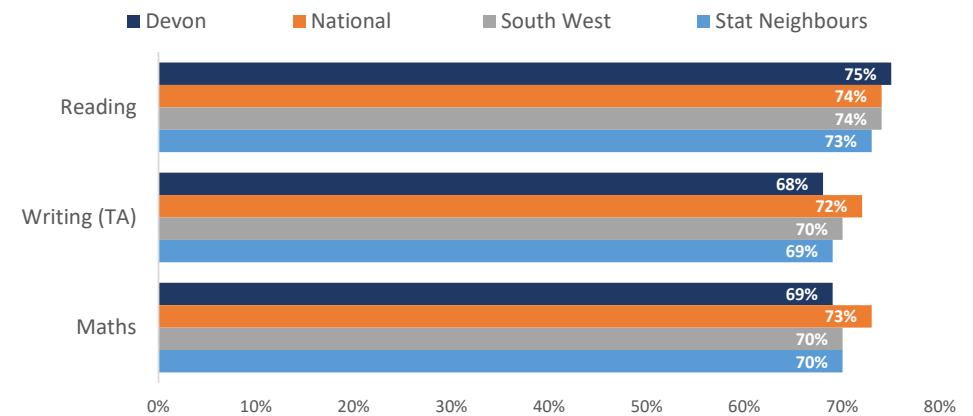
Data source: [DfE Key stage 1 and phonics screening check attainment, academic year 2023/24, published 10/10/24](#)

Key Stage 2 attainment - 2023/24



- Attainment in the combined reading, writing and maths measure has risen slightly this year. 56% of Devon's pupils met the expected standard, up from (55%) in 2023. National (60%), Regional (58%) and Statistical Neighbours (57%) results have improved.
- Devon's pupils are not performing as well as nationally (60%) or regionally (58%). They are slightly below statistical neighbours (57%).
- In Reading Devon pupils (75%) performed above National (74%), Regional (74%) and Statistical Neighbours (73%)
- In Maths Devon (69%) performed lower than National (73%), Regional (70%) and Statistical Neighbours (70%)
- In Writing Devon (68%) performed lower than National (72%), Regional (70%) and Statistical Neighbours (69%)

Percentage of pupils meeting Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths

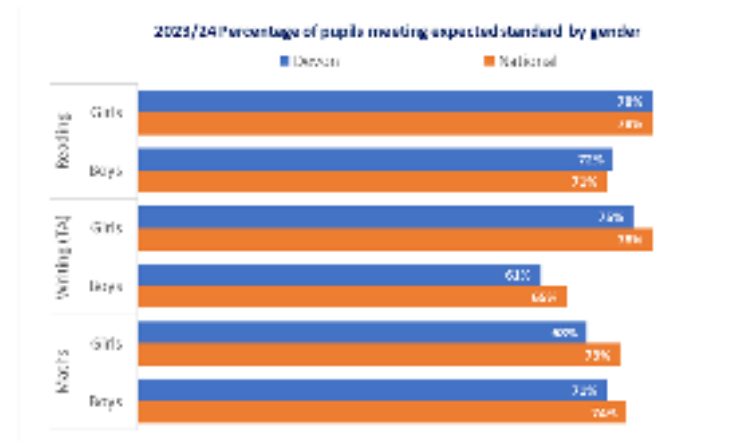
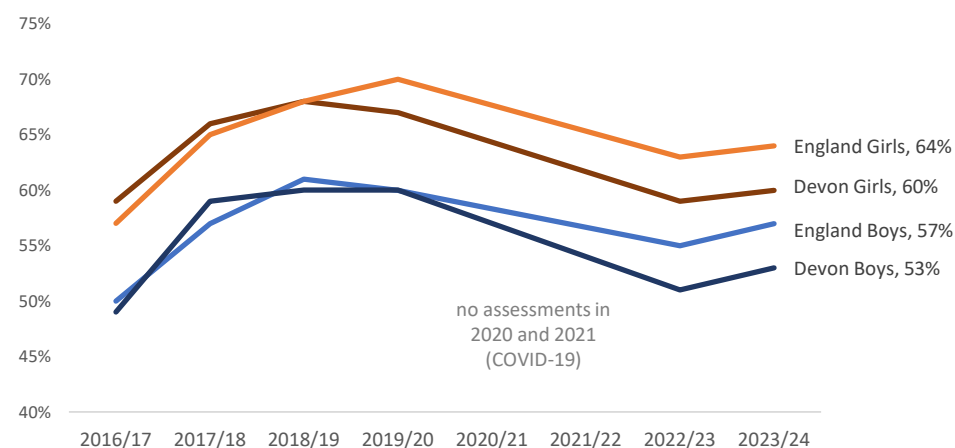


As outcomes for pupil characteristic groups will not be published by the DfE until December, Devon's figures are based on local information and will be subject to change
[data source: DfE 2022/23 Key Stage 2 provisional results \(27/09/23\)](#)

Key Stage 2 attainment – 2023/24 gender



- Girls continue to perform better than boys in the combined reading, writing and maths measure.
- 60% of Devon's girls met the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics compared to 64% nationally, whilst 53% of Devon boys met the expected standard compared to 57% nationally.
- In the individual subjects, Devon girls perform better than boys in reading and writing, whilst Devon boys perform better than girls in maths.
- Devon Boys performed above Nationally in Reading while girls were in line with National expectations
- In Maths and Writing both girls and boys were below National expectations



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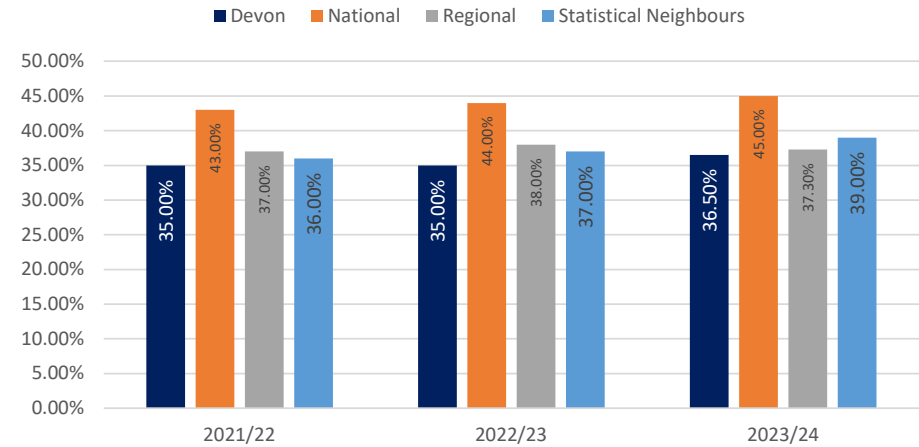
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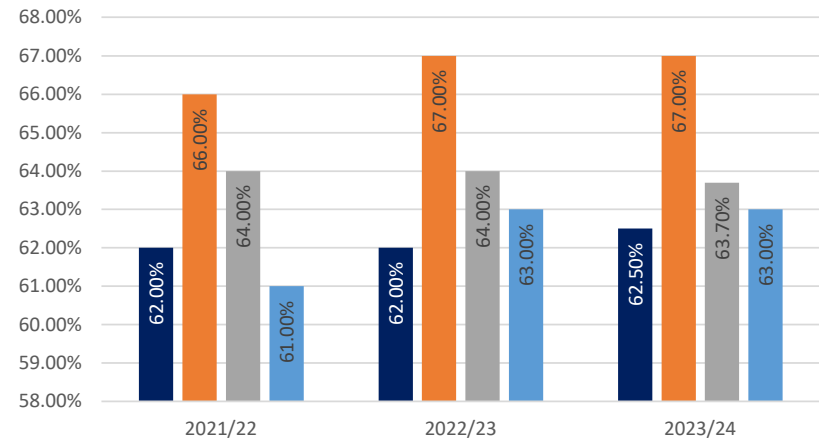
KS2 results for pupils for Disadvantaged Pupils

- In 2023/24 (36.5%) of Devon Disadvantaged pupils met the expected standard in the combined Reading, Writing and Maths, slightly higher than the previous year but lower than nationally (45%).
- The attainment gap for Devon pupils has dropped slightly in Reading, Writing and Maths. The Attainment gap is wider in Devon than nationally (26% compared to 22%).
- In the individual subjects in Devon, performance rose slightly in Reading and Maths and Writing. This differs slightly from nationally where performance remained the same except for reading which improved.

