

Autumn 2023 release



Education in Kent

How Many Schools are there in Kent? As of 24/07/2023

There are **592** schools in Kent - **49%** are Academies/Free Schools



A **third** of secondary schools are **selective**

Schools	Phase	Governance		Selective	
1	NURSERY	1	LA Maintained		
		0	Academy		
460	PRIMARY	257	LA Maintained		
		203	Academy		
101	SECONDARY	18	LA Maintained	9	Non-Selective
				9	Selective
		83	Academies	60	Non-Selective
				23	Selective
24	SPECIAL	21	LA Maintained		
		3	Academy		
6	PRU	5	LA Maintained		
		1	Academy		
592	ALL	302	LA Maintained	69	Non-Selective
		290	Academy	32	Selective



91% were Judged **Good or Outstanding** by Ofsted compared to **88%** Nationally

Kent County Council is the largest local authority in England by population

Who goes to school in Kent?



250,254 Pupils in all schools January 2023

Three quarters (73%) of children were from a **White British** Ethnic background.

7% from **Other White** backgrounds

4% from **African** heritage



13% of children had English as an Additional Language (**EAL**); an increase of 0.9pp from 2022 (2,667pupils)



Overall **22 %** children were eligible for **FSM**

FSM eligibility has **increased over 3 years**

Primary proportions in line with England (24%), **Secondary schools was lower than England in 2023** 19% compared to 23%

Influenced by **lower FSM in selective secondary schools**, 8% compared to 27% in non-selective schools



16% of children had **Special Educational Needs (SEN)**

SEN has **increased** over 3 years

Primary school SEN population was **bigger** than **Secondary** **15% compared to 13%**

In selective schools there were 5% of pupils with SEN compared to 17% in non-selective schools



Who goes to school in the 12 districts

	% Eligible FSM++	% EHC Plan	% SEN Support	% Ethnic Minority	%EAL
England	23.8%	4.3%	13.0%	35.7%	20.7%
Kent	22.2%	4.8%	11.2%	25.6%	13.0%
Ashford	22.4%	5.4%	10.4%	25.2%	13.9%
Canterbury	23.0%	3.0%	10.7%	22.4%	12.1%
Dartford	18.5%	4.5%	13.4%	48.0%	22.8%
Dover	29.9%	5.0%	12.5%	15.1%	8.2%
Folkestone and Hythe	27.1%	3.2%	10.7%	15.8%	8.7%
Gravesham	22.5%	5.5%	9.1%	44.5%	23.7%
Maidstone	18.5%	6.0%	12.8%	27.6%	15.1%
Sevenoaks	17.7%	5.8%	12.8%	21.5%	8.1%
Swale	26.6%	6.3%	13.2%	16.8%	7.1%
Thanet	34.1%	4.5%	10.9%	19.2%	11.0%
Tonbridge and Malling	15.6%	4.2%	9.2%	19.0%	7.1%
Tunbridge Wells	13.6%	4.8%	11.2%	24.2%	13.6%



% FSM in Kent is broadly in line with national. However, four districts have higher proportions with Thanet and Dover the highest. Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge & Malling have the lowest.

Kent is broadly in line with the national average of pupils with an EHCP. Nine districts are above with Thanet having the highest proportion and Dartford the lowest. Kent has fewer pupils with SEN support with Dover and Thanet being above national. Tunbridge Wells has the fewest

Kent is less ethnic diversity than national but with more variance between districts. The **highest** proportions of ethnic minorities are in **Dartford and Gravesham**. The **lowest** was in **Dover**

% EAL in Kent is lower than national although there is a **higher** concentration in **Gravesham and Dartford**. Swale and Tonbridge & Malling both had the lowest proportion.

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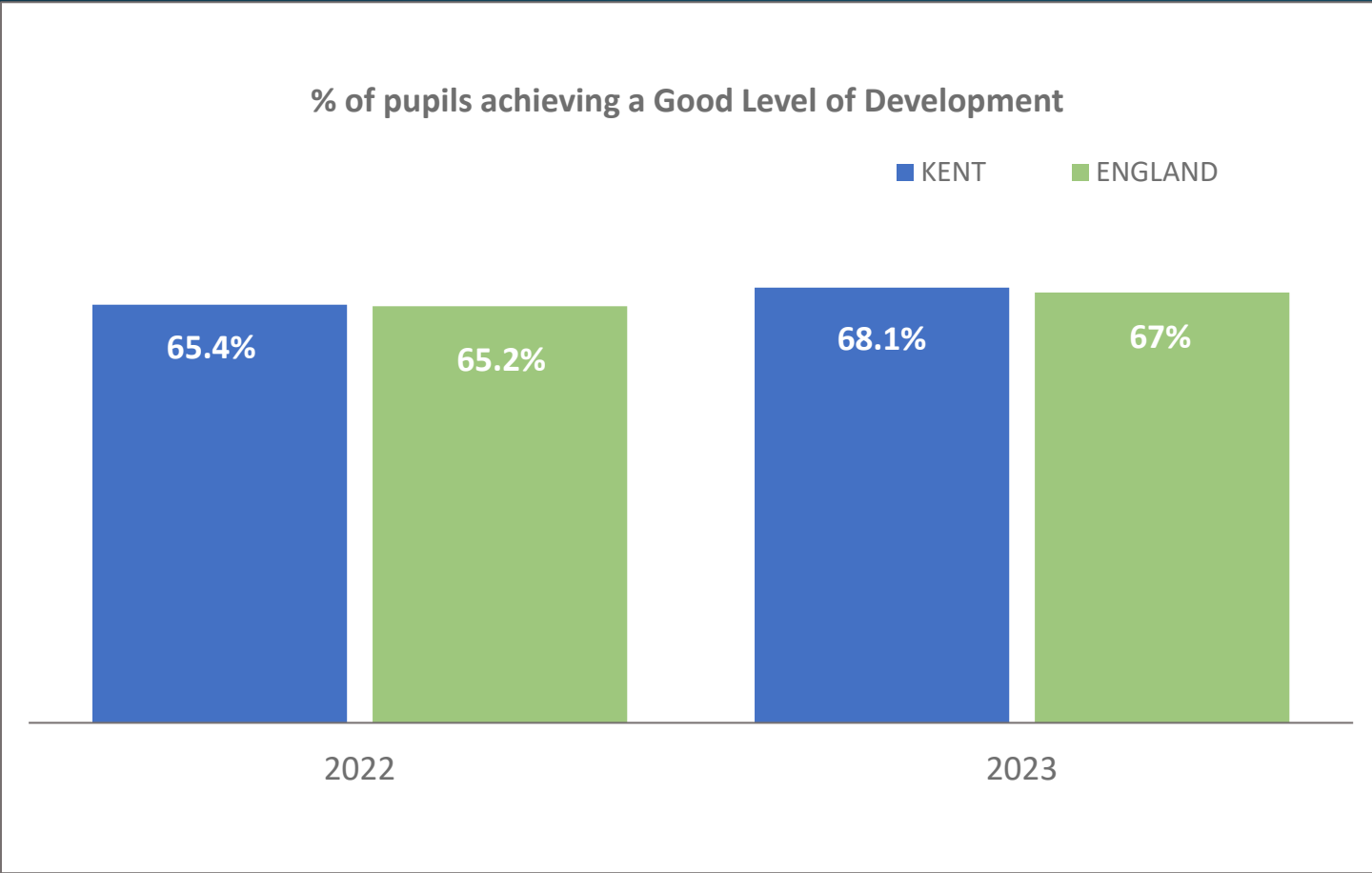


2023 Achievement in Kent Schools



The Primary Phase - Kent Schools

Early Years Foundation Stage

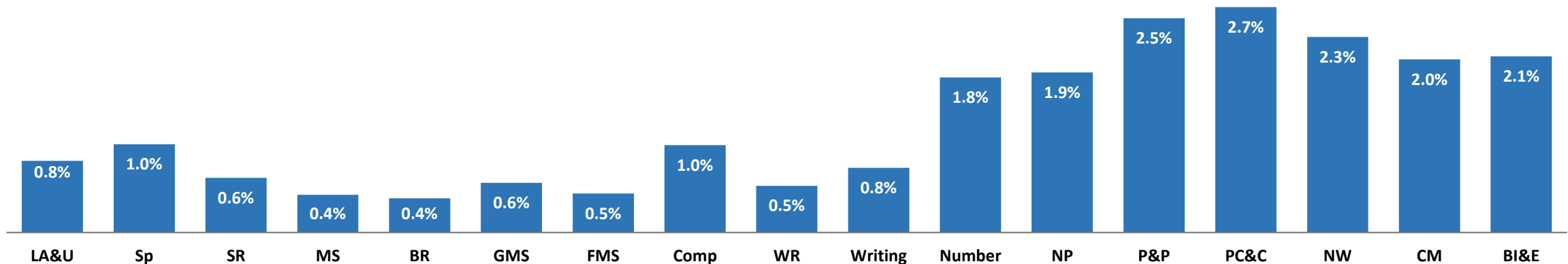


In Kent **68.1%** of children reached a Good Level of Development. This was slightly above England

Performance has **increased** compared to the previous year

How do our 5 year olds do?

% of pupils reaching the Early Learning Goals 2023 gap compared to National

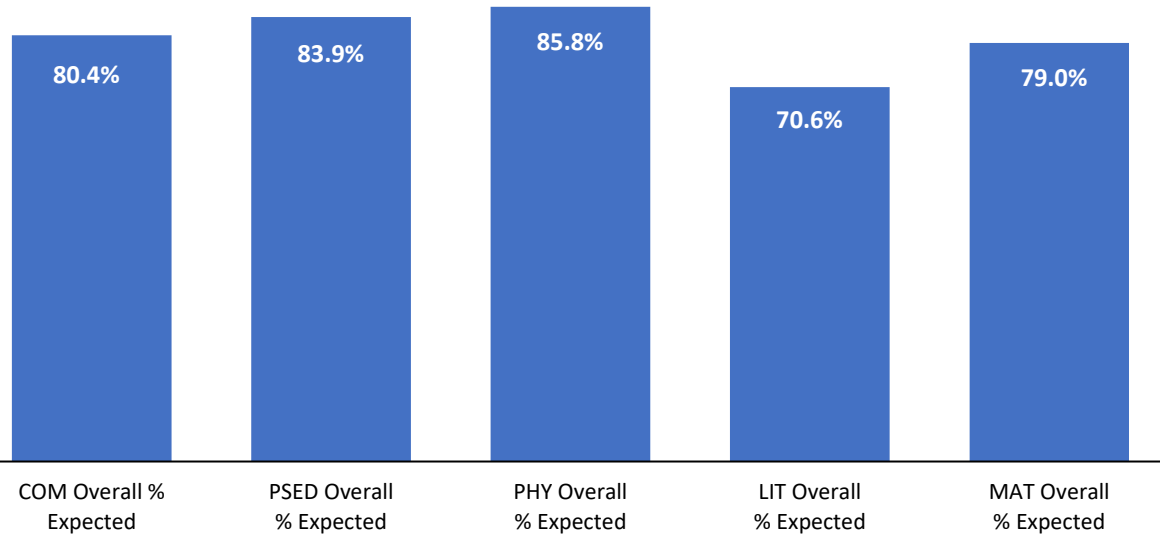


Out of the 17 Aspects of Learning, our children's performance overall was **above** England in **all** areas

