

Educational Attainment: 2013

Strengths: 0-11

- Considerable improvement in early years (59% compared with 52% nationally)
- Better than average for youngest children on FSM
- Much better attainment for youngest children who have English as an additional language
- Better than England and places like Hampshire for 7 year olds
- Very good results for 11 year olds (4 points better than national)
- The gap (FSM and non FSM) narrowed again
- Better than national average for 11 year old children from BME backgrounds
- Improvement of attainment of 11 year olds in care

Strengths: 11-19

- Back up to the national average for 16 year olds
- Improvement in the attainment of 16 year olds from BME backgrounds
- Improvement in overall performance of 16 year olds in care
- Results at post 16 at or above national average on most measures
- Good success rates for apprentices

Weaknesses

- Progress between ages 7 and 11 only at national average
- 14 primary or junior schools (out of 319) 'below the floor standard'
- Gap (FSM/non FSM) still a little wider than nationally for 11 year olds
- Not good enough at GCSE. Too many secondary schools (of all types) under-performing
- 7 secondary schools 'below the floor standard'
- Gap (FSM/non FSM) for 16 year olds unacceptably large
- Too few 16 year olds in care attaining 5 A*-C including English and maths.

There is a marked difference between the performance, overall, of secondary schools compared with the performance, overall, of primary schools.