

Dorset Council

Provisional Dorset Outcomes
2023/4 Summary

Themes:

Key Stage 2:

- Dorset is in the bottom 20% of local authorities for attainment at the expected standard for Writing, Maths, GPS and the combined Reading Writing and Maths (RWM).
- Maths: Attainment at the expected standard for all pupils, boys and girls is in the bottom 20% of local authorities. Boys' attainment dipped by 3% and is 5% below national. Girls' attainment stayed the same and is 6% below national. There was significant improvement in Girls' outcomes in some areas, but this was matched by dips in some areas, and this was not enough to improve overall outcomes.
- Disadvantaged pupils (for the combined RWM at the expected standard) were 8% below national, non-disadvantaged were 7% below. The gap has reduced by 1 – 2% above national.
- There are no progress outcomes for key stage 2 in 2024 – due to key stage 1 outcomes not being collected during the pandemic.

Key Stage 4 (note this is provisional as yet to be ratified)

- Outcomes in English improved by 4% at grade 4 and higher, and 3% at grade 5 and higher.
- Maths at grade 5 or higher improved by 3%. (Last year Dorset was 4% below national).
- Overall the 4+ basics improved by 1% and the 5+ basics improved by 3%.
- There are no national comparators at this stage.

Achievement Rankings – All pupils

All 152 local authorities are divided into 5 equal size quintiles based on each indicator, with Q5 being the lowest and Q1 the highest.

Dorset Ranking against other LAs		Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Dorset 2024	Dorset 2023	Trend	Nat 2024	Nat 2023	Nat Trend
		<-- Lowest		Highest -->								
Key Stage 2 Expected Standard (2024)	Reading			86			73%	73%	↑	74%	73%	↑
	Writing	128					68%	68%	↑	72%	71%	↑
	Mathematics	144					67%	68%	↓	73%	73%	↑
	GPS	128					68%	70%	↓	72%	72%	↓
	RWM	135					55%	53%	↑	60%	59%	↑

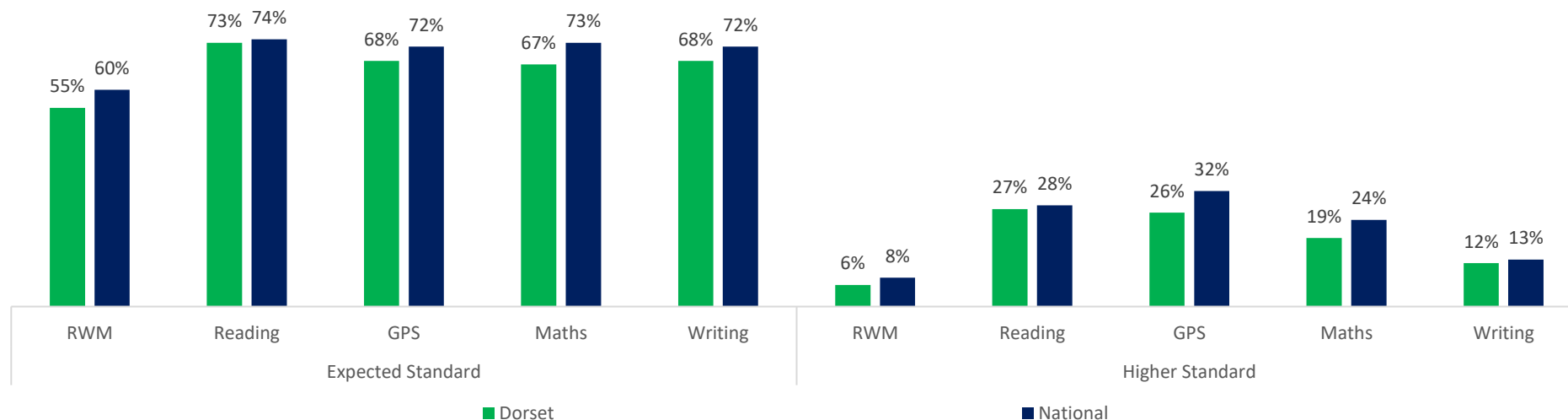
Reading has been a significant area of focus for our schools, with projects in partnership with the National Literacy F

Dorset Ranking against other LAs (EHCP)		Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Dorset 2024	Dorset 2023	Trend	Nat 2024	Nat 2023	Nat Trend
		<-- Lowest		Highest -->								
Key Stage 2 Expected Standard (2023)	Reading	137					12%	22%	↓	19%	18%	↑
	Writing	142					6%	10%	↓	12%	12%	↔
	Mathematics	140					10%	18%	↓	17%	16%	↑
	GPS	147					8%	17%	↓	12%	16%	↓
	RWM	148					3%	7%	↓	9%	8%	↑

Dorset Ranking against other LAs (SEN Support)		Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Dorset 2024	Dorset 2023	Trend	Nat 2024	Nat 2023	Nat Trend
		<-- Lowest			Highest -->							
Key Stage 2 Expected Standard (2023)	Reading				49		51%	45%	↑	48%	45%	↑
	Writing			71			36%	33%	↑	36%	34%	↑
	Mathematics		92				42%	38%	↑	44%	42%	↑
	GPS		94				37%	35%	↑	39%	38%	↑
	RWM			88			24%	19%	↑	26%	24%	↑

Dorset Ranking against other LAs (FSM/Disadv)		Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Dorset 2024	Dorset 2023	Trend	Nat 2024	Nat 2023	Nat Trend
		<-- Lowest			Highest -->							
Key Stage 2 Expected Standard (2024)	Reading			75			61%	57%	↑	62%	61%	↑
	Writing	126					52%	50%	↑	58%	58%	↓
	Mathematics	134					51%	50%	↑	59%	59%	↔
	GPS	126					52%	53%	↓	59%	59%	↓
	RWM	133					37%	34%	↑	45%	44%	↑

Key Stage 2 outcomes:



- Outcomes at the expected standard and higher standard are all below national.
- Maths is 6% below at the expected standard and GPS/Writing are 4% below. The overall RWM is 5% below – and Dorset is in the bottom 20% of local authorities for all of them.
- Reading (to a degree) bucks this trend – 1% below.
- Due to Key Stage 1 assessments not being collected during the pandemic, there are no progress measures this year. This hampers interpretation at the overall level (where the prior attainment of cohorts cannot be taken into account), and particularly at school level.