% Disadvantaged Achieving EXP+ In Reading, Writing & Maths



% Non-Disadvantaged Achieving EXP+ In Reading, Writing & Maths



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Key Stage 2 attainment - 2023/24 local results



KS2 results for pupils with Special Educational Needs

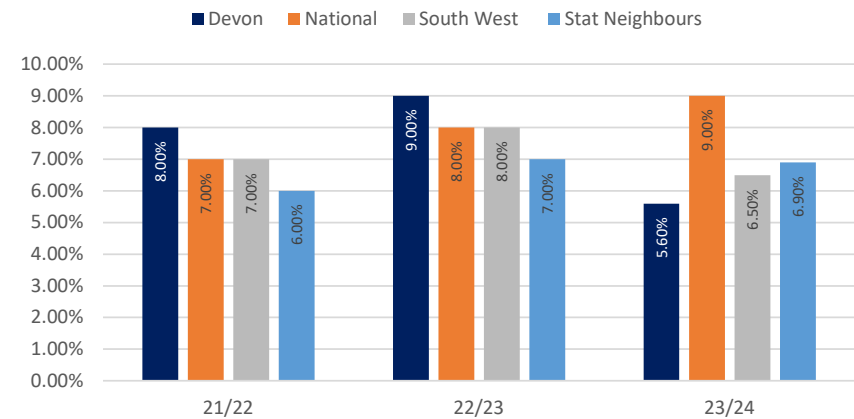
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- Performance in the combined Reading, Writing and Maths has improved for those with SEN Support
- Devon pupils with an EHCP don't perform as well as nationally in Reading, Writing and Maths (5.6% compared to 9% nationally).
- In the individual subjects, Devon pupils with an EHCP performed best in Reading with 20% meeting the expected standard compared to 19% nationally.
- Pupils with SEN Support also performed best in Reading, with 52% meeting the expected standard compared to 48% nationally.

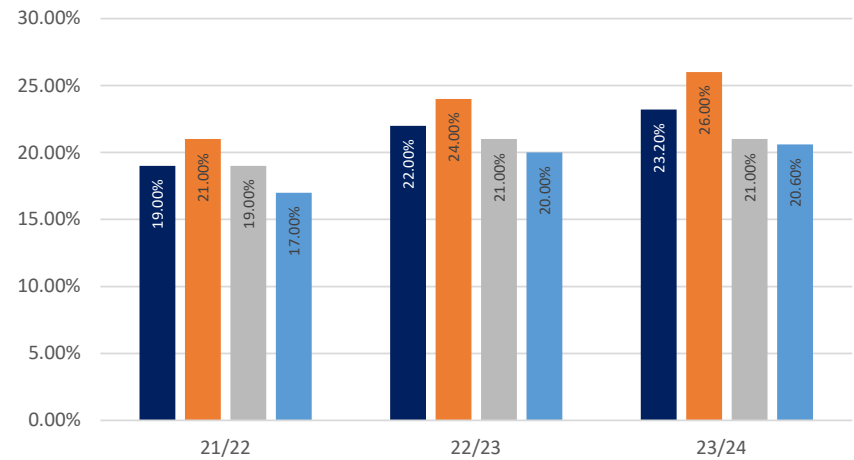
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% with EHCPs Achieving EXP+ In Reading, Writing & Maths



% with SEN Support Achieving EXP+ In Reading, Writing & Maths



Looked After Children outcomes – local information subject to change



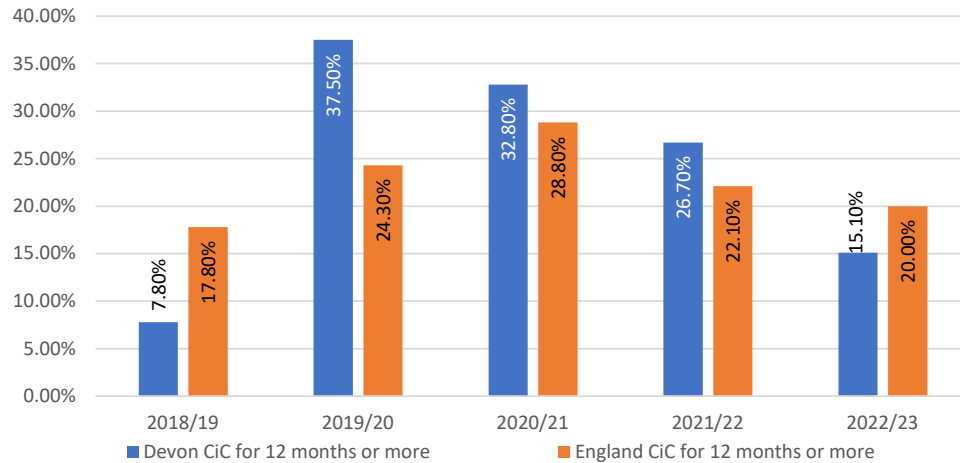
Key Stage 2 Outcomes (local information)

- Devon CiC perform best in Reading, followed by Writing then Maths.
- Devon CiC for 12 months or more perform better than those in care for any period of time. 35% of Devon CiC for 12 months or more achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to 34% for Devon CiC for any period of time.

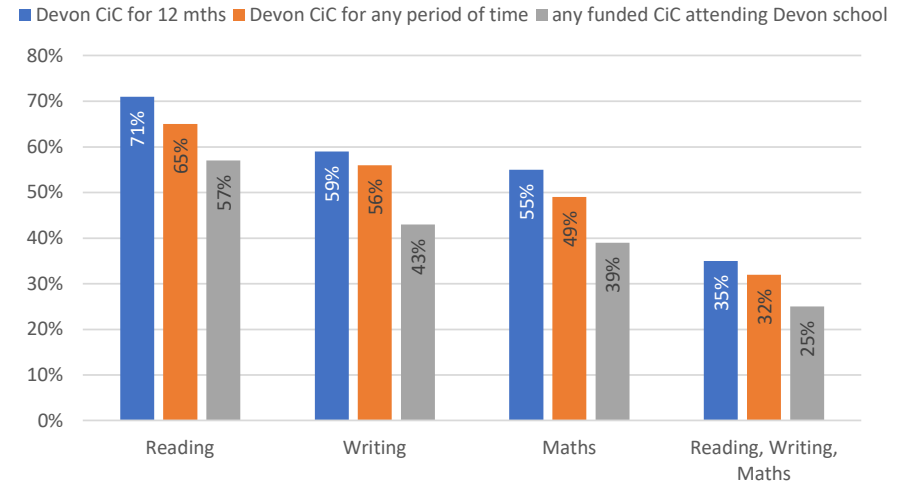
Key Stage 4 Outcomes (latest published data 22/23)

Latest available published data indicates that Devon CiC for 12 months or more achieve better than nationally for those achieving grade 5 or above. They do not perform as well as nationally for those achieving grade 4 or above

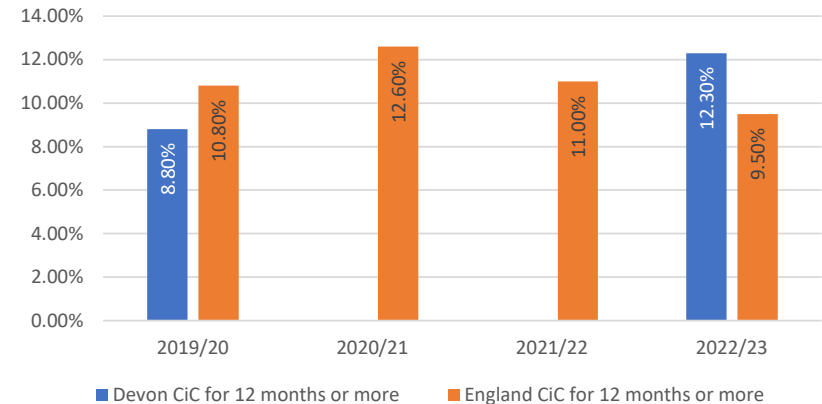
Grade 4 or above in English and Maths



KS2 CiC Meeting Expected Standard 2023/24 * Where data has been provided



Grade 5 or above in English and Maths



Data sources: CiC pupils: DfE Outcomes for children in need, inc children looked after by LA in England, published 18/04/24, all pupils: DfE Key Stage 4 performance 2022/23 academic year, published 01/02/24 (England state-funded school rate).