Gross Motor Skills had the highest proportion of children reaching the ELG in Kent (**92.6%**).
This was mirrored nationally

Writing had the lowest proportion of children reaching the ELG in Kent (**71.9%**).
This was mirrored nationally

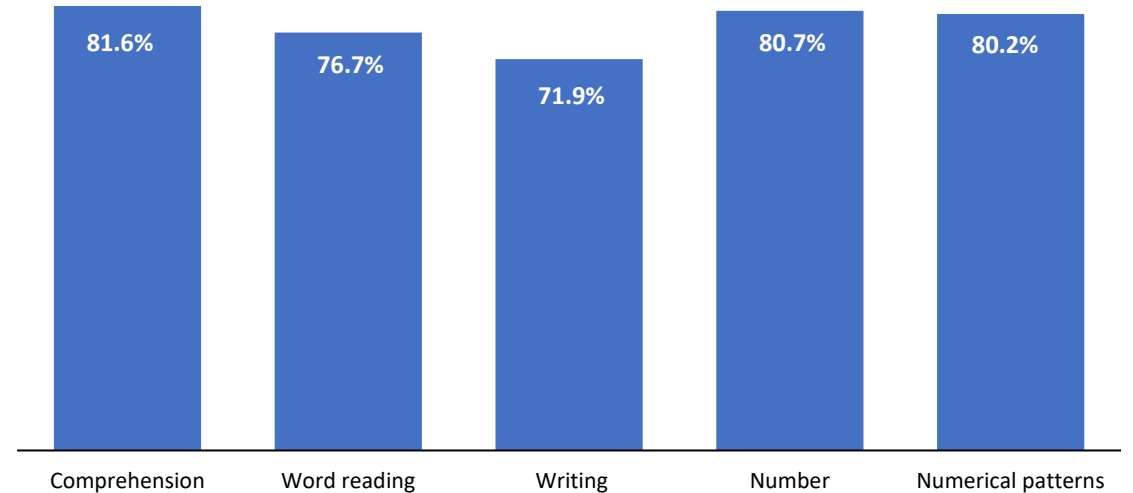
FSP 2023 - % ELG by overall areas of learning



The overall areas of learning with the lowest level of children reaching goals **continues** to be **Literacy and Numeracy** – as with England averages.

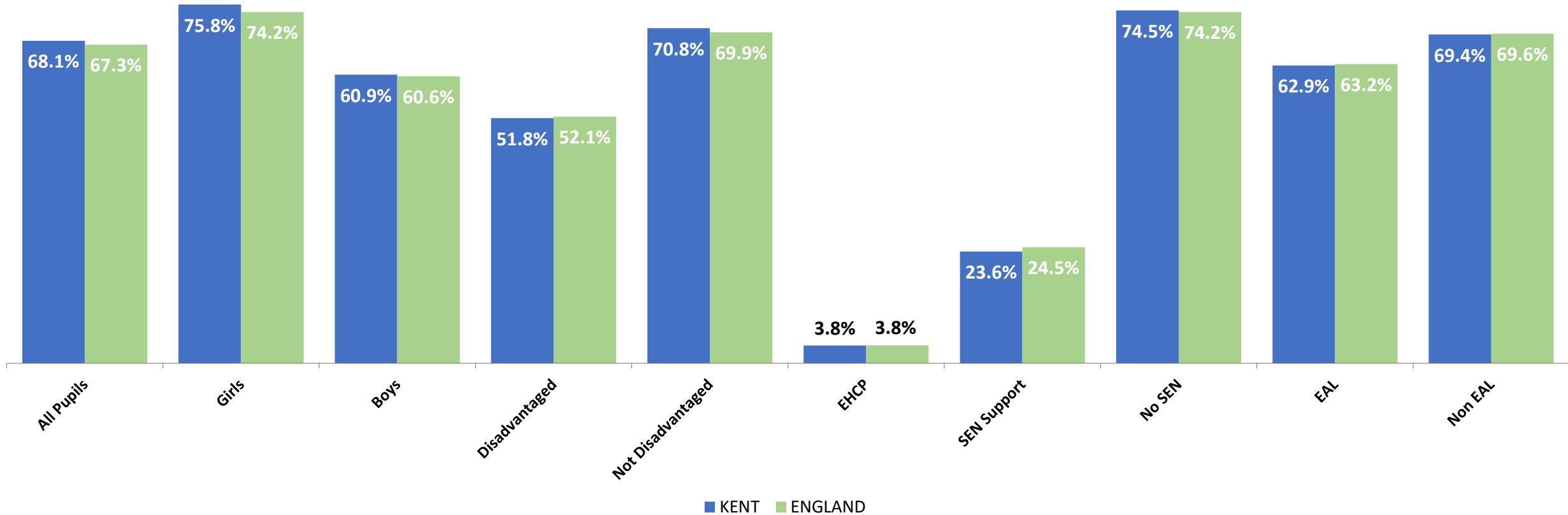
There are **3 Literacy** and **2 Maths aspects** in the Early Years curriculum that are included in expectations for children meeting the Good Level of Development by the end of Reception

FSP 2023 - % ELG for Literacy and Numeracy



Comprehension remains the strongest learning aspect in the literacy and Numeracy areas. **Writing** was the lowest.

Which groups of children do well or need more support?

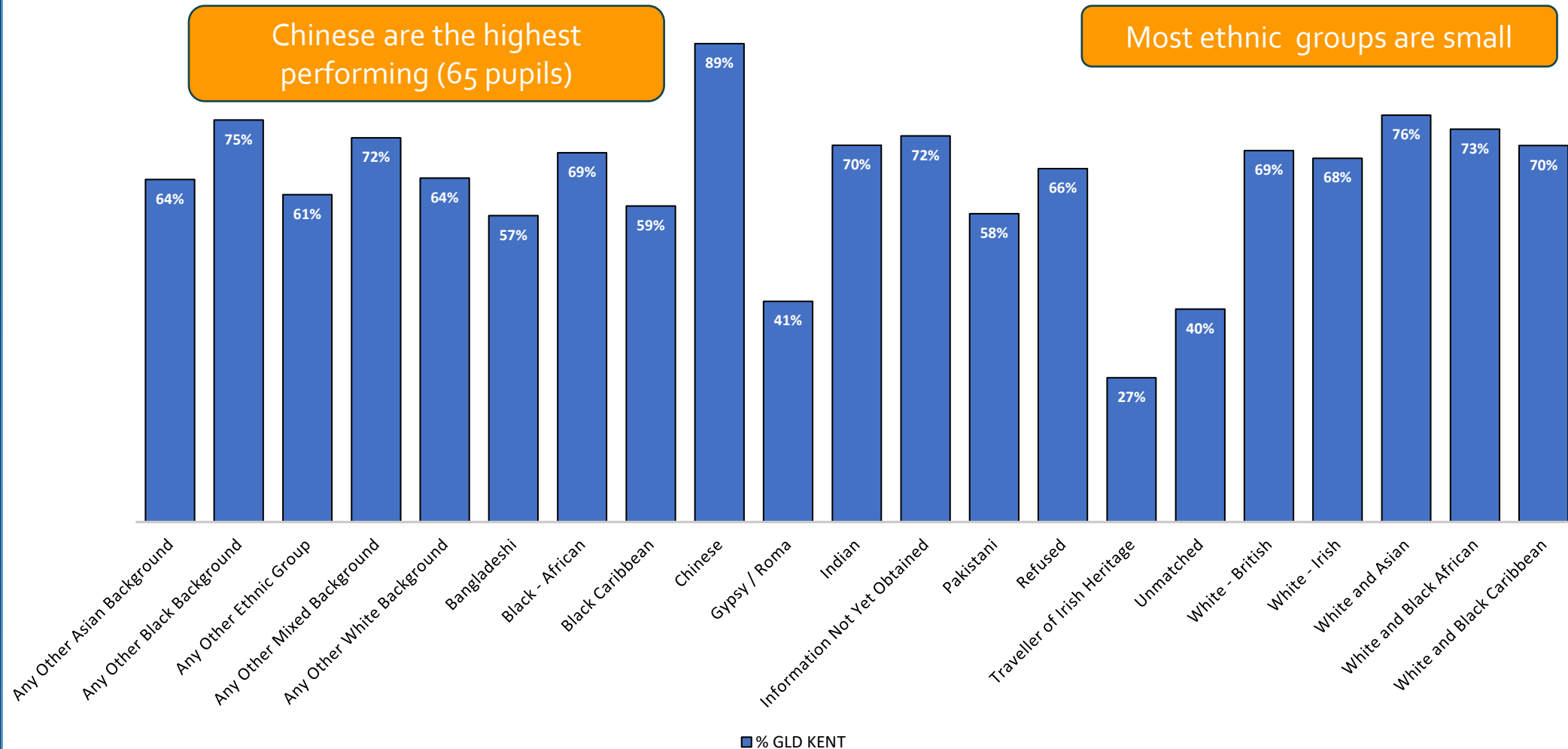


Girls continue to outperform boys; the gender gap was slightly bigger in Kent compared to England (14.8 compared to 13.6)

Results for groups are all broadly in line with national

What about Ethnic Groups?