Dorset Ranking:

	Expected Standard					Higher Standard				
	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing
All pupils										
National	60%	74%	72%	73%	72%	8%	28%	32%	24%	13%
South West	58%	74%	69%	70%	70%	7%	28%	28%	21%	12%
SN Avg	57%	73%	68%	70%	69%	6%	27%	26%	19%	11%
Dorset	55%	73%	68%	67%	68%	6%	27%	26%	19%	12%
Dorset Rank	135	86	128	144	128	99	78	130	129	80

Boys										
	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing
National	57%	71%	69%	74%	65%	6%	25%	29%	27%	10%
South West	55%	70%	66%	71%	64%	6%	25%	25%	23%	9%
SN Avg	53%	70%	64%	71%	63%	5%	23%	23%	22%	8%
Dorset	50%	69%	63%	68%	60%	5%	22%	24%	21%	9%
Dorset Rank	142	96	137	145	136	95	111	119	134	75

Girls										
	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing
National	64%	78%	76%	73%	78%	9%	32%	35%	21%	16%
South West	61%	77%	73%	69%	77%	8%	32%	31%	18%	15%
SN Avg	60%	77%	72%	69%	76%	7%	31%	28%	17%	14%
Dorset	59%	77%	73%	66%	76%	8%	31%	29%	16%	16%
Dorset Rank	131	77	113	143	108	77	77	127	132	74

Key Stage 2 – Localities:

2023/4 KS2	Expected Standard				
	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing
National	60%	74%	72%	73%	72%
Dorset	55% (-5%)	73% (-1%)	68% (-4%)	67% (-6%)	68% (-4%)
Chesil	56% (-4%)	73% (-1%)	67% (-5%)	70% (-3%)	73% (1%)
Dorchester	49% (-11%)	68% (-6%)	67% (-5%)	65% (-8%)	61% (-11%)
East	58% (-2%)	77% (3%)	73% (1%)	71% (-2%)	72% (0%)
North	57% (-3%)	76% (2%)	73% (1%)	70% (-3%)	70% (-2%)
Purbeck	56% (-4%)	78% (4%)	67% (-5%)	68% (-5%)	67% (-5%)
West	52% (-8%)	70% (-4%)	61% (-11%)	65% (-8%)	67% (-5%)

(Figures show locality average and difference to National in brackets)

- Dorchester and the West remain the localities with the largest concerns, despite significant improvements from last year.

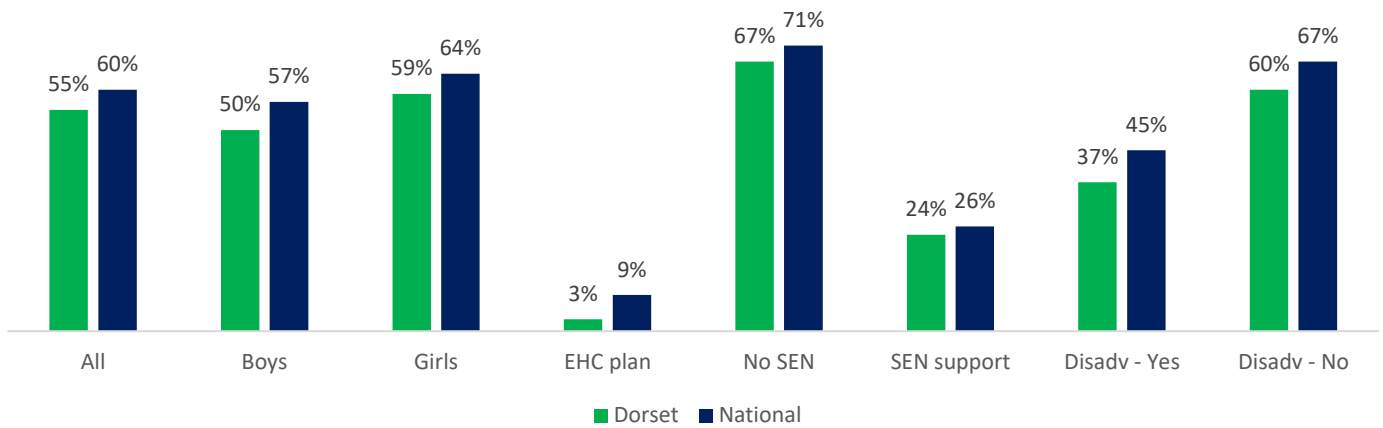
Key Stage 2 Localities – change from 2022/23:

2023/4	Expected Standard				
	RWM	Reading	GPS	Maths	Writing
Chesil	56% (4%)	73% (4%)	67% (-2%)	70% (2%)	73% (2%)
Dorchester	49% (6%)	68% (-3%)	67% (1%)	65% (6%)	61% (7%)
East	58% (1%)	77% (1%)	73% (1%)	71% (-2%)	72% (4%)
North	57% (0%)	76% (3%)	73% (0%)	70% (-1%)	70% (-1%)
Purbeck	56% (3%)	78% (6%)	67% (2%)	68% (1%)	67% (-2%)
West	52% (0%)	70% (-1%)	61% (-5%)	65% (4%)	67% (0%)

(2023/4 outcomes shown, with change from 2022/23 in brackets)