Looked After Children outcomes – local information subject to change



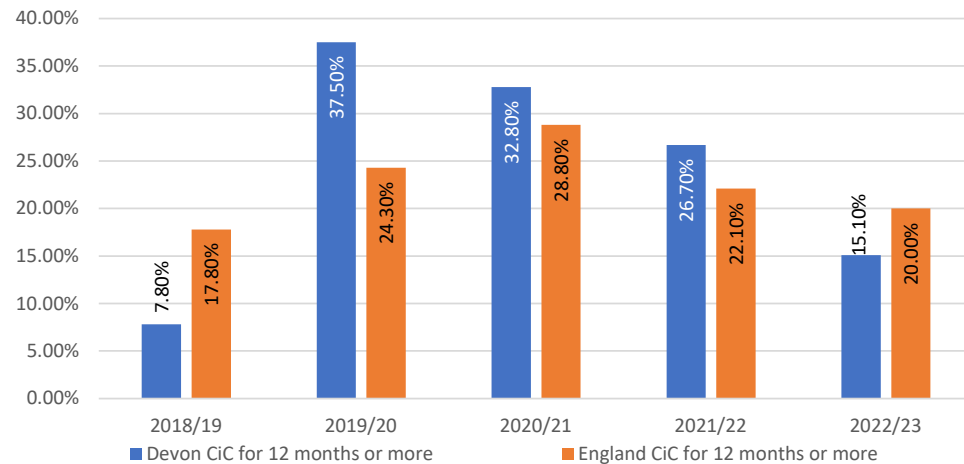
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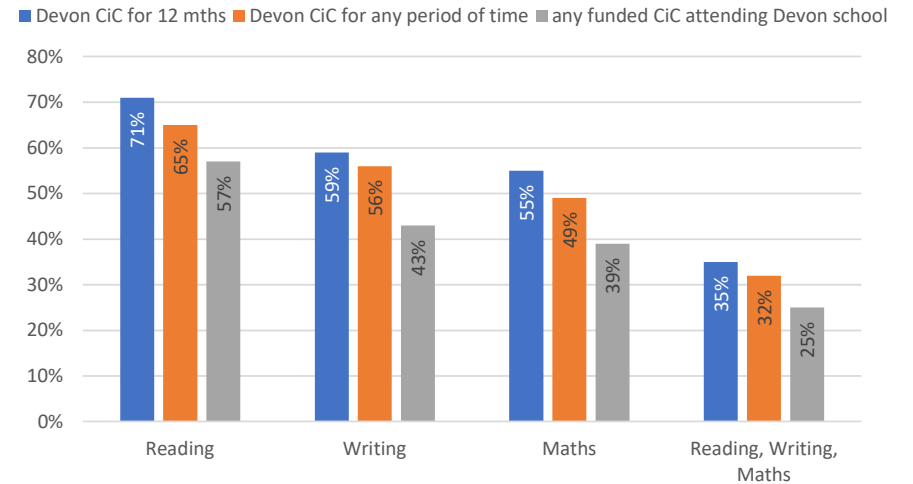
Key Stage 4 Outcomes (published data)

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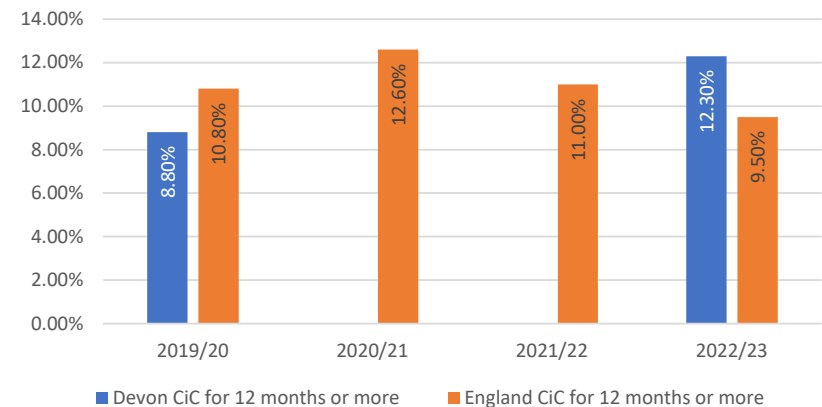
Grade 4 or above in English and Maths



KS2 CiC Meeting Expected Standard 2023/24 * Where data has been provided



Grade 5 or above in English and Maths



Data sources: CiC pupils: DfE Outcomes for children in need, inc children looked after by LA in England, published 18/04/24, all pupils: DfE Key Stage 4 performance 2022/23 academic year, published 01/02/24 (England state-funded school rate).

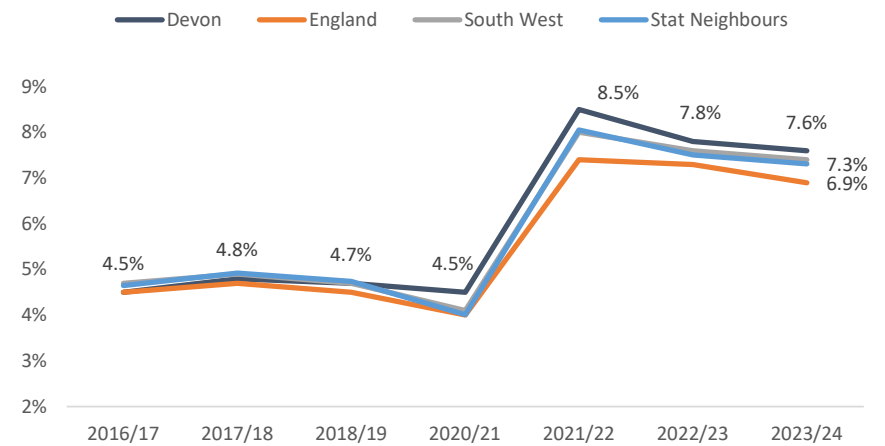
School Absence (2023/24 Autumn & Spring terms)



Overall absence rates

- Overall absence rates have fallen slightly in the last year, both in Devon and nationally. Devon's absence rate for the combined autumn & spring 2023/24 terms was 7.6%, higher than nationally (6.9%) but close to statistical neighbours (7.3%).
- The DfE advise that the increase in 2021/22 was mostly driven by an increase in illness absence (including coronavirus), whilst the high level of absence in 2022/23 is in line with increases in rates of seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses.
- The highest reason for absence was illness, accounting for over half of sessions missed. In Devon, illness rates fell from 4.7% to 4.2%, compared to a fall from 4.1% to 3.6% nationally.