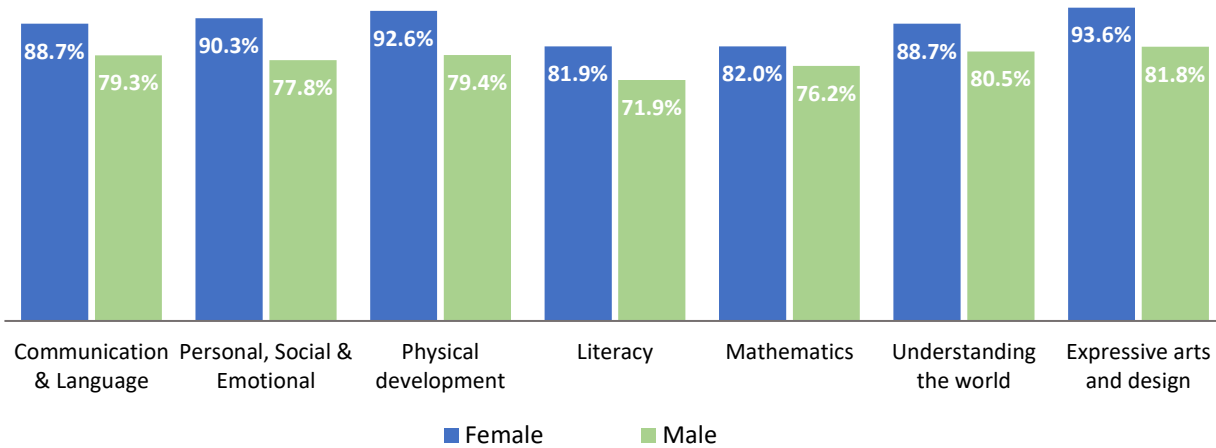
FSP 2023 - % of pupils Achieving a Good Level of Development by Ethnic Group



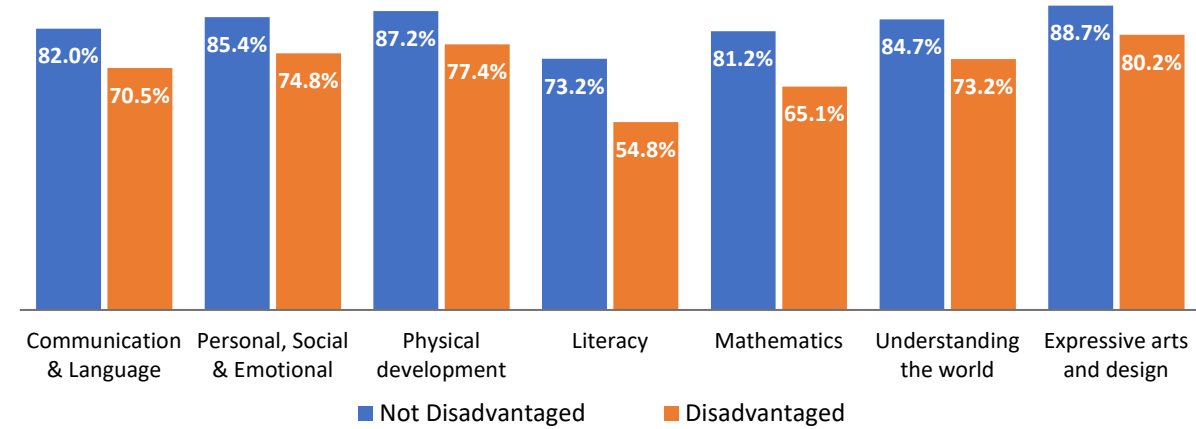
White British are the biggest group (73% of the cohort) and perform just above the Kent average

Where are the gaps widest?

% Meeting the Early Learning Goals 2023 Male and Female



% Meeting the Early Learning Goals 2023 Disadvantaged Pupils

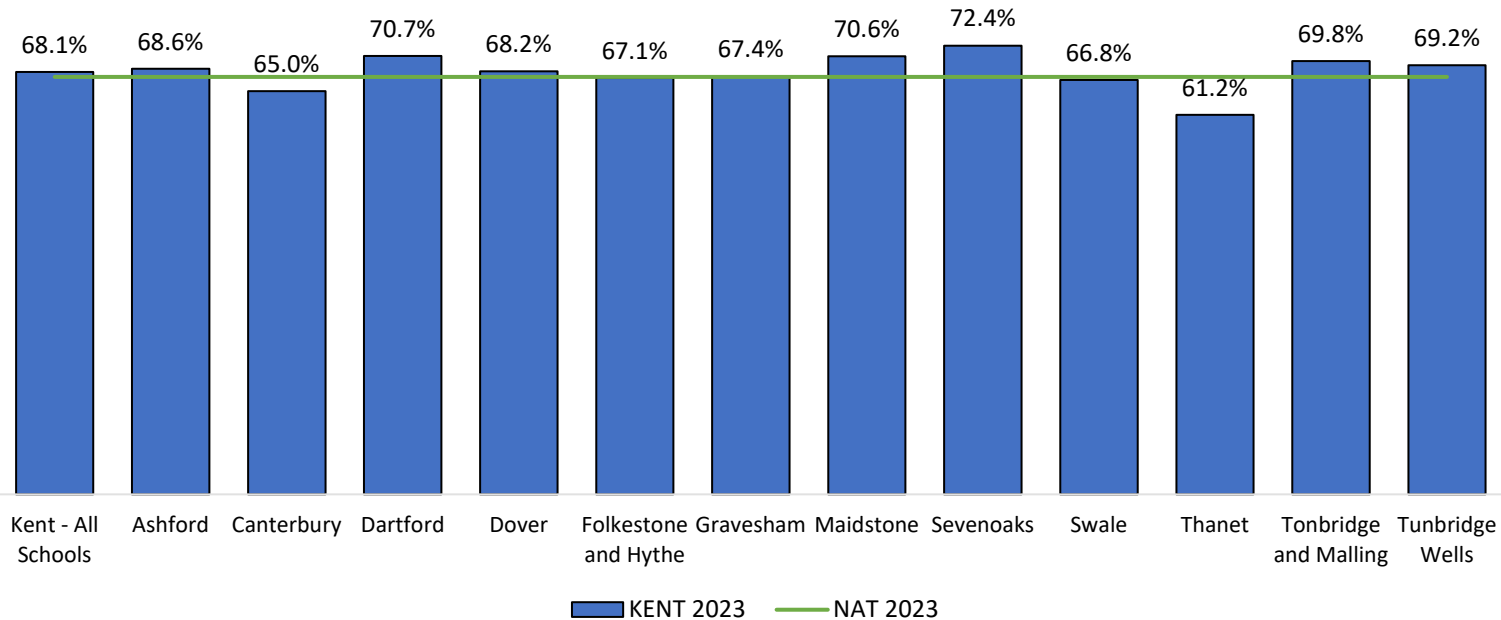


% meeting ELG	Communication & Language	Personal, Social & Emotional	Physical development	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the world	Expressive arts and design
Gender Gap	-9.4%	-12.5%	-13.2%	-10.0%	-5.8%	-8.2%	-11.7%
Disadvantaged Gap	-11.5%	-10.6%	-9.7%	-18.4%	-16.1%	-11.6%	-8.5%
EAL Gap	-9.8%	-1.6%	0.1%	-7.3%	-6.7%	-10.8%	-5.0%
SEN Gap (non and SEN Supp)	-50.2%	-51.0%	-40.6%	-38.8%	-38.4%	-42.2%	-38.4%
CIC Gap (Not CIC and Kent CIC)	-17.7%	-24.0%	-24.3%	-19.3%	-21.9%	-17.5%	-4.7%

- The gender gap was widest in Physical development, Personal Social & Emotional. It was smallest in Mathematics
- Disadvantaged gap is wider in Literacy and smallest in Expressive Arts and Design
- The widest gap is the SEN support compared to non-SEN pupils particularly in Personal, Social & Emotional
- For CIC the widest Gap is for Physical development

How do the Districts Compare?

FSP - % of pupils at a Good Level of Development by District



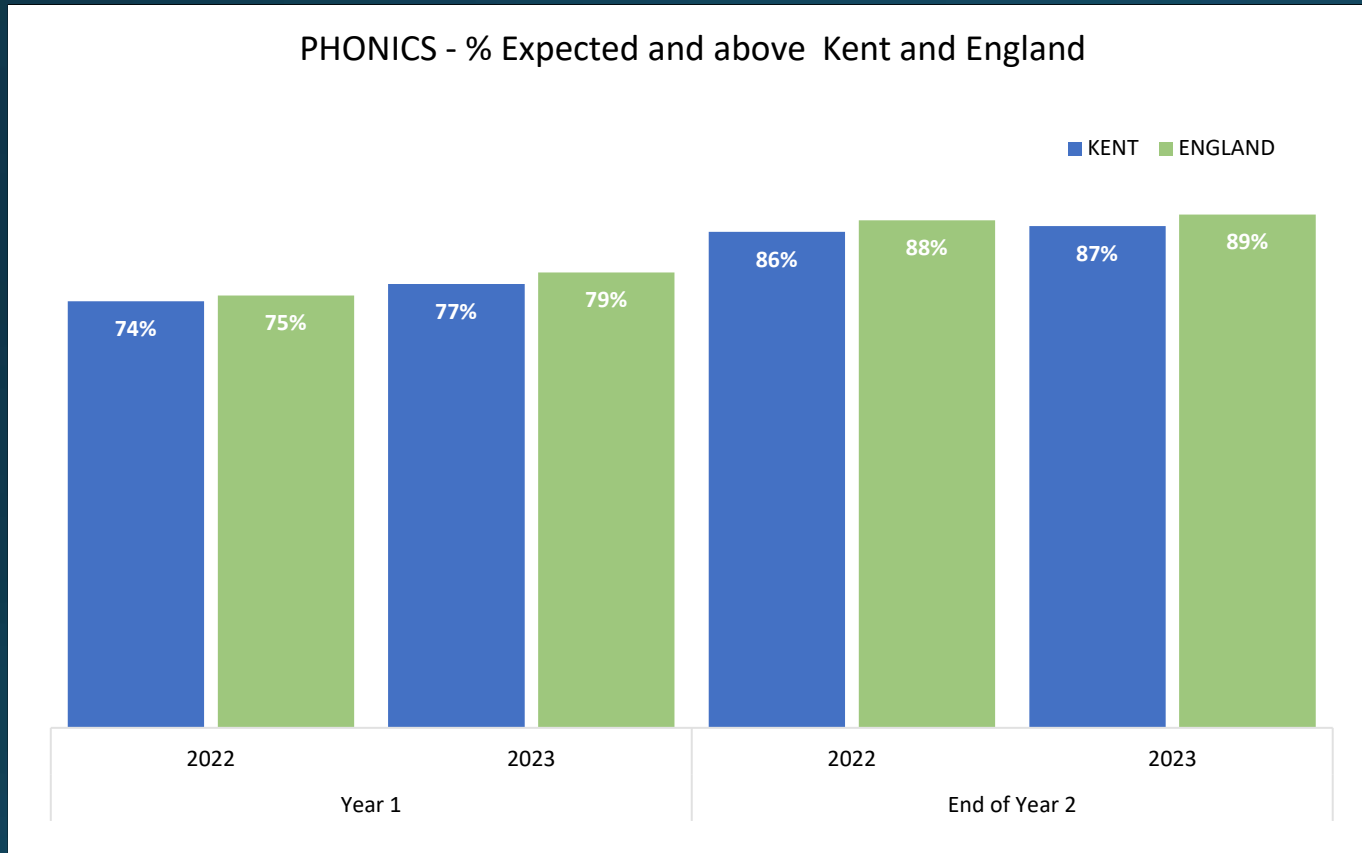
District	COM Overall % Expected	PSED Overall % Expected	PHY Overall % Expected	LIT Overall % Expected	MAT Overall % Expected
Kent - All Schools	80.4%	83.9%	85.8%	70.6%	79.0%
Ashford	79.5%	84.3%	87.3%	70.9%	79.3%
Canterbury	77.4%	80.9%	83.4%	67.0%	75.8%
Dartford	81.9%	84.8%	87.2%	72.4%	78.9%
Dover	81.4%	83.8%	84.7%	70.8%	78.9%
Folkestone and Hythe	80.5%	84.5%	86.7%	70.9%	78.2%
Gravesham	79.7%	84.3%	85.0%	69.4%	76.0%
Maidstone	81.7%	85.2%	86.9%	73.2%	80.5%
Sevenoaks	84.0%	87.2%	88.0%	75.3%	82.8%
Swale	78.6%	81.7%	84.1%	69.3%	78.6%
Thanet	76.6%	80.0%	81.9%	64.1%	75.3%
Tonbridge and Malling	82.6%	84.9%	87.5%	72.0%	81.8%
Tunbridge Wells	82.2%	85.7%	86.9%	72.4%	81.1%

