
Briefing Note**Date:** 23rd October 2023**Subject:**

Primary and Secondary school outcomes for 2023

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Summary:

Key Stage (KS) outcomes for 2023 show that Oldham school standards are recovering from the negative impact of the pandemic in primary and are improved since the last comparable results in secondary. Most gaps to national averages are narrowing and benchmarked performance shows consequent improvement. Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils continues to be a strength. The impact of additional resource over time and local partnership strategic prioritisation has been pivotal to improvement.

Background:

School-age children take standardised national assessments in year 1 and at the end of KS1, KS2 and KS4. The data from these assessments is shared to enable comparison of performance across schools, boroughs and regions.

Pupils take the phonics screening check at the end of year 1, typically aged 6. Those who do not meet the expected standard take the check again at the end of year 2, typically aged 7.

Pupils are assessed at the end of KS 1 (year 2) in reading, writing, maths and science. Teachers are responsible for judging the standards in English reading, English writing, mathematics, and science. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum assessments in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs.

Pupils are assessed at the end of KS 2 (year 6) in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. English writing and science are reported as a teacher assessment judgement.

During KS 4 most pupils work towards national qualifications - usually GCSEs. Pupils are assessed at the end of KS 4 (year 11) in the compulsory national curriculum subjects of English, maths and science and a range of foundation and other subjects.

KS 1

KS1 -Phonics (Year 1)	2022 Oldham	2023 Oldham	2023 National	2023 NW
All Pupils	72.4	75.6	78.9	78.2
National	75.5	78.9		
Disadvantaged	65.3	68.2	66.7	66.7
Other Pupils	75.2	78.5	82.2	81.9
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	36.8	35.5	42.2	41.4
Non-SEND	78.9	85.1	85.9	85.4

The improvement in phonics outcomes in Oldham (3.2) was less than the improvement nationally (3.4) between 2022 and 2023. Non-SEND pupils made the largest gain. Phonics benchmarks are not available.

KS1 Reading, Writing and Maths EXS+	2022 Oldham	2023 Oldham
All Pupils	44.7	51.6
National	53.4	56.0*
Disadvantaged	36.0	41.9
Other Pupils	48.7	56.2
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	11.8	14.5
Non-SEND	51.5	60.5

*provisional from NEXUS

The improvement in KS1 Reading, Writing and Maths in Oldham (6.9) is greater than the improvement nationally (2.6) between 2022 and 2023. This reduces the gap to national to 4.4 which is more in-line with the gap in 2019 of 4.1. KS1 benchmarks are not available.

KS 2

KS2 - RWM EXS+	2019 Oldham	2022 Oldham	2023 Oldham	2023 National	2023 NW
All Pupils	62.7	51.6	54.3	59.5	58.2
National	65.3	58.7	59.5		
Disadvantaged	53.8	40.0	43.8	44.1	43.3
Other Pupils	68.4	58.4	61.1	66.0	65.6
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	22.7	14.4	17.6	20.2	19.6
Non-SEND	72	61.2	64.5	69.8	68.8

Year	2019 Oldham	2022 Oldham	2023 Oldham
Benchmark (of 151)	118	148	137

The improvement in KS2 Reading, Writing and Maths in Oldham (2.7) is greater than the improvement nationally (0.8) between 2022 and 2023. This reduces the gap to national to 5.2 which is closing to the gap in 2019 of 2.6. Stronger than national improvements were seen in Oldham with Writing up 5.5, Maths up 2.4 and GPS up 1. Benchmarked performance has improved to 137/152.

KS 4

KS4 (5 to 9) in English and Maths	2019 Oldham	2023 Oldham	2023 National	2023 Stat Neighbours	2023 NW
All Pupils	35.3	38.0	45.3	39.4	41.5
National (State Funded Schools)	43.4	45.3			
Disadvantaged	23.4	24.2	25.2	22.5	21.7
Other Pupils	42.1	45.6	52.4	39.9	49.7
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	8.7	12.8	16.8	11.9	15.2
Non-SEND	38.9	42.4	51.0	44.7	46.7

Year	KS4 – Attainment (5 to 9) in English and Maths	2019	2023
Benchmark (of 151)	All Pupils	135	129
	Disadvantaged	69	59
	SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	130	115

The improvement in KS4 attainment (2.7) in Oldham is greater than improvement nationally (1.9) for the most recent comparable outcomes in 2019 and 2023. The benchmark performance rose to 129/151. The performance of Oldham disadvantaged cohort was strong; better than that of statistical neighbours and ranked 59/151 boroughs.

KS4 - Progress 8	2019 Oldham	2023 Oldham	2023 National	2023 Stat Neighbours	2023 NW
All Pupils	-0.39	-0.18	-0.03	-0.14	-0.20
National	-0.03	-0.03			
Disadvantaged	-0.60	-0.49	-0.57	-0.59	-0.75
Other Pupils	-0.26	-0.02	0.17	0.06	0.03
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	-1.05	-0.88	-0.62	-0.73	-0.78
Non-SEND	-0.29	-0.06	0.10	-0.03	-0.08

Year	KS4 - Progress 8	2019	2023
Benchmark (of 151)	All Pupils	144	116
	Disadvantaged	102	48
	SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	143	131

The improvement in KS4 progress (0.21) in Oldham is much greater than the improvement nationally (0) for the most recent comparable GCSE outcomes in 2019 and 2023. This results in a much-improved benchmark performance to 116/151 which places the performance between statistical neighbours and the NW average. The performance of Oldham disadvantaged cohort was relatively strong; better than that of statistical neighbours, NW and national average.