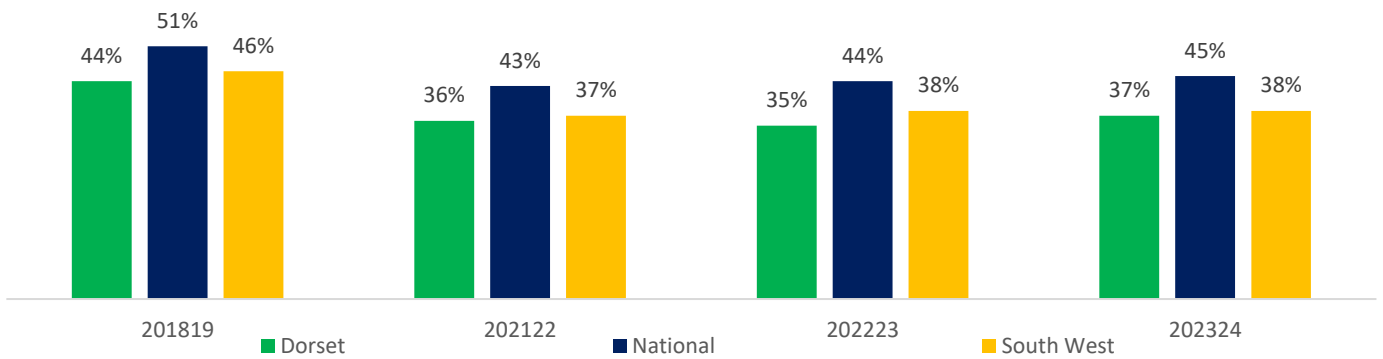
- Changes from last year are mixed, particularly in Maths. The 1% drop in Maths looks to have been down to the drop in the North (biggest locality) and the East.
- Dorchester showing good improvement in Maths and Writing. The West has improved Maths outcomes.

Key Stage 2 RWM Group Outcomes:



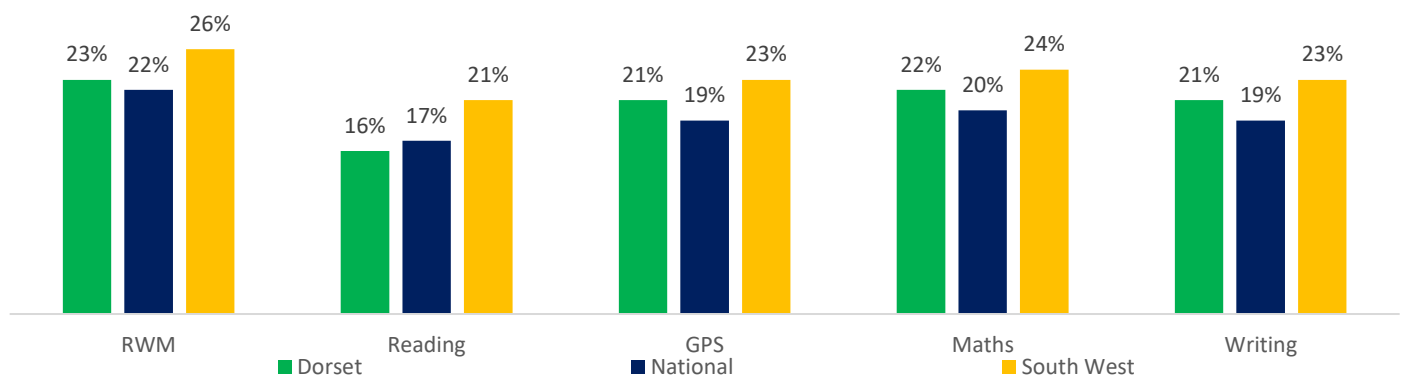
- Boys 7% below, girls 5% below.

Disadvantaged pupils RWM Expected Standard:



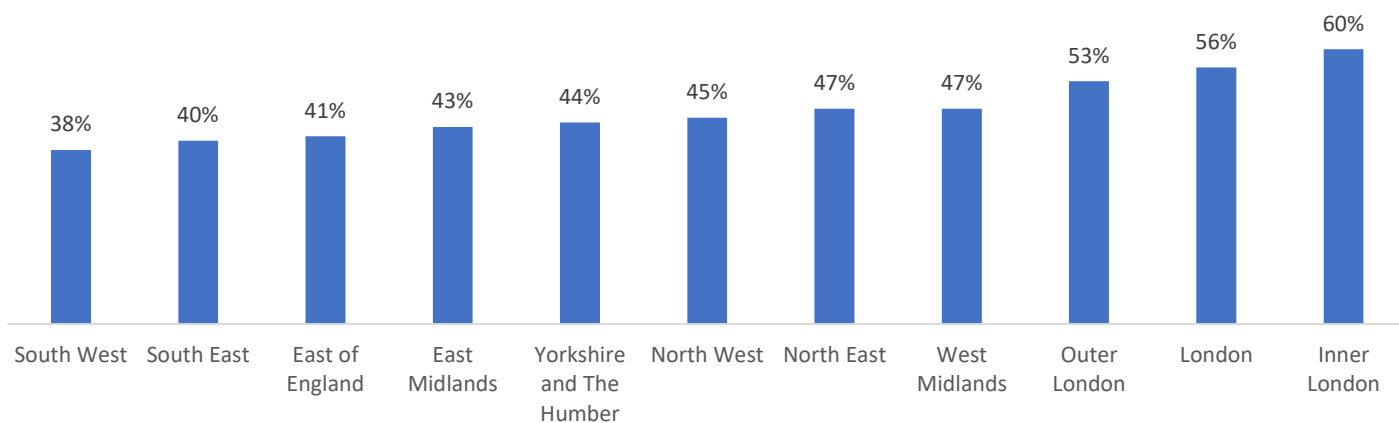
- Disadvantaged pupils improved at a better rate than their peers in Dorset from last year, with a 2% rise in RWM, 4% rise in Reading, 1% rise in Maths, 2% rise in Writing, but a 1% drop in GPS. National results rose slightly, and Dorset's attainment gap reduced by 1% for RWM, however, Dorset is still significantly below National.

Disadvantaged Gap:



- Disadvantaged pupils in Dorset attain at similar levels to those in the South-West and for statistical neighbours, although they are 3% above both areas for Reading.
- Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in the South-West are the lowest of all the regions.
- London outperforms the rest of the country by some way. Outer London is 6% higher than the next nearest region, (West Midlands), and Inner London is 13% above.