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District	Comprehension	Word reading	Writing	Number	Numerical patterns
Kent - All Schools	81.6%	76.7%	71.9%	80.7%	80.2%
Ashford	82.0%	77.8%	72.2%	80.8%	80.7%
Canterbury	78.4%	72.0%	67.9%	77.2%	76.4%
Dartford	81.1%	77.8%	73.3%	81.7%	79.7%
Dover	82.2%	77.0%	72.3%	80.4%	79.9%
Folkestone and Hythe	82.3%	78.0%	72.8%	80.1%	80.0%
Gravesham	79.4%	76.7%	70.9%	78.8%	78.4%
Maidstone	82.2%	78.2%	73.9%	83.2%	81.7%
Sevenoaks	85.0%	81.2%	76.9%	83.8%	84.1%
Swale	80.2%	74.3%	70.5%	80.3%	79.9%
Thanet	78.7%	71.2%	65.6%	76.6%	76.7%
Tonbridge and Malling	84.8%	79.4%	73.3%	82.9%	82.8%
Tunbridge Wells	84.2%	78.4%	73.3%	82.0%	81.7%

- 8 of the 12 districts performed in line or above National with Sevenoaks the highest in 2023
- Thanet continued to have the lowest % achieving GLD (61.2%)
- Tonbridge and Malling was the only district where GLD declined (by -0.8)
- Literacy showed the lowest development in all districts, particularly in Thanet and Canterbury
- Within Literacy ,Writing was the area of most concern across districts

Phonics

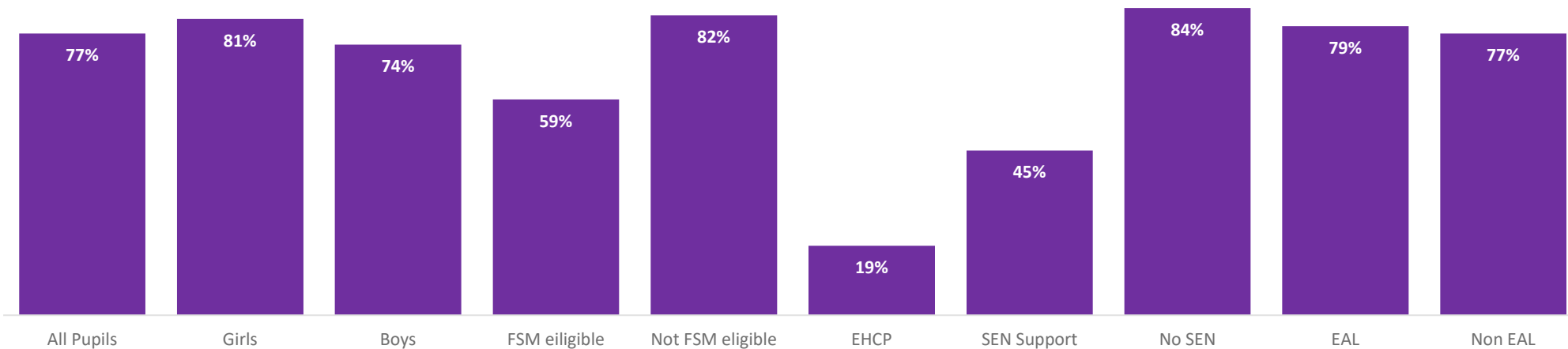


In **Kent** the percentage of children reaching the expected standard **improved from 2022** in **both year groups**

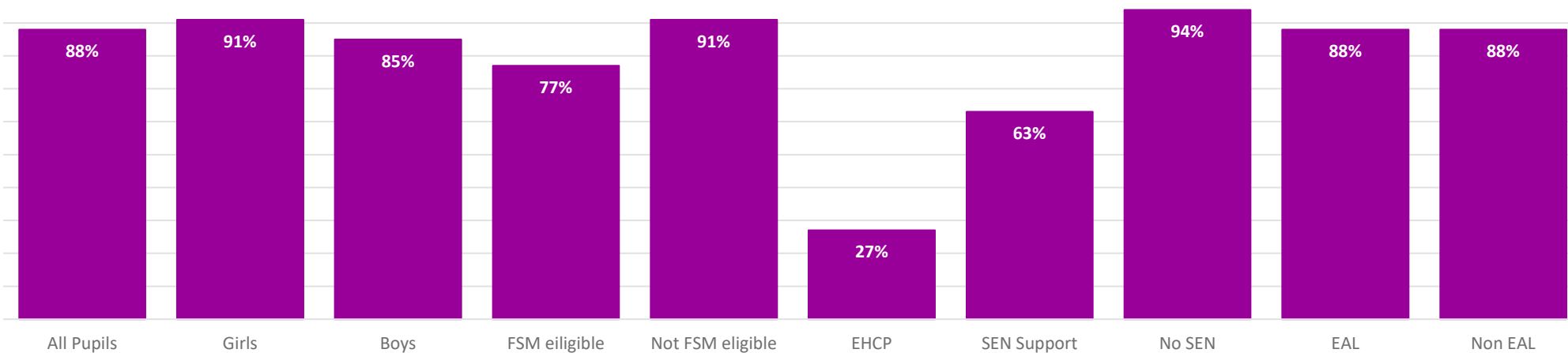
However, **Kent** performed **below** national in both **Year 1** pupils and those at the end of **Year 2**.

Which groups of children do well or need more support in Phonics?

