

Report to Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board

Oldham Key Stage Outcomes 2024

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Executive Summary

The appended report on *Oldham Key Stage Outcomes 2024* reflects an improving Quality of Education for Children and Young people who are residents in our borough.

No matter what choices a child makes about their future, there is a great offer for them, with a wide range of educational options dependent on what they want and need.

Settings, schools and Council provide this offer in partnership, and although we are pleased by recent successes, we know there is more to do, and are committed to improving.

Recommendations

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board commend our partners in settings and schools on these improved outcomes and approve the report.

Oldham Key Stage Outcomes 2024

1 Background

1.1 Key positives from the report include:

- Outcomes for our youngest children continue to improve. At Early Years Foundation Stage 63.6% of children reached a 'good level of development.' This is below average, but since the pandemic we are closing the gap to regional and national.
- Year 1 Phonics improved to 77.0% with performance 3.2% below national average but continuing to show steady progress.
- GCSE outcomes at KS4 are better than 2019 showing improved Attainment 8 locally and narrowing gaps to NW and national positions. There are also substantial improvements in pupil progress in the same period, and in pupils achieving grades 9-5 including English and Maths.
- School level analysis shows improving trends in outcomes at ten of thirteen secondary schools since the 2019.
- Gaps between our Disadvantaged and non-Disadvantaged pupils are smaller than National, and in some cases their outcomes exceed National averages.

1.2 Key areas for improvement from the report include:

- Retaining the aspiration to exceed National averages in all measures.
- Focus on outcomes for boys, non-disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND.
- KS2 recovery through Writing and attendance programmes.

1.3 Oldham Key Stage Outcomes are built on a robust system partnership which demonstrated success in 2024 through a series of significant achievements.

We now have more schools than ever that are rated Good and Outstanding by Ofsted, with the rate for Primaries increasing from 81% to 93% over five years and for Secondary increasing from 46% to 69% in the last two years.

We have inclusive schools, with some of the best secondary attendance rates in the region and amongst the lowest primary exclusion rates in the country.

Our Children's services were rated Good, and we are intent on making them better.

13 **Appendices**

13.1 Key Stage Outcomes Report 2023-24 (v1.0 7/1/24f) by Education Intelligence team