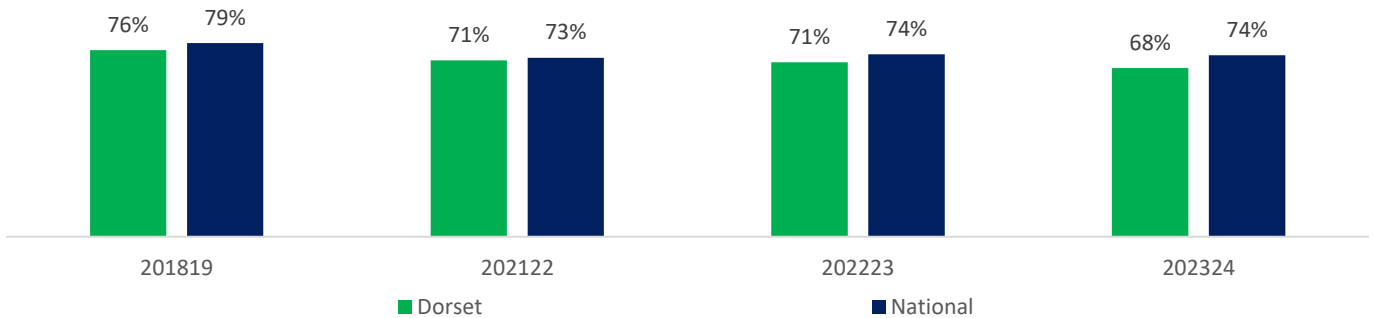
Disadvantaged RWM Expected Standard



Maths focus:

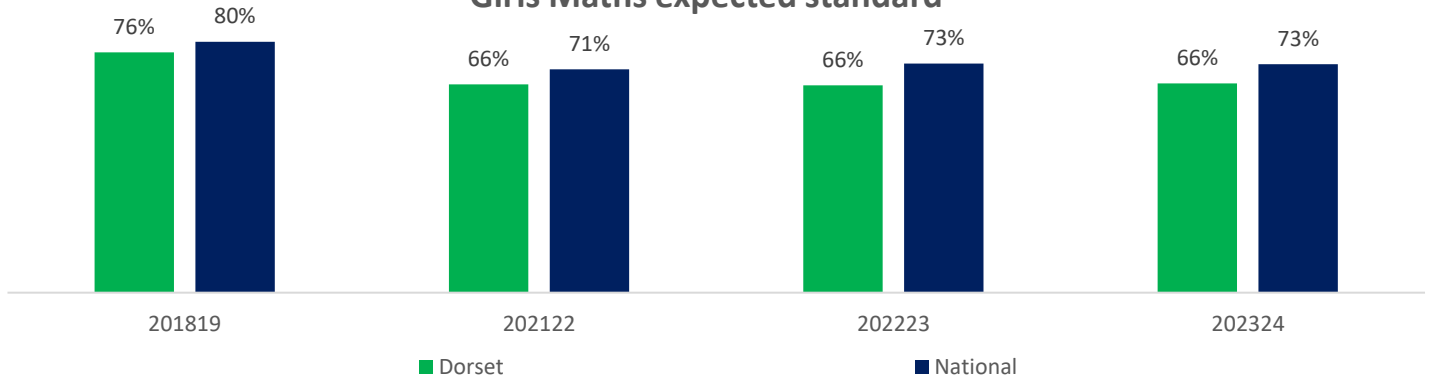
- Maths at Key Stage 2 has been a area of concern for some time – and remains so – Dorset continues to perform in the lowest 20% of local authorities. 67% of pupils achieved the expected standard in 2024, down from 68% in 2023. Overall Dorset was 6% below national in 2024, 5% below in 2023 and 3% below in 2022.
- In previous years the emphasis has been on progress as well as attainment – and particularly on girls.
- This year boys attainment has fallen into the bottom 20% of Local Authorities.
- Boys maths attainment at the expected standard in 2024 was 68%, down from 71% and now 5% below national (3% below in 2023). It is this dip that has caused the overall dip in Dorset.

Boys Maths expected standard



- 66% of girls in Dorset achieved the expected standard in 2024 – the same as 2023. Dorset girls are now 6% below national (up from 7% below last year).