PHONICS - % Reaching Expected and above in Kent by pupil group - YEAR 1

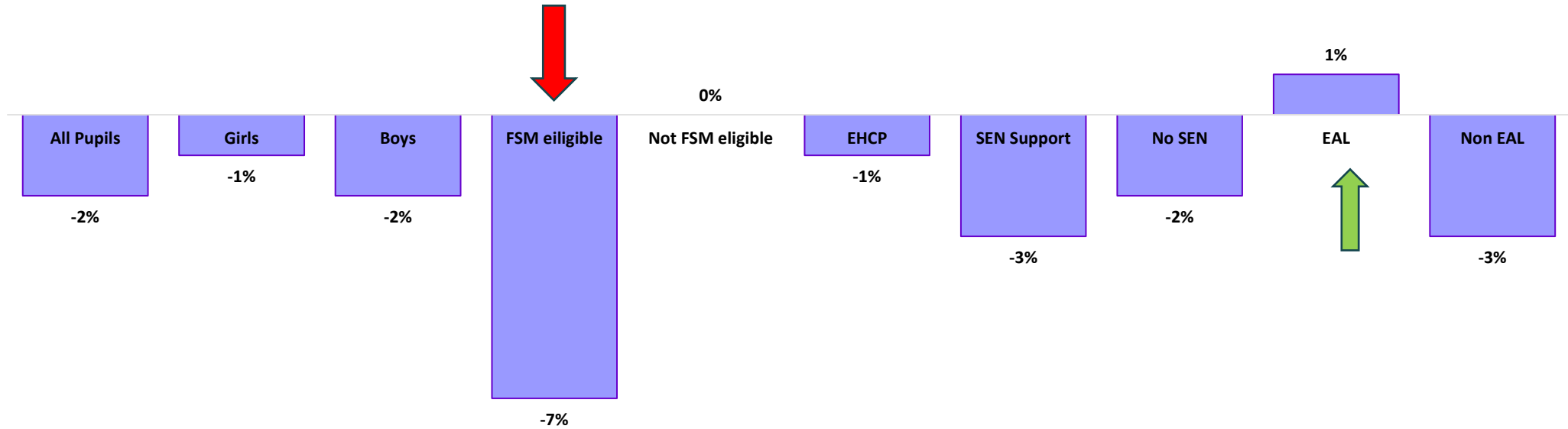


PHONICS - % Reaching Expected and above in Kent by pupil group - End of YEAR 2

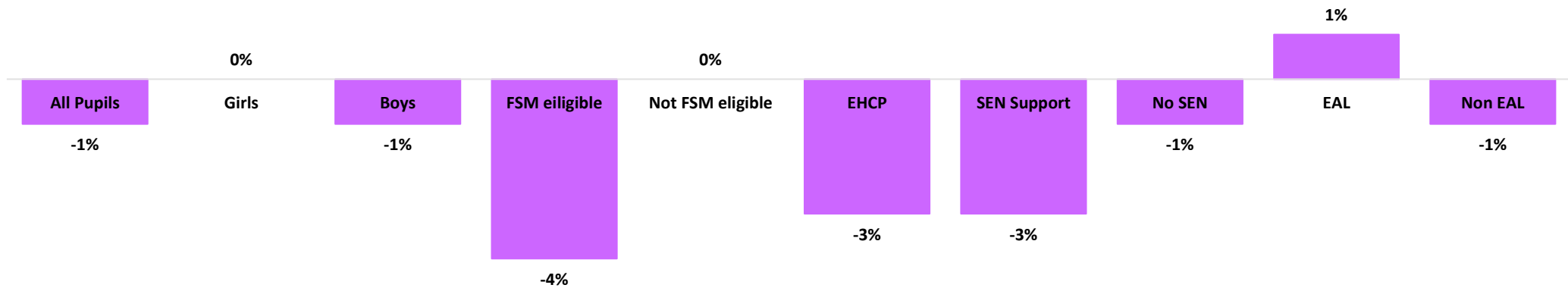


Vulnerable group differences to same group in England 2023

PHONICS - % Point difference between Kent and England - YEAR 1

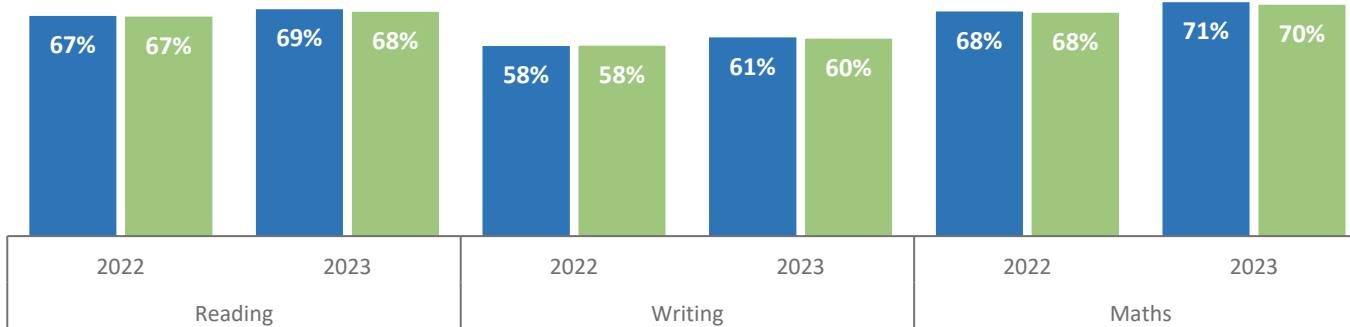


PHONICS - % Point difference between Kent and England - YEAR 2



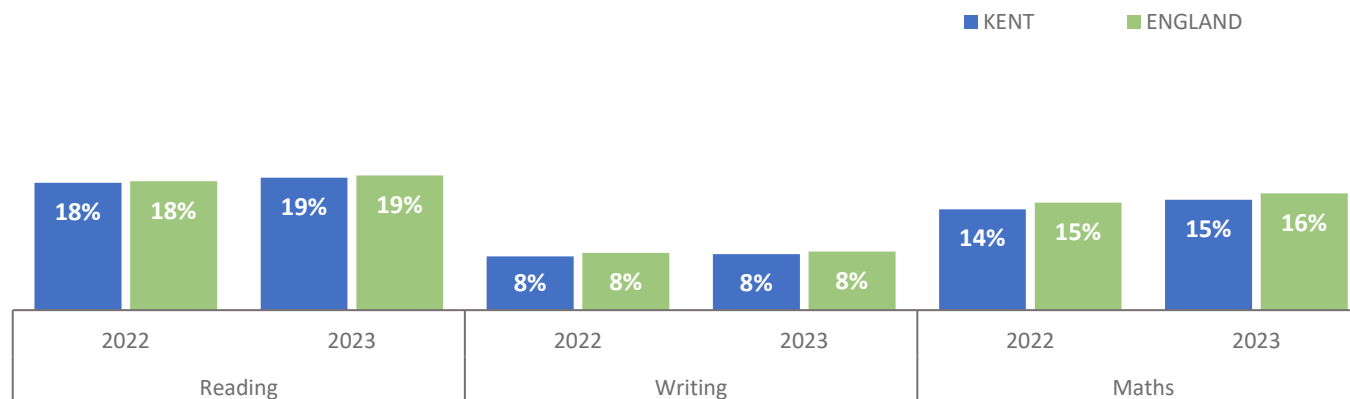
Key Stage 1

KS 1 - % Expected and Above Kent, SN and England



In 2023, out of the 3 subjects, **writing** continued to be the **lowest** with 60% at **the expected standard** or above compared to reading at 69% and maths at 71%. This mirrored national performance.

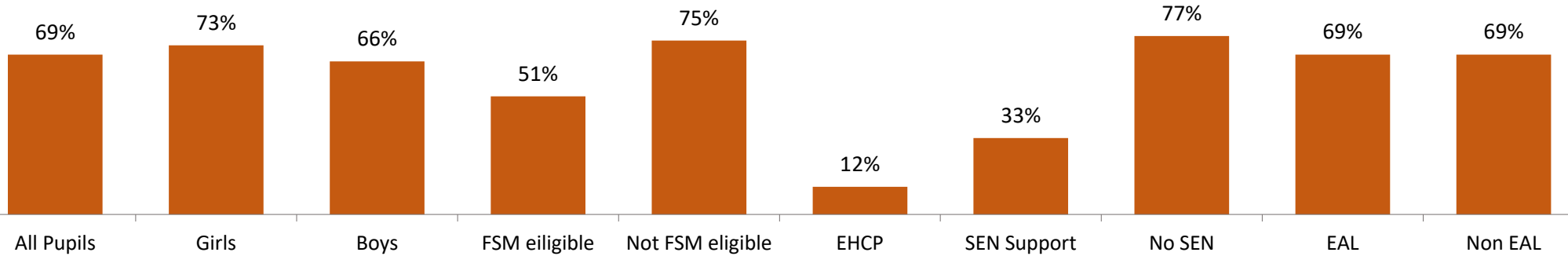
KS1 - % Greater Depth Kent, SN and England



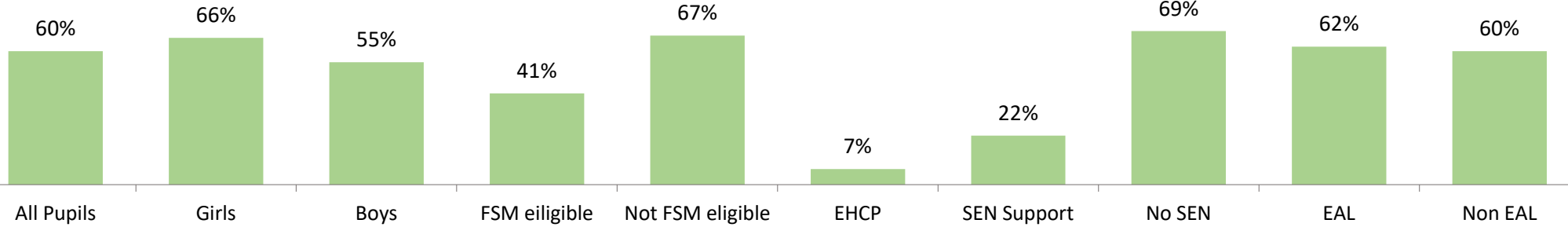
Children working at **greater depth** in Kent had a similar profile to England and **writing** remained the subject with **lowest** performance.

Which groups of children do well or need more support at KS1?

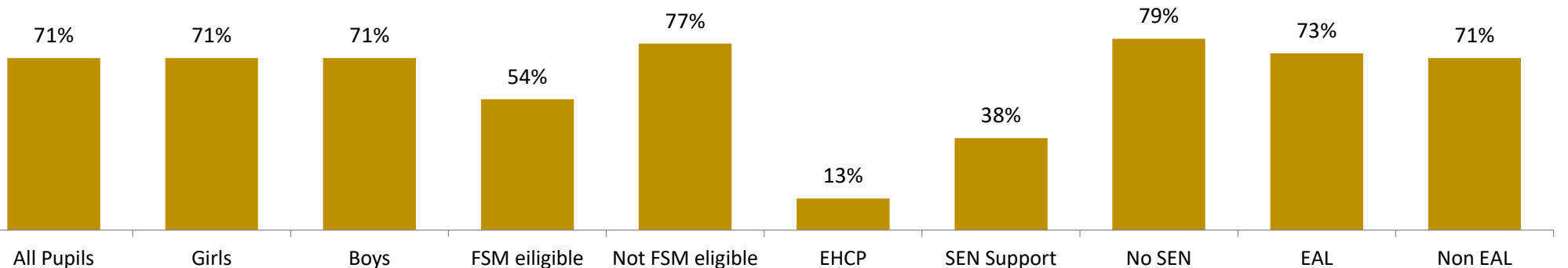
KS1 - % Reaching Expected and above in Kent by pupil group - READING



KS1 - % Reaching Expected and above in Kent by pupil group - WRITING



KS1 - % Reaching Expected and above in Kent by pupil group - MATHS

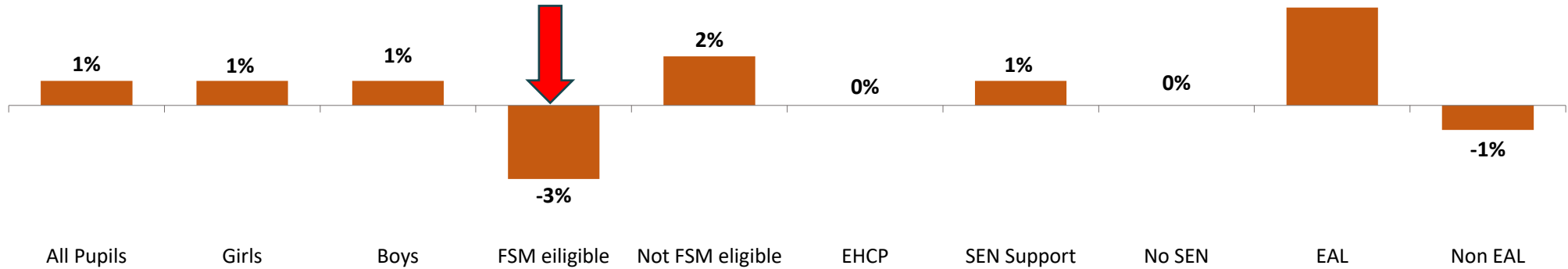


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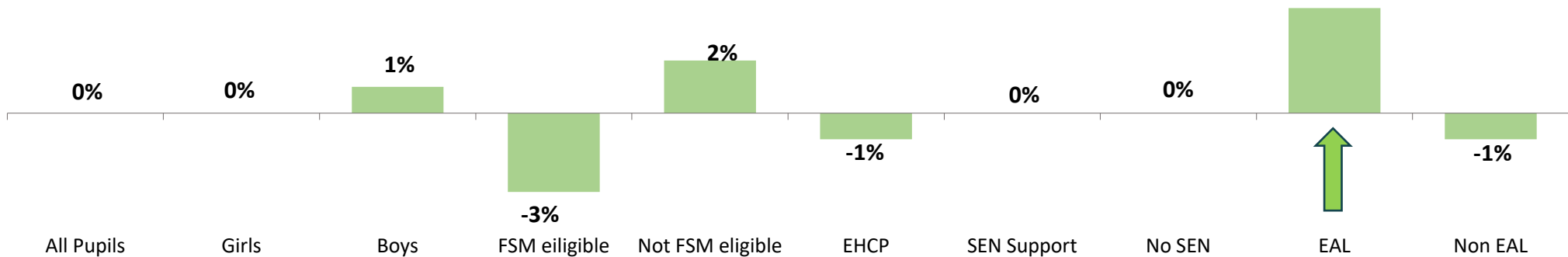
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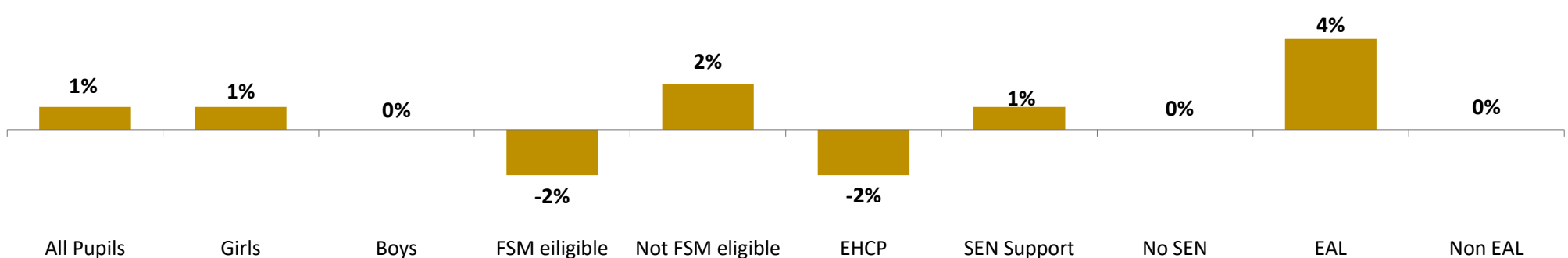
KS1 - % Point difference between Kent and England - READING