Autumn and Spring overall absence rates - primary, secondary & special schools



Note: the DfE have not published absence data for the Spring and Summer 2019/20 terms

- Primary schools have the lowest overall absence rates, followed by secondary and then special schools. Devon primary and special schools have lower absence rates than nationally, whilst secondary schools have higher absence rates.

absence rates - school phase	Devon			England		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
primary	6.8%	5.8%	5.3%	6.2%	6.0%	5.4%
secondary	10.7%	10.3%	10.3%	8.6%	8.7%	8.5%
special	12.4%	11.9%	12.1%	13.2%	13.2%	13.0%

Please note: Spring 2020/21 term was affected by a period of national restrictions where attendance was prioritised for vulnerable and key worker children. Caution should be taken with comparisons across years.

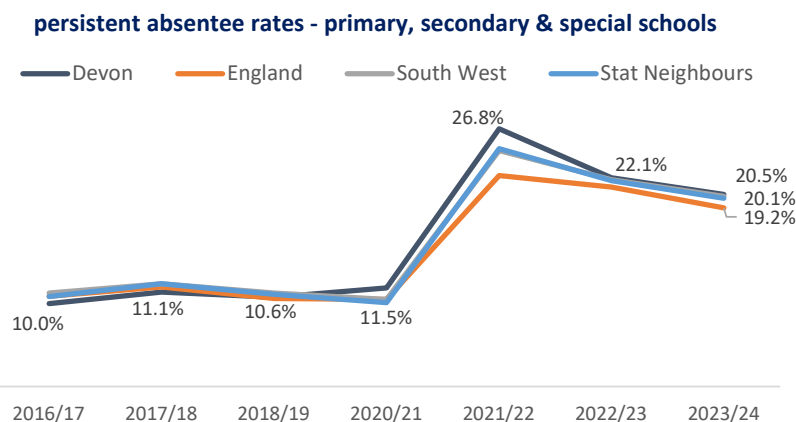
Data source: [DfE Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn and spring terms](#), published 17/10/24

School Absence (2023/24 Autumn & Spring terms)



Persistent absentee rates (missed 10% or more sessions)

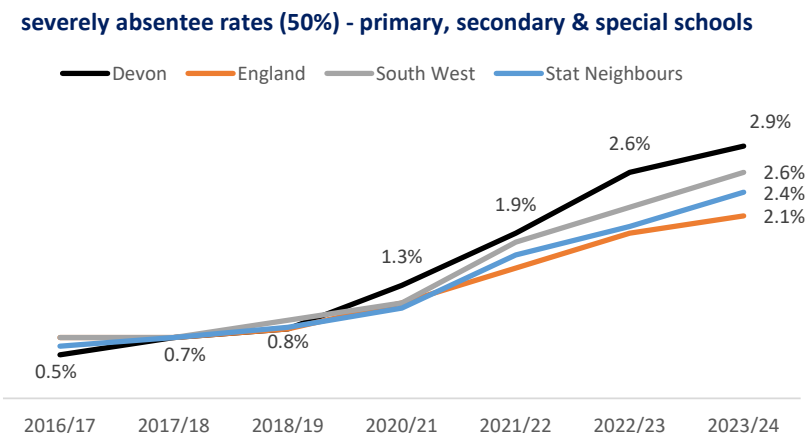
Whilst persistent absentee rates fell in the last year, one in five pupils still miss 10% or more sessions. Devon has slightly higher rates than nationally (20.5% compared to 19.2%) but are close to regional and statistical neighbours (20.3% and 20.1%). Rates are lowest in primary schools and highest in special schools.



School phase	Devon			England		
	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24
primary	20.2%	15.8%	13.2%	18.2%	17.3%	14.7%
secondary	34.7%	29.6%	28.7%	26.7%	25.2%	23.9%
special	42.4%	37.5%	37.2%	40.2%	39.1%	36.8%

Severely absentee rates (missed 50% or more sessions)

Severely absentee rates rose in the last year. Devon has higher rates than nationally, regionally and statistical neighbours. Primary schools have the lowest rates whilst special schools have the highest. Devon secondary schools have higher rates than nationally whilst special schools have lower rates.



School phase	Devon			England		
	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24
primary	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
secondary	3.5%	4.8%	5.4%	2.5%	3.1%	3.5%
special	4.1%	4.3%	5.7%	5.6%	6.1%	6.4%

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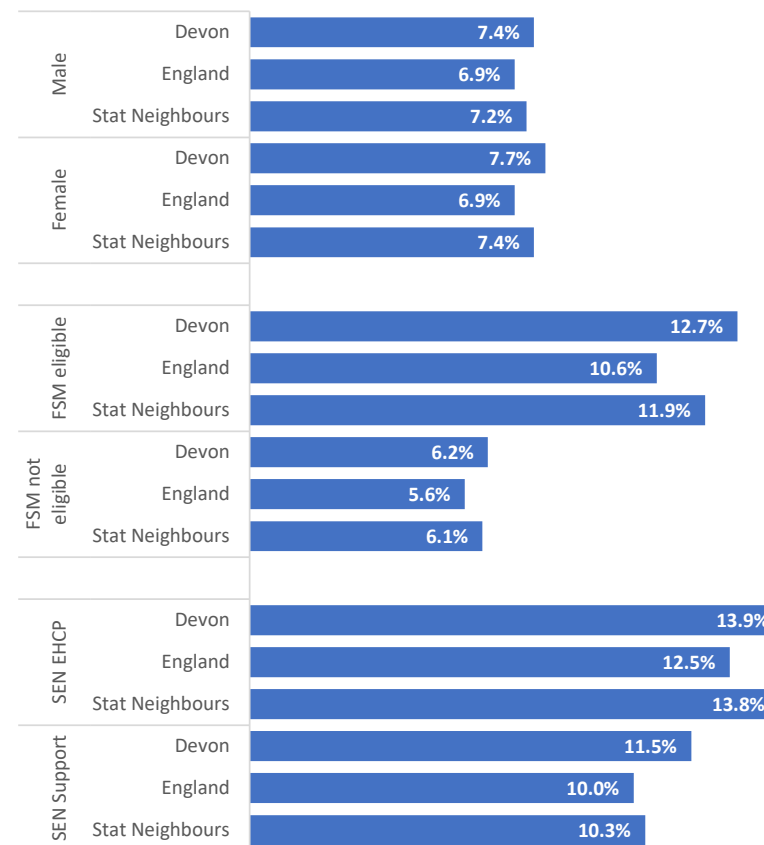
School Absence pupil characteristics (2023/24 Autumn & Spring terms)



Overall absence rates

- Overall absence rates in Devon are slightly higher for girls than boys (7.7% for girls, 7.4% for boys). Nationally boys and girls have the same overall absence rate (6.9%). Both Devon boys and girls have slightly higher absence rates than nationally.
- The overall absence rate for Devon Free School Meal pupils was 12.7% compared to 6.2% for pupils not eligible for FSM. This difference is also reflected nationally. Devon FSM pupils have higher absence rates than nationally (2 percentage points higher).
- Pupils with an EHCP have higher absence rates than pupils with SEN Support, both in Devon and nationally. Devon pupils with an EHCP had an absence rate of 13.9% compared to 11.5% for pupils with SEN Support, both are higher than nationally.

combined 2023/24 Autumn and Spring Terms
overall absence by pupil characteristic



School Absence pupil characteristics (2023/24 Autumn & Spring terms)



Persistent Absentee rates (missing 10% or more of sessions)

- In Devon, girls have a higher persistent absentee rate than boys (21.1% compared to 19.9%). Devon rates are higher than nationally but close to statistical neighbours.
- Persistent absentee rates are significantly higher amongst FSM pupils than their non FSM peers. Nearly 4 in 10 Free School Meal pupils were persistently absent in Devon (38.4%) compared to 3 in 10 nationally (33%).
- 37.4% of Devon pupils with an EHCP were persistently absent compared to 34.8% nationally, whilst 33.4% of pupils with SEN Support were persistently absent compared to 30.8% nationally.