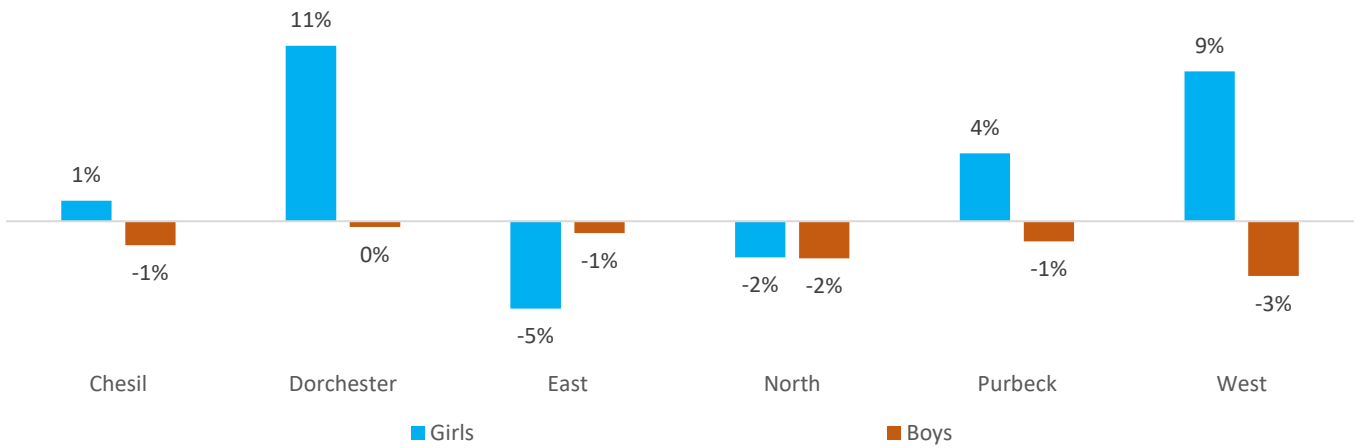
Girls Maths expected standard



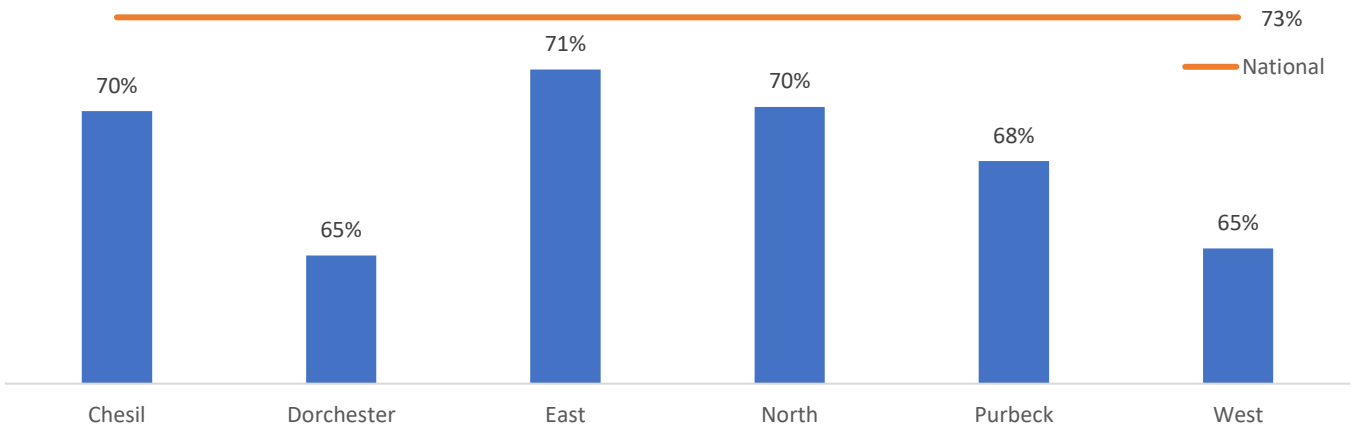
- Whilst Dorset girls are still further below national than boys, the trend for boys is declining at a faster rate.

- Looking at the changes from 2023 by gender shows that there have been significant changes for girls across the localities (with particular improvements in Dorchester and the West – both areas that underperformed in 2023), although girls attainment in the East and North dipped. Boys attainment dropped in all localities, although the west dipped by the largest degree:

Maths expected standard - changes from 2023 - by gender

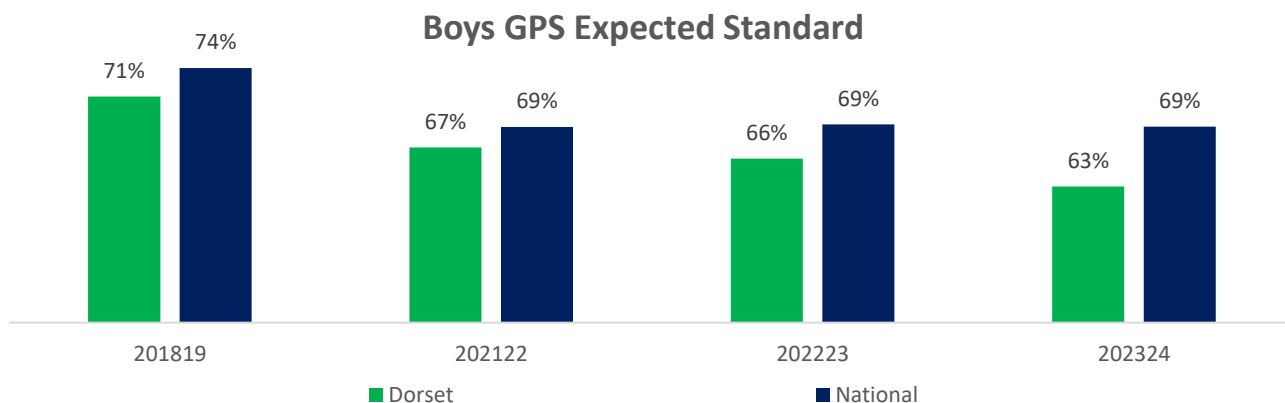


- All localities are below national for Maths at the expected standard. Significant improvements from last year.
- in Dorchester (+6%), West (+4%), and to a lesser degree in Chesil (+2%) and Purbeck (+1%) are positive but further improvement is needed. The East dropped by 2% and the North by 1% from the previous year.

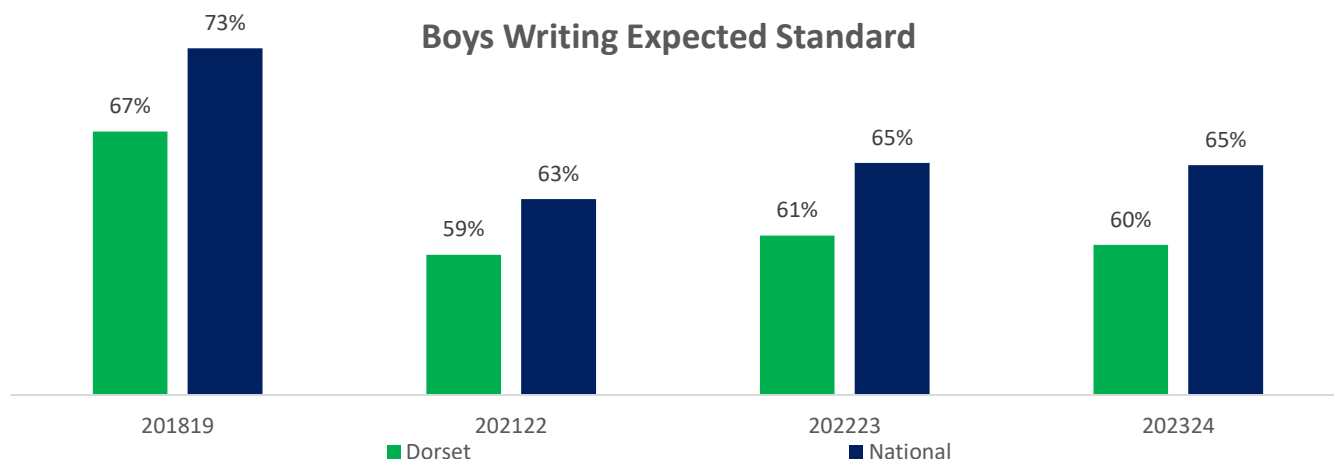


Writing and GPS:

- Whist Maths is 6% below national at the expected standard, GPS (Grammar, punctuation and Spelling) is now 4% below (from 3% last year), and Writing is 4% below (same as last year).
- As with Maths, there are gender issues here, with boys attainment in Writing and GPS both in the bottom 20% of Local Authorities in 2024.
- In GPS Boys are now 6% below national, whilst girls are 3% below, and the trend is of declining performance:



In Writing, boys are 5% below, and girls 2% below:



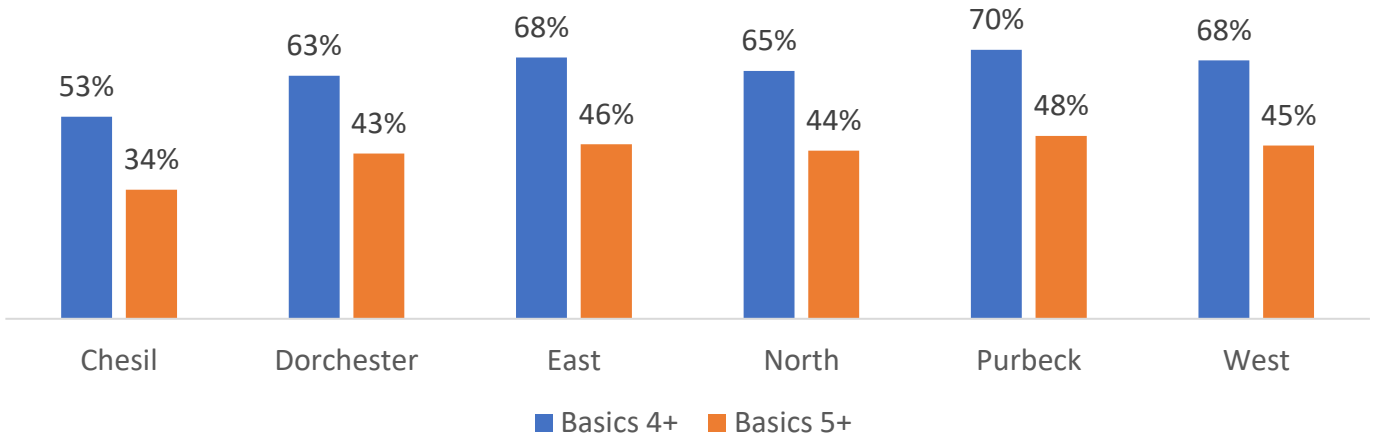
Provisional Key Stage 4 outcomes:

Note: These results are from the school's submission on the August results day:

Area	% 4+ English	% 4+ Maths	% 5+ English	% 5+ Maths	% 4+ English & Maths	% 5+ English & Maths
Dorset 2023	72%	69%	57%	47%	63%	40%
National 2023	75%	70%	61%	51%	65%	46%
Provisional Dorset 2024	76%	71%	60%	50%	64%	43%
Dorset change from 2023:	4%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%

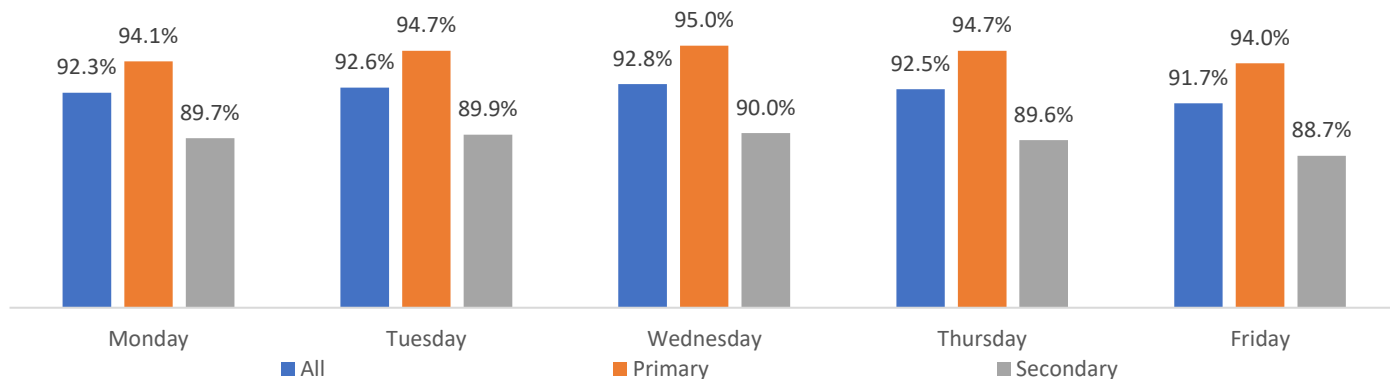
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- Overall, the 4+ basics improved by 1% and the 5+ basics improved by 3%.
- There are no national comparators at this stage.

(Note: the top three schools in outcomes this year were all non-academies.)



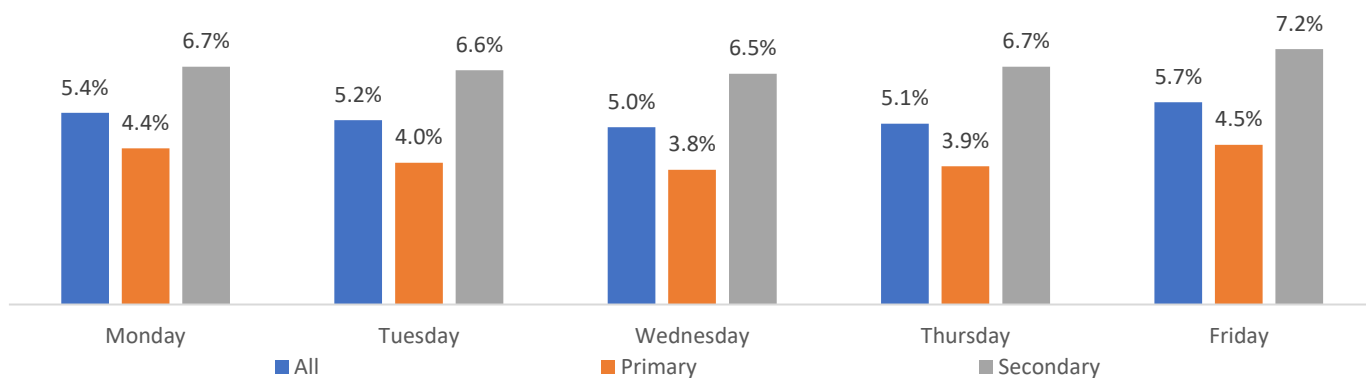
Daily attendance rates 2023/2024:

Overall attendance



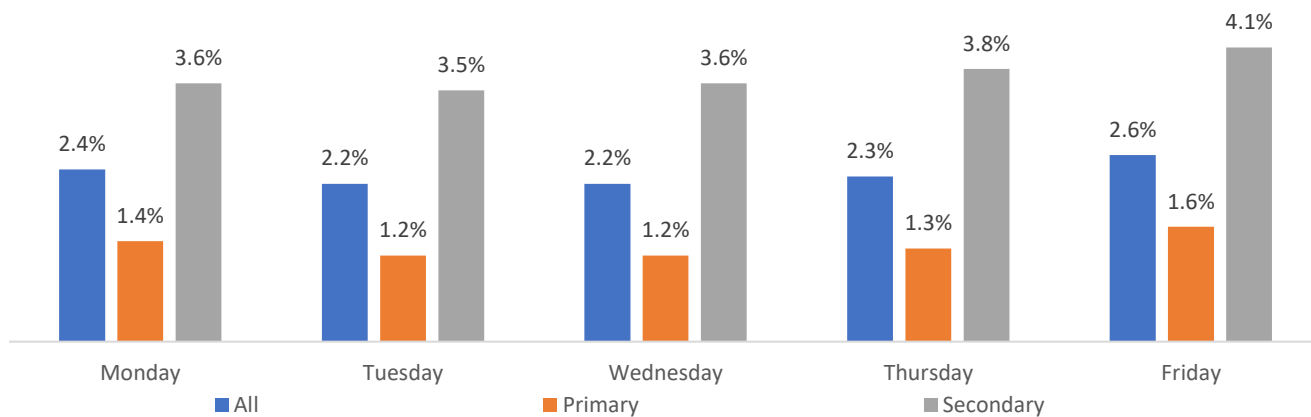
Authorised absence 2023/2024:

Authorised absence



Unauthorised absence 2023/2024:

Unauthorised absence

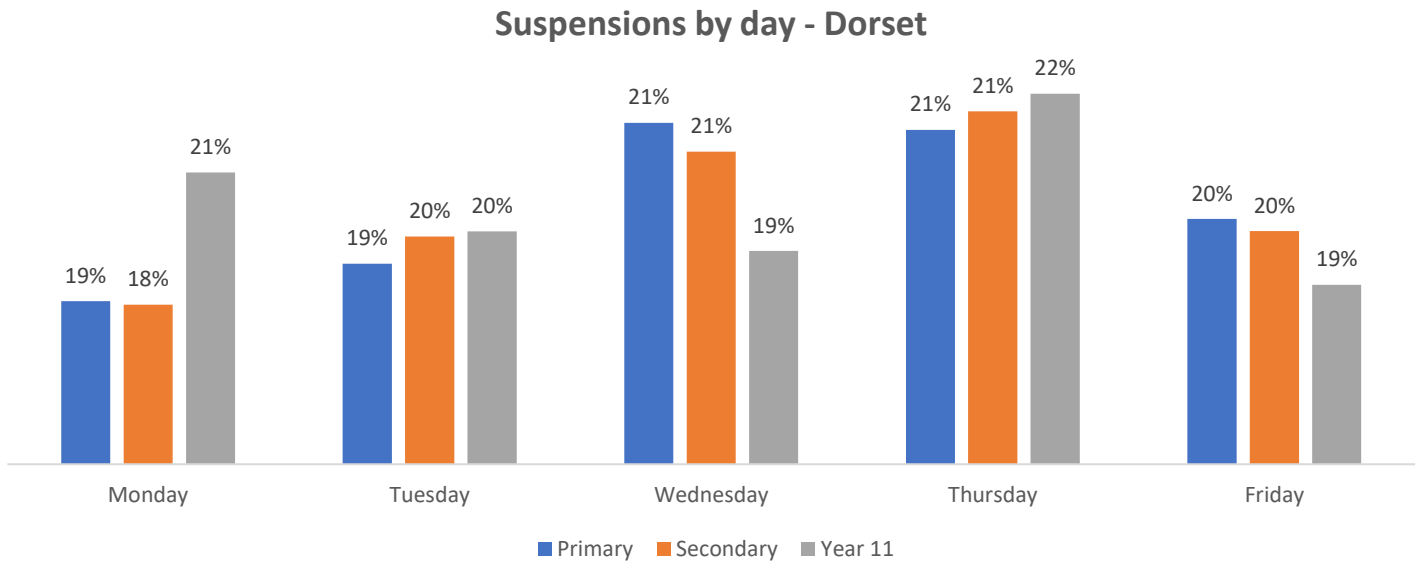


Unauth absence	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%
NC Year 1	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.4%
NC Year 2	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.5%
NC Year 3	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%
NC Year 4	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.5%
NC Year 5	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.6%
NC Year 6	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%
NC Year 7	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.4%
NC Year 8	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%
NC Year 9	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%
NC Year 10	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%	5.3%
NC Year 11	4.9%	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%