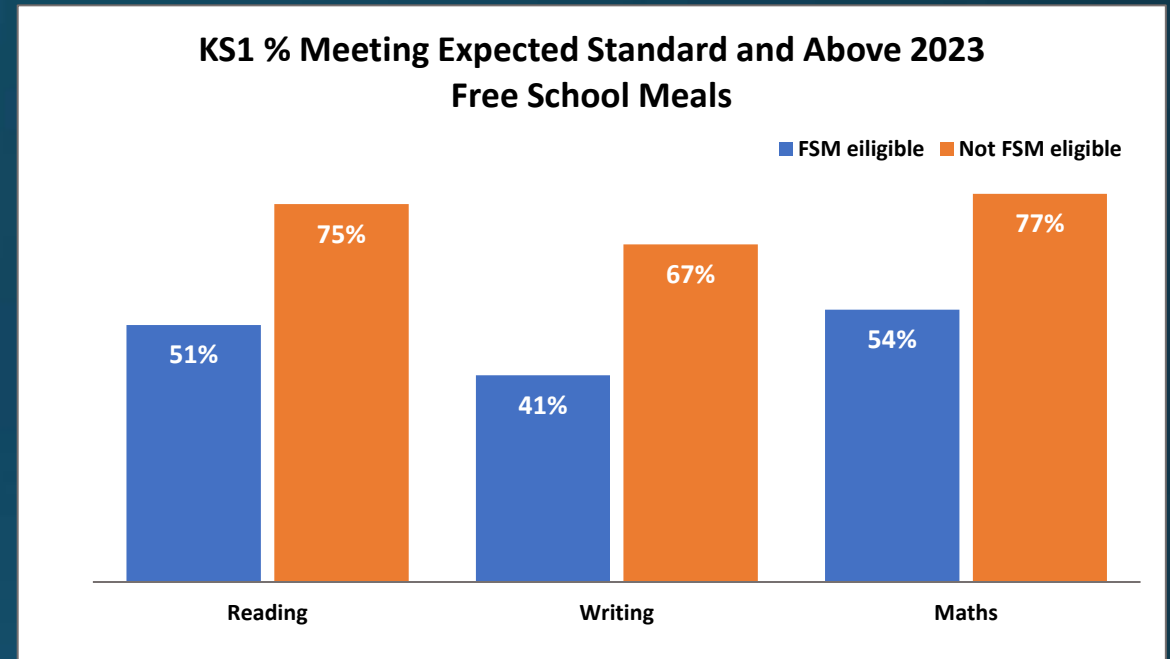
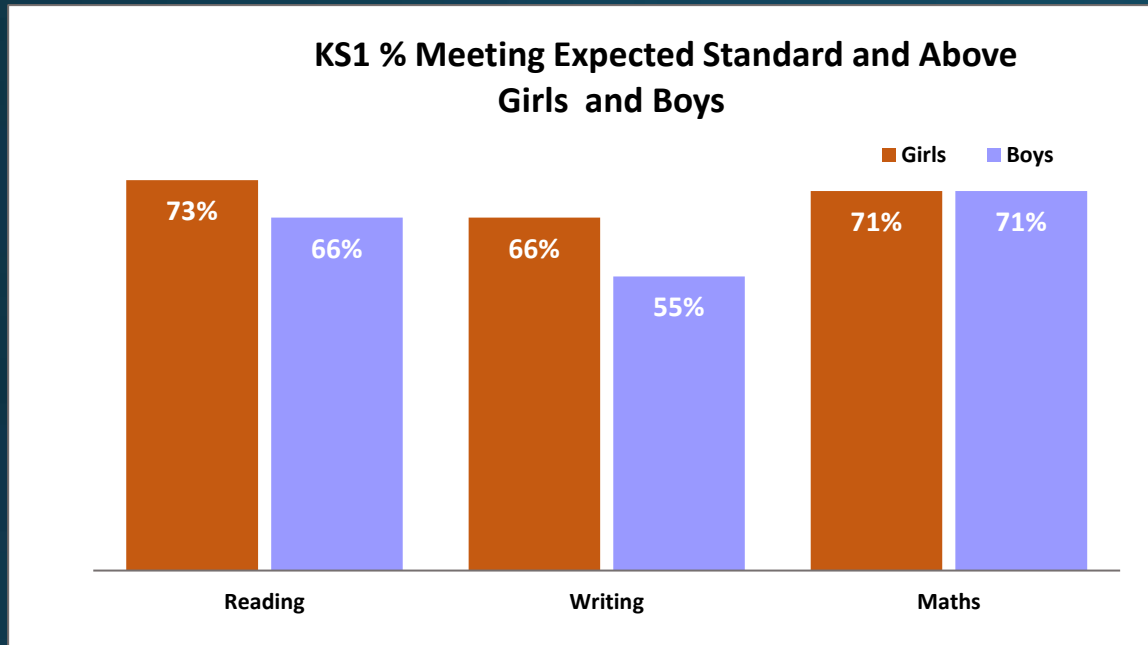
KS1 - % Point difference between Kent and England - WRITING



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Where are the gaps widest – KS1?

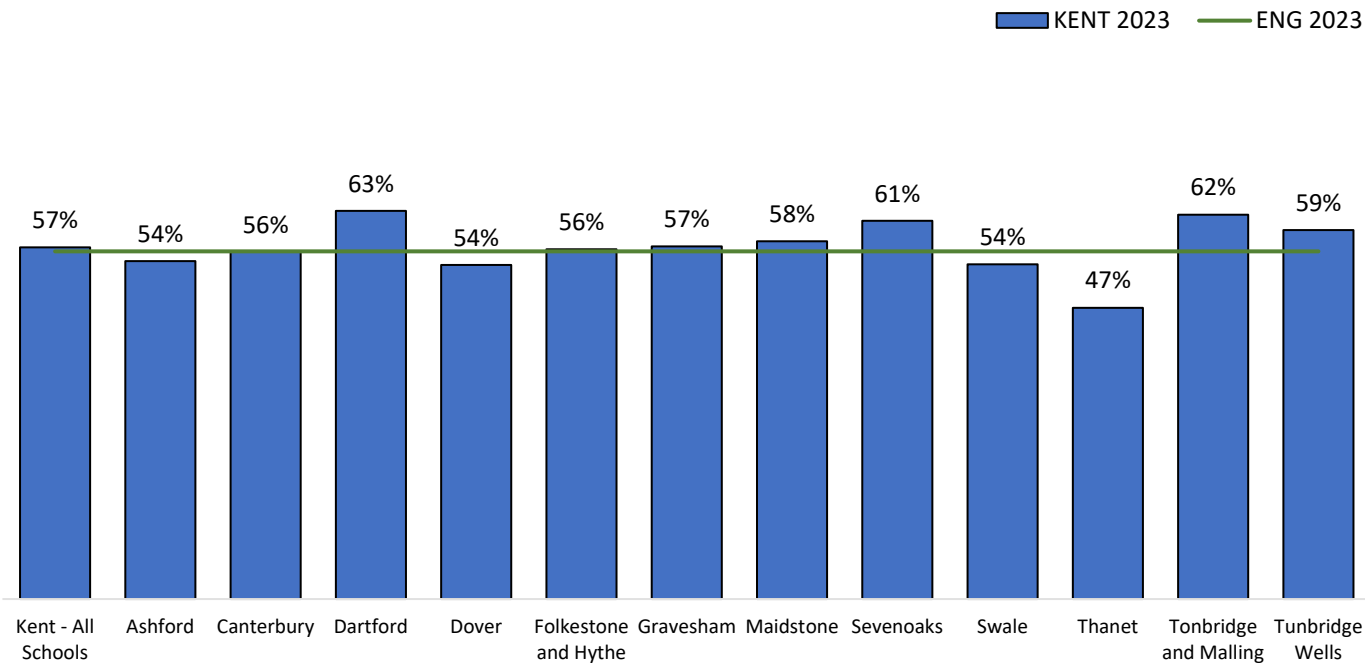


% Expected or above	Reading	Writing	Maths
Gender Gap	-7%	-11%	0%
FSM Eligible Gap	-24%	-26%	-23%
EAL Gap	0%	2%	2%
SEN Gap (non and SEN Supp)	-44%	-47%	-41%
CIC Gap (Not CIC and Kent CIC)	-43%	-41%	-28%

- The gender gap was widest in writing, then reading. There was no gap in maths
- The FSM pupil gap was greatest in writing however it was wide across all 3 subjects
- More EAL pupils achieved the expected standard than those whose first language was English apart from in Reading where they were equal
- The gap for CIC in Kent was wide across all 3 subjects

How do the Districts Compare?

KS1 - % of pupils Working at Expected or above RWM by District



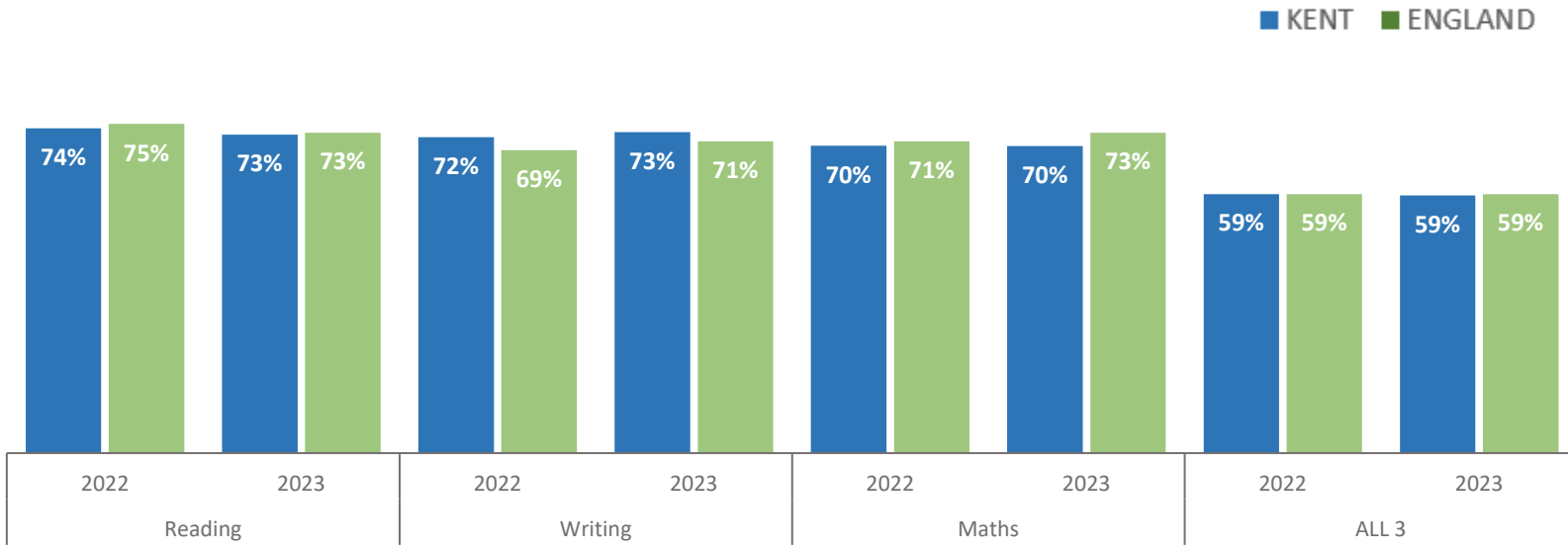
District	RWM	Reading EX+	Writing EX+	Maths EX+
Kent - All Schools	57%	69%	60%	71%
Ashford	54%	68%	59%	70%
Canterbury	56%	69%	61%	71%
Dartford	63%	73%	65%	75%
Dover	54%	67%	58%	69%
Folkestone and Hythe	56%	71%	61%	71%
Gravesham	57%	69%	60%	72%
Maidstone	58%	68%	61%	71%
Sevenoaks	61%	73%	64%	75%
Swale	54%	67%	58%	69%
Thanet	47%	62%	51%	65%
Tonbridge and Malling	61%	72%	65%	75%
Tunbridge Wells	59%	72%	63%	74%