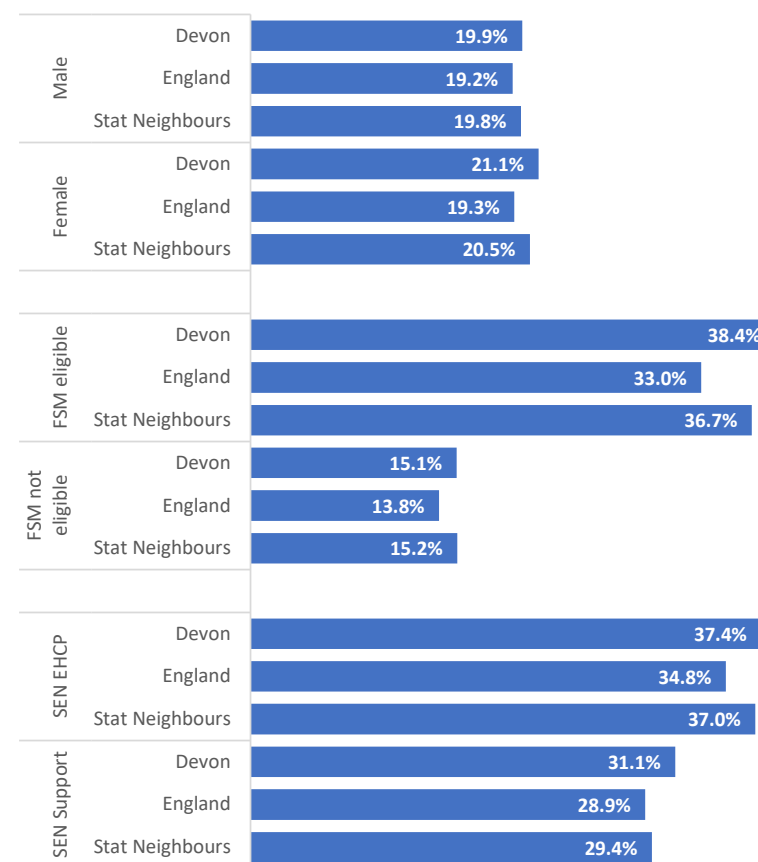
Severely Absentee rates (missing 50% or more of sessions)

- Data was published for the first time for autumn & spring 2023/24;

Pupil cohort	Devon	England
Boys	2.6%	2.1%
Girls	3.2%	2.2%
All pupils	2.9%	2.1%

Pupil cohort	Devon	England
FSM pupils	6.1%	3.9%
Non FSM pupils	1.6%	1.1%
SEN EHCP	8.5%	6.6%
SEN Support	6.1%	4.1%

combined 2023/24 Autumn and Spring Term persistent absentee rate (10%) by pupil characteristics



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Permanent Exclusions

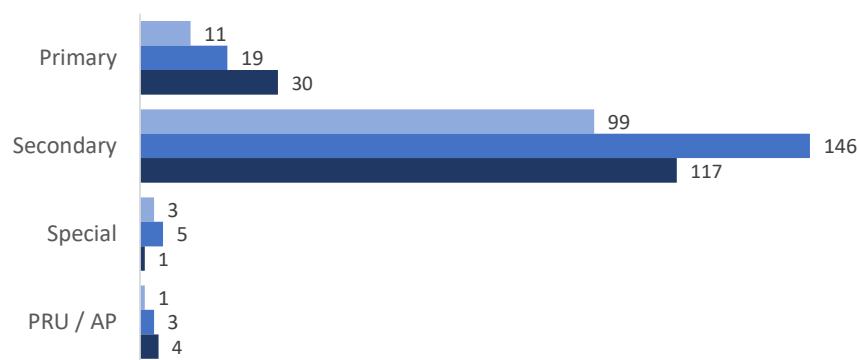


- During 2023/24, 186 permanent exclusions were issued to pupils attending Devon state funded schools.
- Of these 186, 20 pupils were reinstated by the school and 14 exclusions were withdrawn. This resulted in 152 permanent exclusions upheld in 2023/24. 4 of these were against pupils in alternative provision which are excluded from the benchmarking table on the right.
- Permanent exclusions fell by 13% in the last year (22 fewer children excluded). Local information indicates that the percentage of the pupil population permanently excluded also fell.
- Primary exclusions rose by 58% and secondary exclusions fell by 20%.

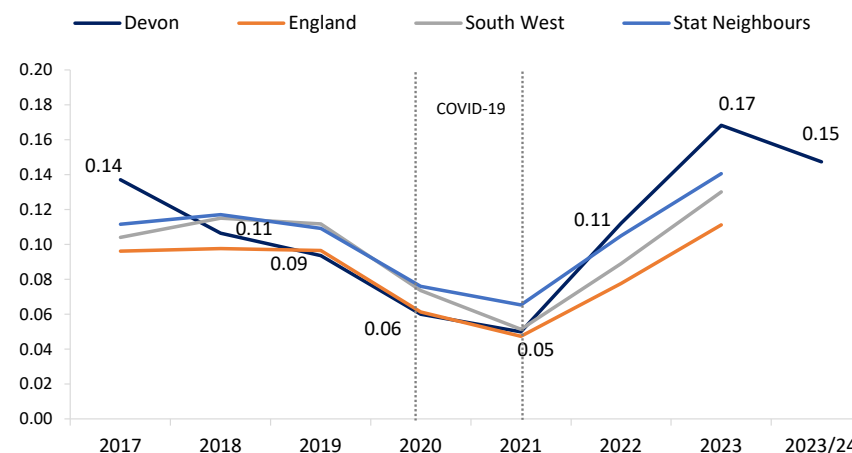
prim, sec & special schools	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of permanent exclusions in Devon ⁽¹⁾	60	50	113	170	148
Devon exclusion rate (exc'ns as % of school pop'n) ⁽²⁾	0.06%	0.05%	0.11%	0.17%	0.15%
National exclusion rate ⁽²⁾	0.06%	0.05%	0.08%	0.11%	not avail

¹ State funded primary, secondary, all-through and special schools (excludes alternative provision).
² School population figures based on numbers on roll in each Spring School Census, sole or main registrations in state funded primary, secondary, all-through and special schools (excludes alternative provision).

Permanent Exclusions in Devon by School Phase



Permanent Exclusions as a % of the school population



Suspensions



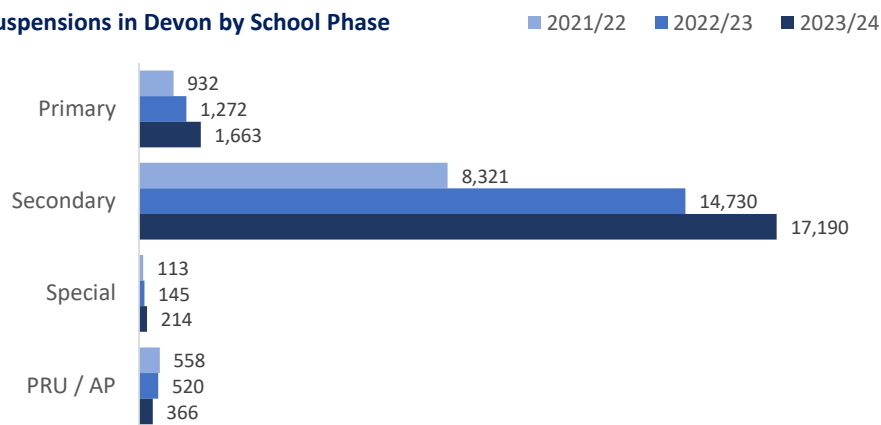
- During the 2023/24 academic year 19,067 suspensions were issued to pupils attending Devon primary, secondary and special schools. This is an increase of 18% on the previous year (16,147 suspensions). In addition to this, 366 suspensions were issued to pupils attending alternative provision (not included in table on the right).
- Latest published data for 2022/23 academic year indicates that Devon's suspension rates are higher than that seen nationally.
- Local information indicates that primary suspensions rose by 31% and secondary suspensions rose by 17%.

prim, sec & special schools	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of suspensions in Devon ⁽¹⁾	5,757	9,366	16,147	19,067
Devon suspension rate (susp's as % of school popn) ⁽²⁾	5.75%	9.29%	15.98%	18.99%
National suspension rate ⁽²⁾	4.25%	6.91%	9.33%	not avail
Devon - no of pupils subject to suspension	2,430	3,286	4,464	4,830
Devon – pupils subject to a suspension rate	2.43%	3.26%	4.42%	4.81%
National – pupils subject to a suspension rate	2.2%	3.02%	3.61%	not avail

¹ State funded primary, secondary, all-through and special schools (excludes alternative provision).