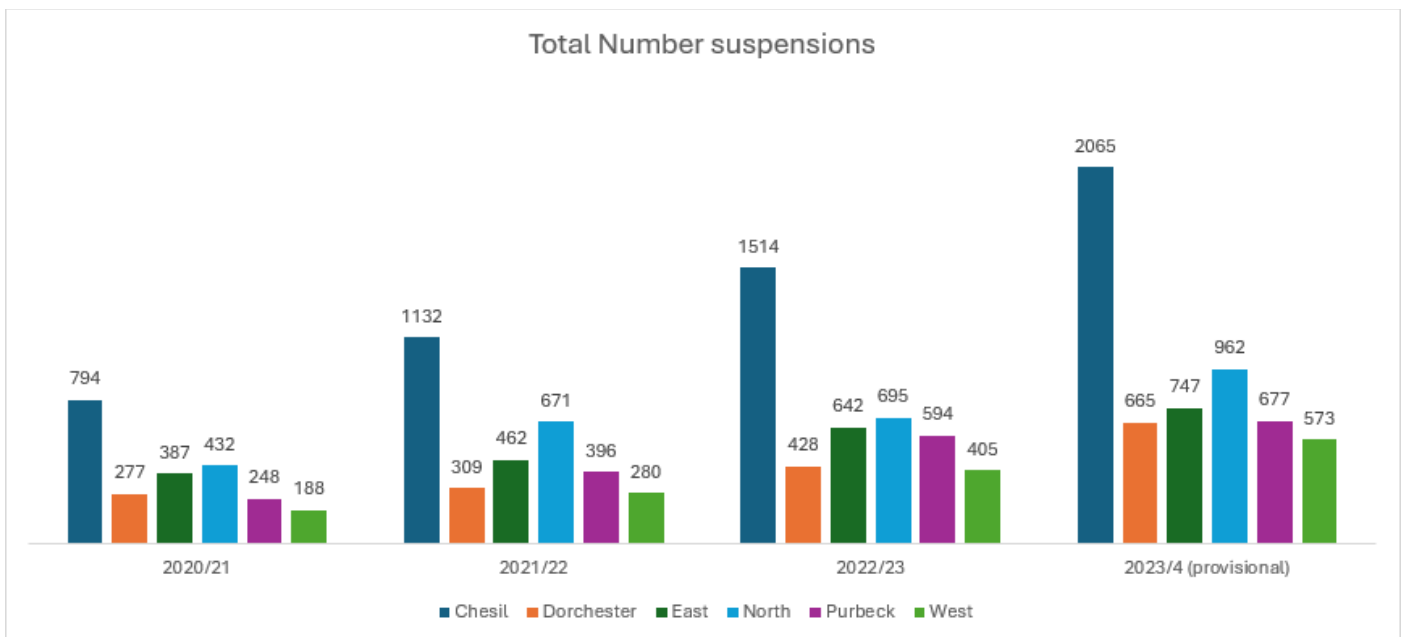
Absence 2023/2024 – reasons:

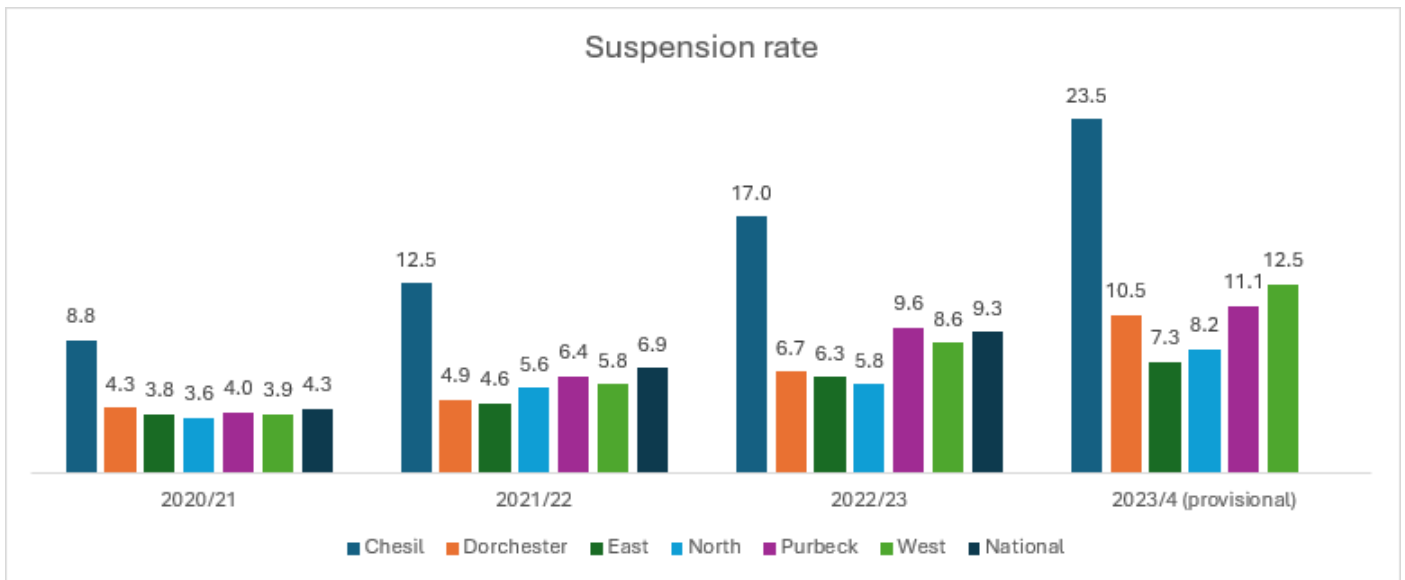
	Authorised - other	Unauthorised - family holiday	Authorised - illness	Late	Unauthorised - other	Unauthorised - after register closed
Monday	2.3%	3.9%	16.1%	7.3%	4.3%	1.6%
Tuesday	2.2%	3.6%	15.6%	7.1%	3.8%	1.4%
Wednesday	2.3%	3.6%	15.2%	7.0%	3.6%	1.4%
Thursday	2.4%	3.8%	15.2%	7.0%	3.9%	1.4%
Friday	2.7%	4.3%	15.7%	6.6%	4.5%	1.3%

Suspensions (% of total) by day:



These graphs show the number of suspensions by locality. Year 23/24 is provisional as not yet validated by the DFE (therefore no national data.) The second graph shows the rate (numbers of pupils).





Ofsted:

Note: Results show most recent inspection with valid outcome (58% of schools for strands other than leadership):