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- **8** of the 12 districts performed in line or above National in RWM with **Dartford the highest**
- **Thanet had the lowest** % achieving Expected Standard and above in RWM (47%)
- The **lowest subject achievement was in Writing** in all districts; of which Dartford was the highest and Thanet the lowest

Key Stage 2

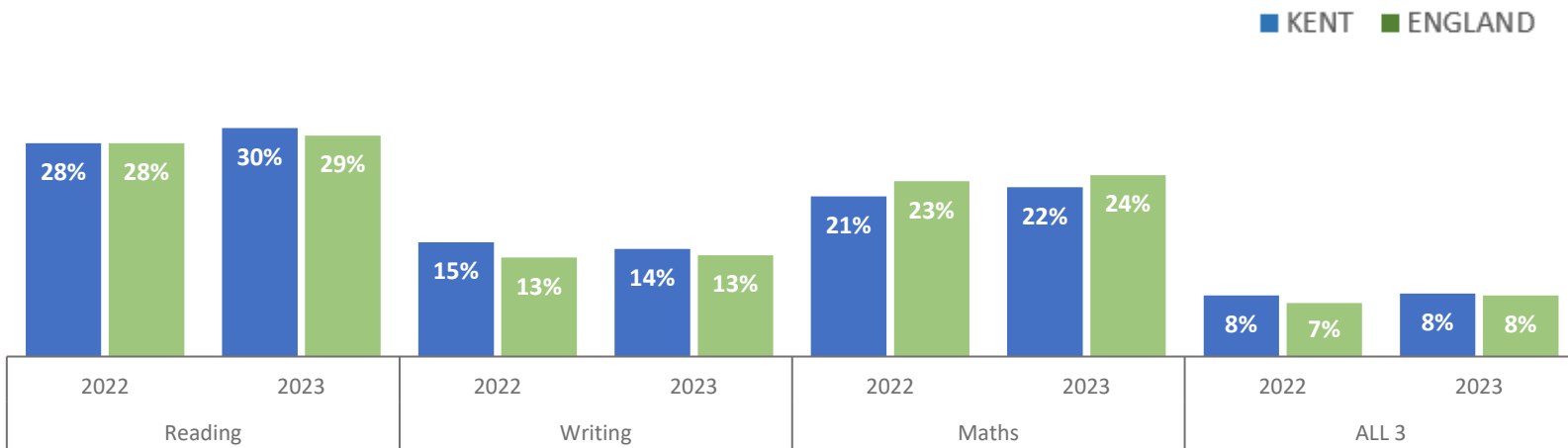
% Expected and Above Kent, SN and England



59% of children reached the expected level at the end of KS2 **in reading writing and maths** which is in-line with England; the same as the previous year

At the expected level in Kent there was a small drop in reading, writing improved slightly, and maths was static.

% Higher and Greater Depth Kent, SN and England

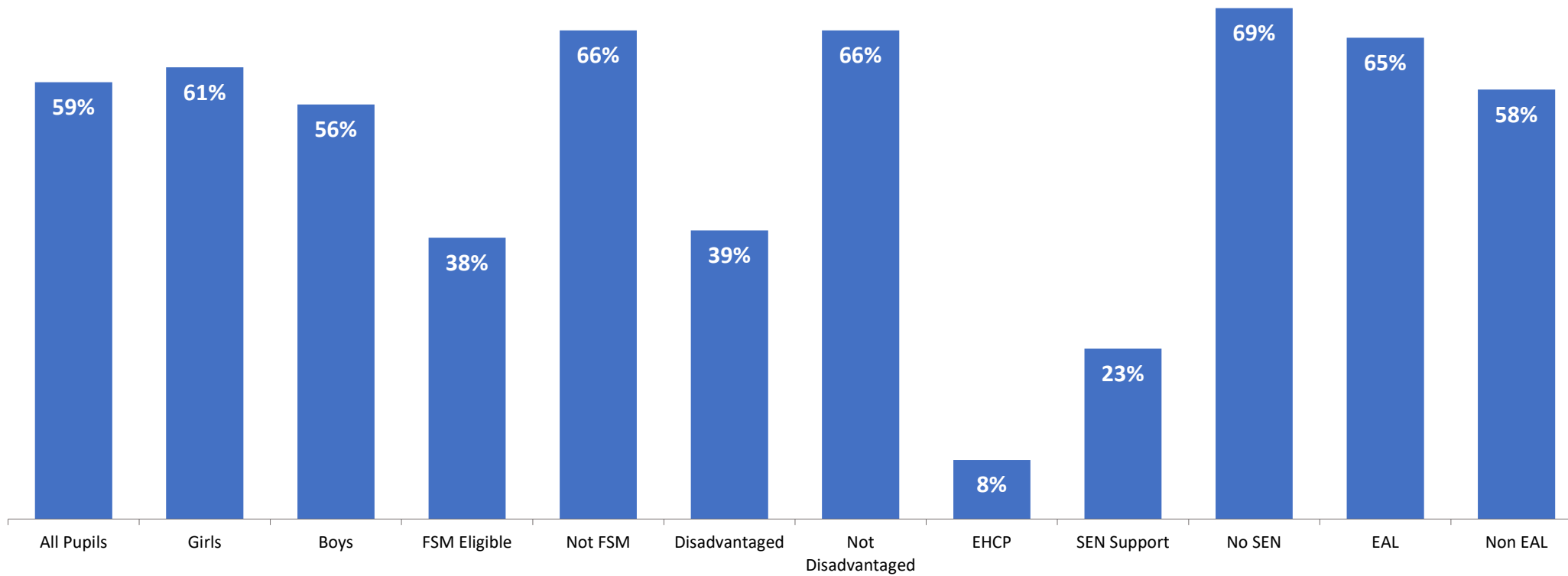


Unlike the other primary key stage outcomes in Kent writing was not the weakest subject; **maths remained the weakest.**

Children at the higher standard & greater depth was the highest in reading with writing the lowest.

Which groups of children do well or need more support a KS2?

KS2 - % Reaching Expected in RWM and above in Kent by Pupil Group

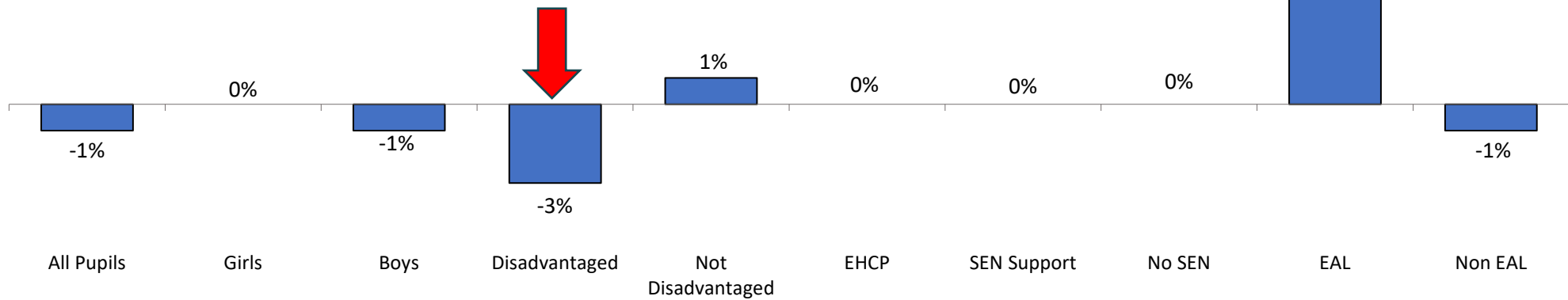


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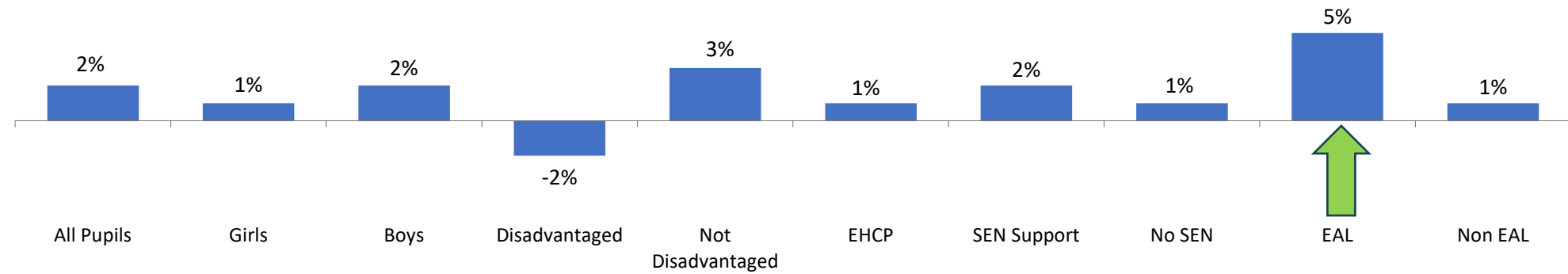
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Group differences to same group in England 2023