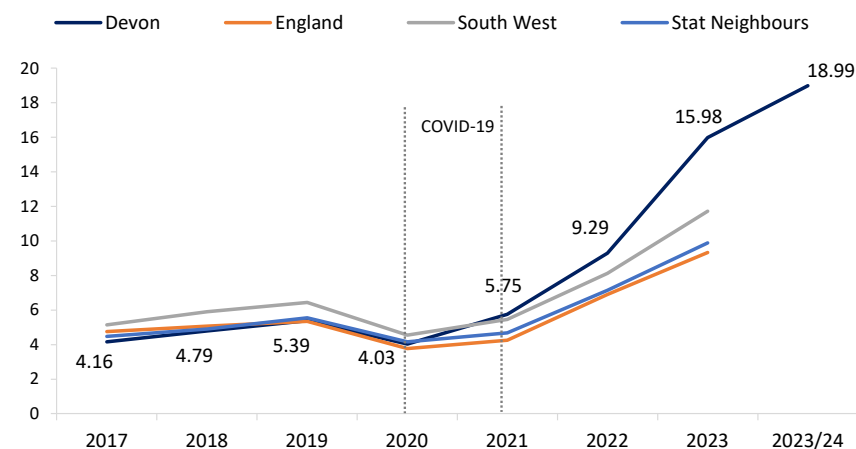
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Suspensions in Devon by School Phase



Data: DfE SFR Permanent Exclusions & Suspensions 2022-23, July 2024, DfE LAIT Sept 24, ONE database 28/10/24

Number of Suspensions as a % of the school population



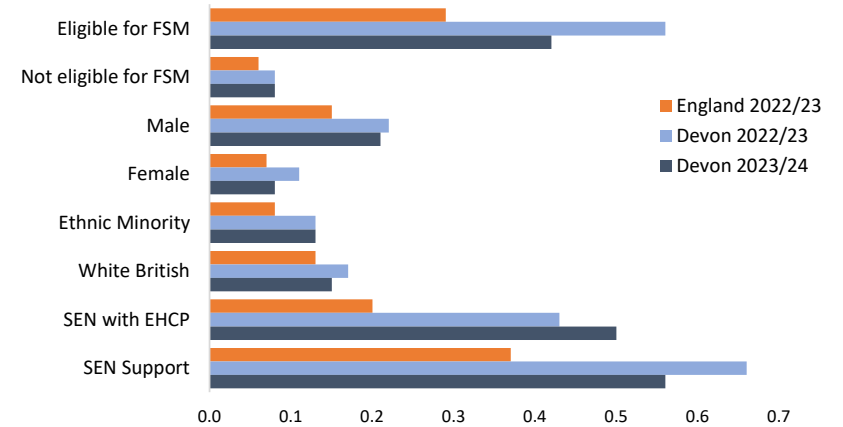
Exclusions & Suspensions – pupil characteristics



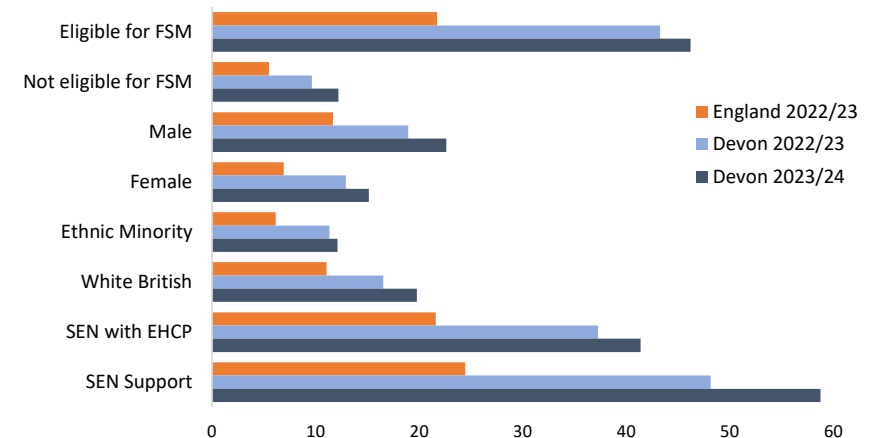
Children in vulnerable groups are more likely to be permanently excluded and suspended than their peers, both in Devon and nationally.

- Permanent exclusions fell across most cohorts except for SEN pupils with an EHCP where they rose. Suspensions rose across all cohorts. (National trends for 2023/24 will not be published until July 2025).
- More boys were permanently excluded than girls, they also received more suspensions. (0.21% permanent exclusion rate compared to 0.08% for girls).
- Pupils eligible for FSM are four times more likely to have a permanent exclusion than those not eligible (exclusion rate of 0.42% compared to 0.08% for non FSM).
- Pupils with SEN Support are ten times more likely to have a permanent exclusion than those with no SEN (0.56% exclusion rate compared to 0.05% for pupils with no SEN). Pupils with an EHCP are nine times more likely when compared to pupils with no SEN (0.50% compared to 0.05%).
- Pupils from an ethnic minority group have similar levels of permanent exclusions as pupils from a white british group. However, pupils from a white british group have higher levels of suspensions than ethnic minority pupils.
- Pupils eligible for FSM and those with SEN Support have seen the greatest reduction in permanent exclusions but have seen the greatest rise in suspensions.

% of group population subject to permanent exclusion



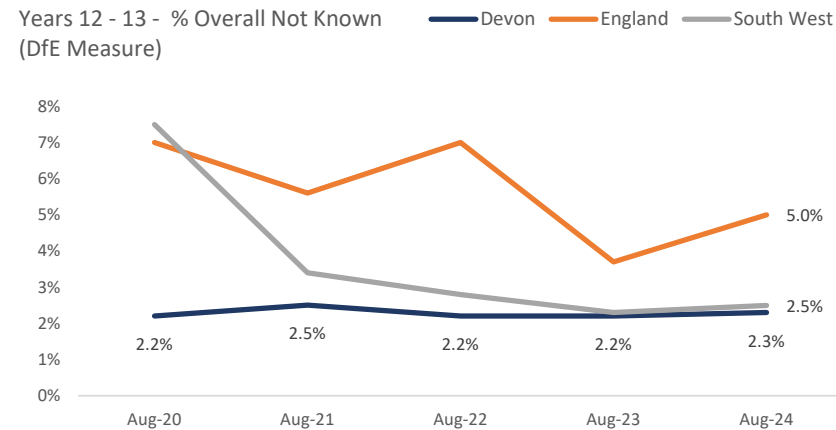
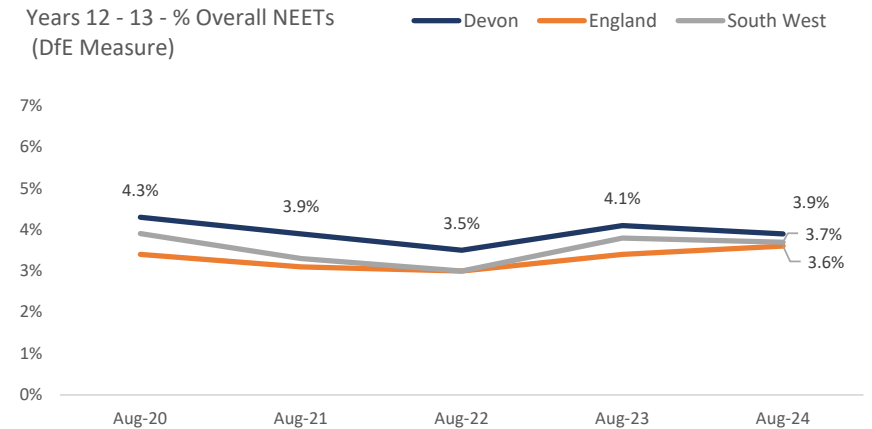
% of suspensions per group population



NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training)



- The percentage of young people in Devon in years 12 and 13 (age 16 & 17) who were NEET has improved slightly, dropping from 4.1% in Aug 23 to 3.9% in Aug 24.
- Devon has a slightly higher percentage of NEET than nationally and regionally.
- The percentage of young people in years 12 to 13 whose circumstances are Not Known has remained relatively unchanged in Devon (2.3% in Aug 24 compared to 2.2% in Aug 23).
- Devon has a significantly lower percentage of young people whose circumstances are Not Known than nationally (2.3% compared to 5% nationally).



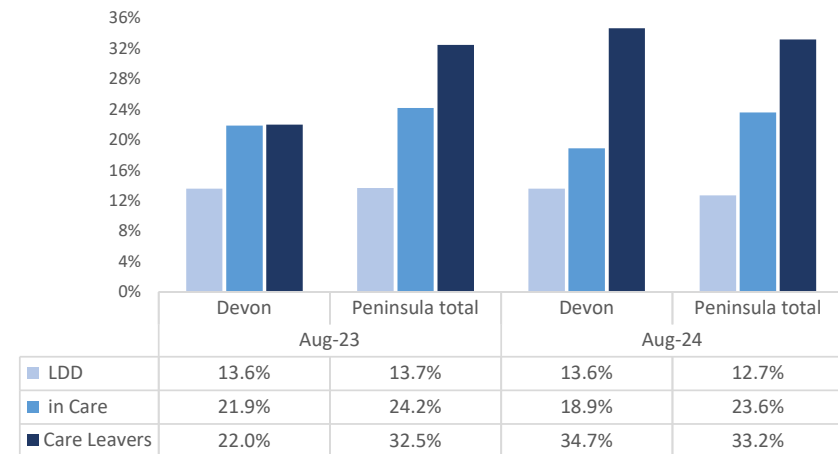
data source: CSW Group, monthly LA scorecards, include England & South West benchmarks (DfE NCCIS System)

NEETs Vulnerable Groups - snapshot at August



- In August 2024 the percentage of young people with Learning Difficulties in Devon who were NEET was the same as the previous year (13.6%). This was slightly higher than the Peninsula average (12.7%).
- The percentage of Devon young people in care who were NEET fell in August 24 compared to same period previously (18.9% compared to 21.9% in Aug 23). Devon's % NEET is lower than the Peninsula average (18.9% compared to 23.6% for the Peninsula).
- Devon has a slightly higher percentage of care leavers who are NEET compared to the Peninsula average (34.7% compared to 33.6%).
- The percentage of young people in Devon from an ethnic minority group (BME) who are NEET is similar to the previous year (2.9% in Aug 24 compared to 2.8% in 2023). No comparison data is available for the Peninsula average.
- The percentage of young people whose circumstances are Not Known is slightly lower in Devon for those with LDD and care leavers than in the SW Peninsula.

Year 12 -13 Vulnerable Groups - % NEET



August 24 rates

	Devon		SW Peninsula	
	NEET	Not Known	NEET	Not Known
Year 12 – 13 vulnerable groups;				
Learning Difficulties & Disabilities	13.6%	1.7%	12.7%	2.1%
Children in Care	18.9%	3.8%	23.6%	3.6%
Care Leavers	34.7%	4.2%	33.2%	5.3%

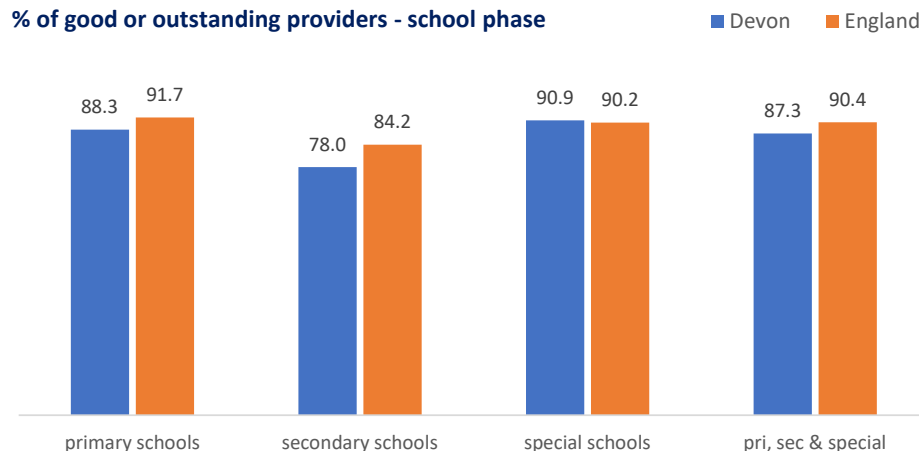
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Ofsted outcomes (30th Sept 2024) – Devon Schools

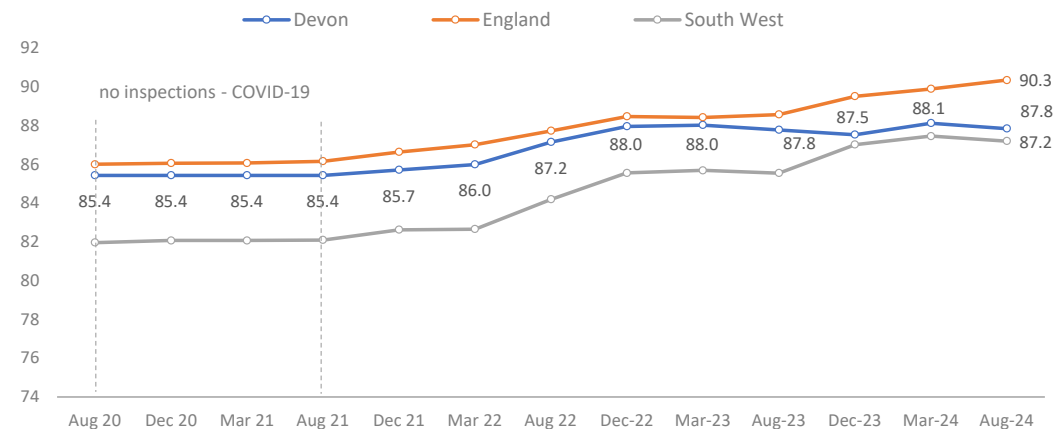


- 87.3% of Devon primary, secondary and special schools are judged by Ofsted as good or outstanding compared to 90.4% nationally.
- 88.3% of Devon primary schools have been judged as good or outstanding, which is also close to the national average (91.7%).
- Devon secondary schools are not performing as well as nationally with 78% judged good or outstanding compared to 84.2% nationally.
- 90.9% of Devon special schools are judged as good or outstanding, slightly better than the national average (90.2%).
- Whilst inspections were put on hold during the pandemic, the percentage of schools now judged as good or outstanding is higher than that seen pre pandemic (87.8% in Aug 2024 compared to 86.8% in August 2019).

% of good or outstanding providers - school phase



% of good or outstanding providers - primary, secondary and special schools



Ofsted outcomes – Devon School Types

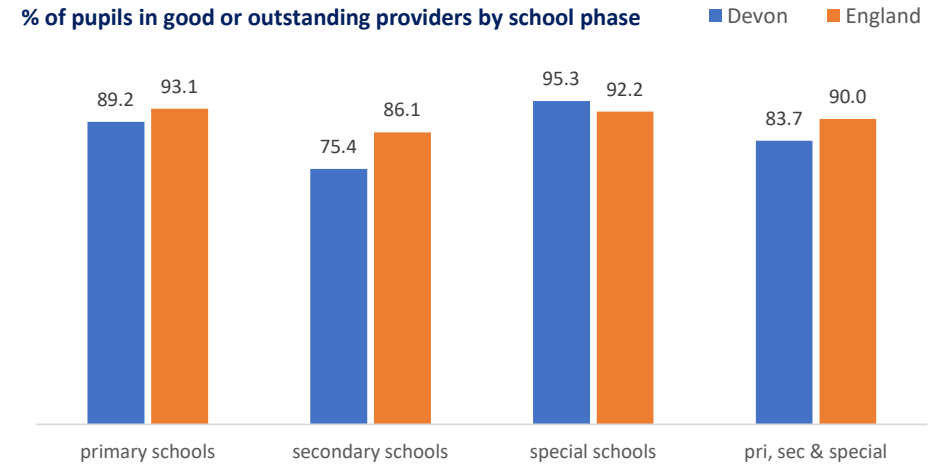


School phase	Current school type	30 th Sept 22 Total number of schools	30 th Sept 22 % good or outstanding	30 th Sept 23 Total number of schools	30 th Sept 23 % good or outstanding	30 th Sept 24 Total number of schools	30 th Sept 24 % good or outstanding
Primary	LA maintained	150	89.3%	145	86.9%	120	89.2%
	Academy/Free	156	90.4%	165	92.7%	189	87.8%
Secondary	LA maintained	5	100%	4	100%	3	100%
	Academy/Free	37	64.9%	37	70.3%	38	76.3%
Special	LA maintained	8	100%	8	100%	8	88%
	Academy/Free	1	0%	2	50%	3	100%
	Non maintained SS	2	0%	1	100%	1	100%

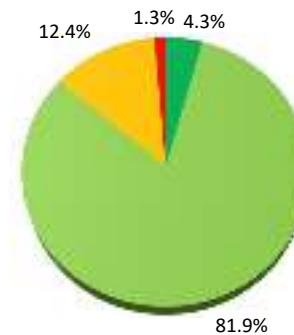
Ofsted outcomes (30th Sept 2024) – Devon pupils



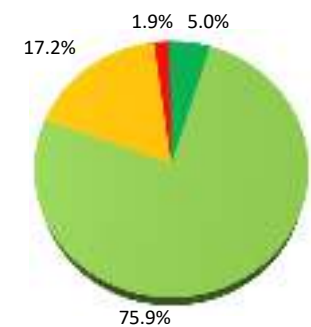
- 83.7% (83,791) of Devon pupils¹ are attending schools that have been judged as Good or Outstanding. This is an improvement from Sept 2023 (82.1%) but is not as good as nationally (90.0%) or regionally (88.1%). This reflects the fact that some large secondary schools are currently graded as requiring improvement.
- 86.2% (4,586) of pupils in Devon with SEN education, health and care plans² are attending Good or Outstanding Schools. This is better than Sept 2023 (82.5%) but not as good as nationally or regionally (90.4% and 87.9% respectively).
- 80.9% (18,371) of disadvantaged children³ in Devon are attending Good or Outstanding schools. This is better than Sept 2023 (79.4%). These are pupils who are Free School Meal children, children in care, adopted from care or service children. No national benchmarks are currently available for disadvantage children.
- 82.8% of Devon children in care for any period of time attended schools judged as good or outstanding in 2023/24 ⁴ (84.5% in 2022/23). No national benchmarks are available for children in care.



Devon Pupils with SEN EHCPs



Devon Disadvantaged Children



¹ Ofsted MI Report uses Spring census pupil cohorts from DfE Get Information About Schools

² Pupil numbers as at Spring Census 2024

³ Pupil numbers from DfE 2024-25 financial year pupil premium download from GIAP, July 24

⁴ DCC CiC annual report 2023/24

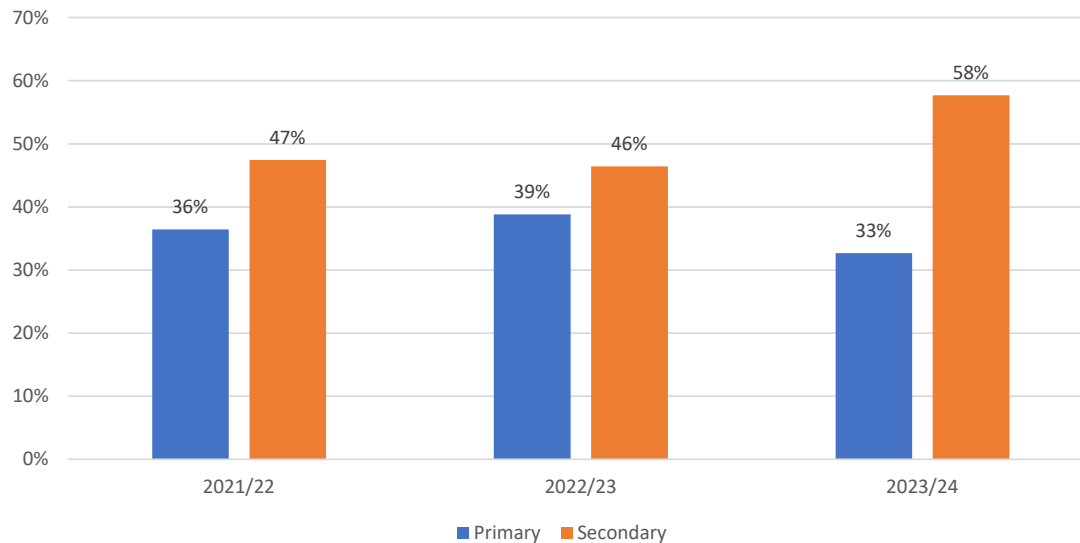
School Complaints - Ofsted

School Complaints (local information)

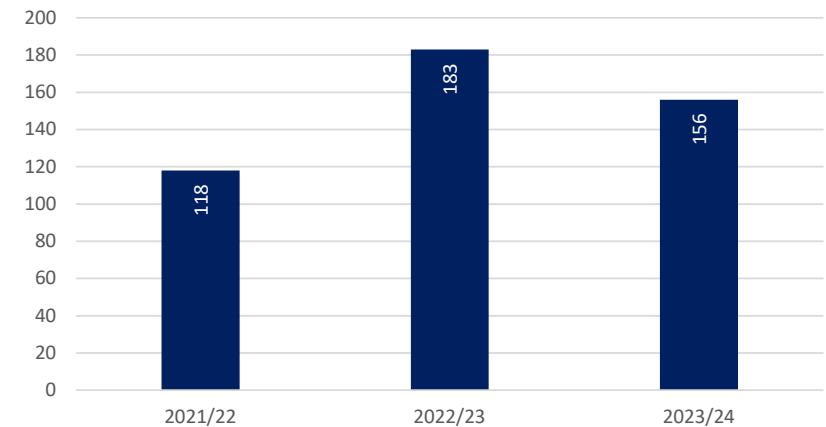
In the 2023/24 academic year, 156 complaints were received in relation to schools. This is a decrease of 14% on the previous academic year.

- The majority of complaints were for Secondary schools with 58% this is an increase over the previous year when only 46% of complaints were for Secondaries

% Complaints by Setting type



Number of complaints by Academic Year



Number of complaints by Setting Type