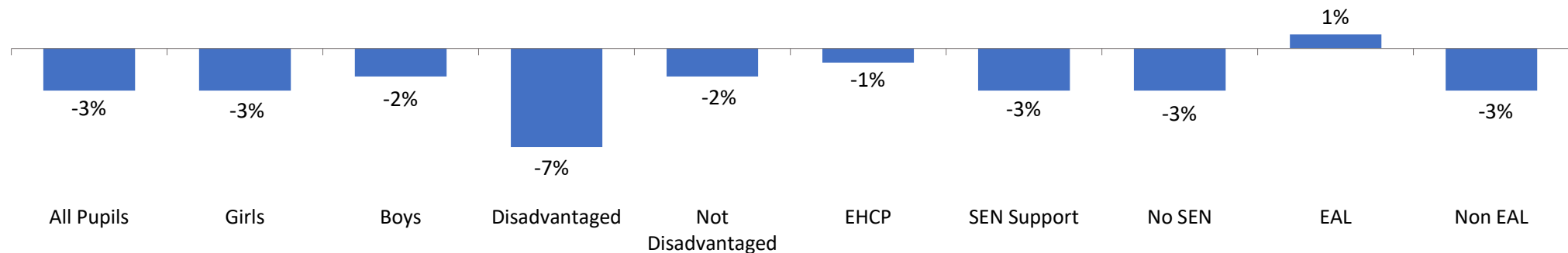
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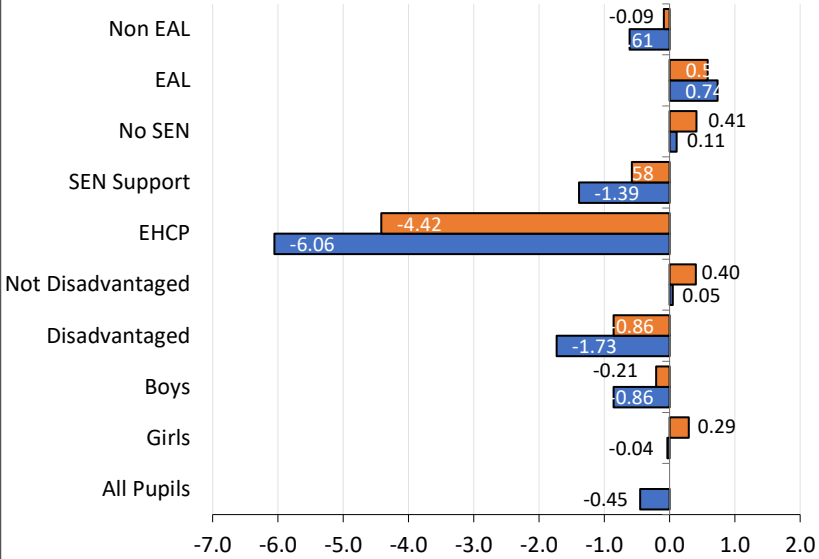


% Point difference between Kent and England - MATHS

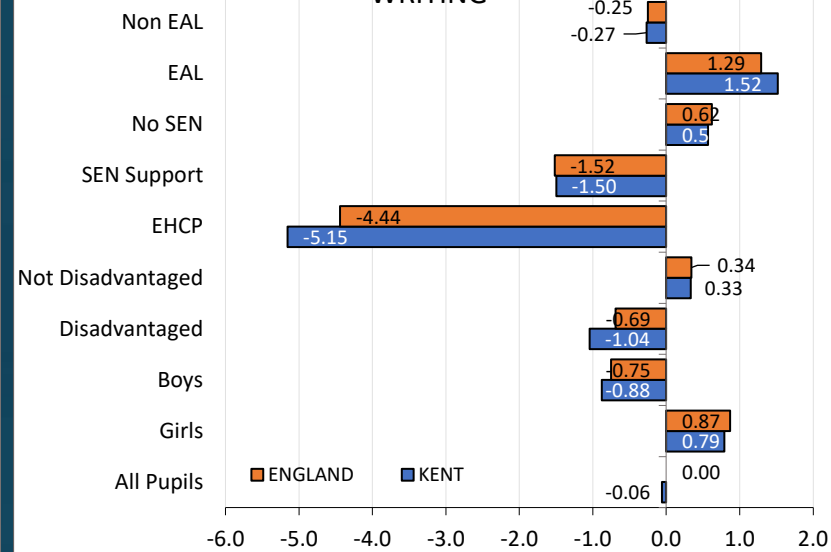


How do our 11 year olds progress from KS1?

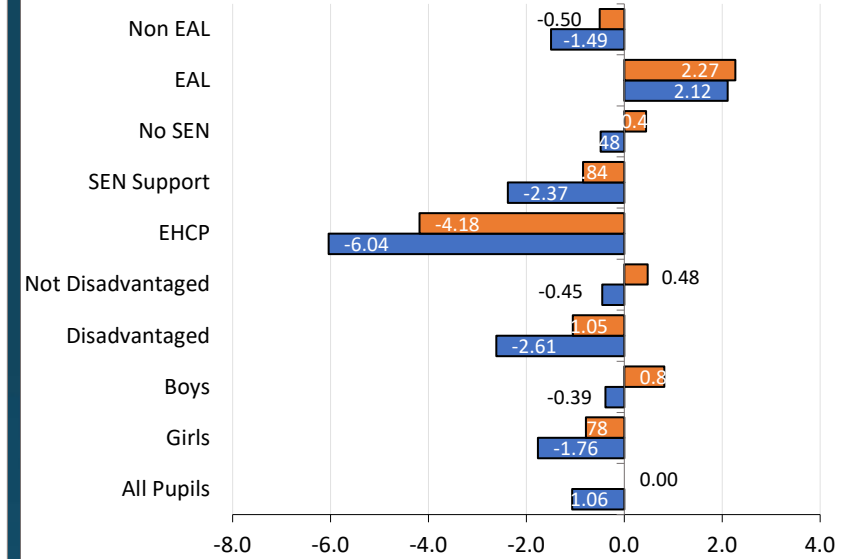
Average Progress 2023 Kent and England -
READING



Average Progress 2023 Kent and England -
WRITING



Average Progress 2023 Kent and England -
MATHS



Kent made less progress than national in all 3 subjects

Disadvantaged pupils progress was less than disadvantaged pupils progress nationally – less so in Writing.

In Reading and Maths non disadvantaged pupils progress was less than national overall

In Maths, girls progress was well below girls nationally In Reading Boys progress was well below Boys nationally

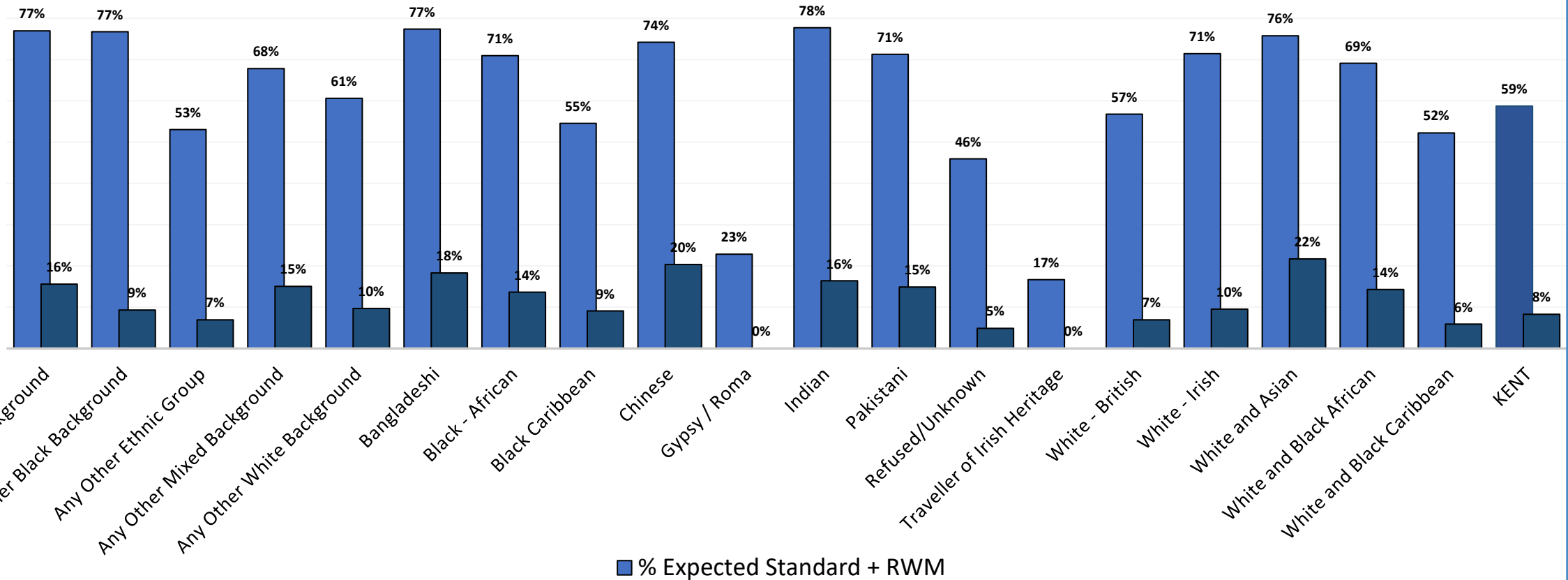
Progress for children with SEN was lower than progress for SEN children nationally, particularly in Reading and Maths

What about Ethnic Groups?

KS2 - % of pupils Working at Expected or Higher in RWM by Ethnic Group

Indian are the highest performing (440 pupils)

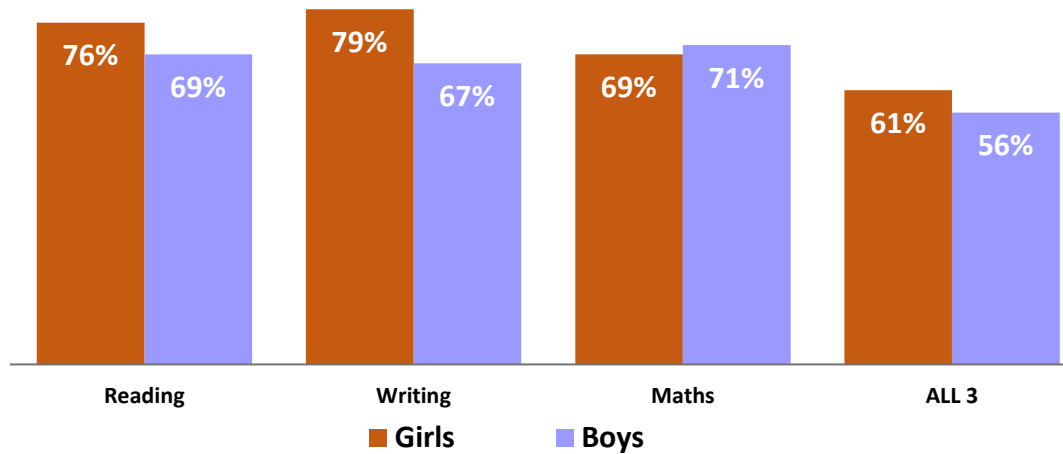
Most ethnic groups are small



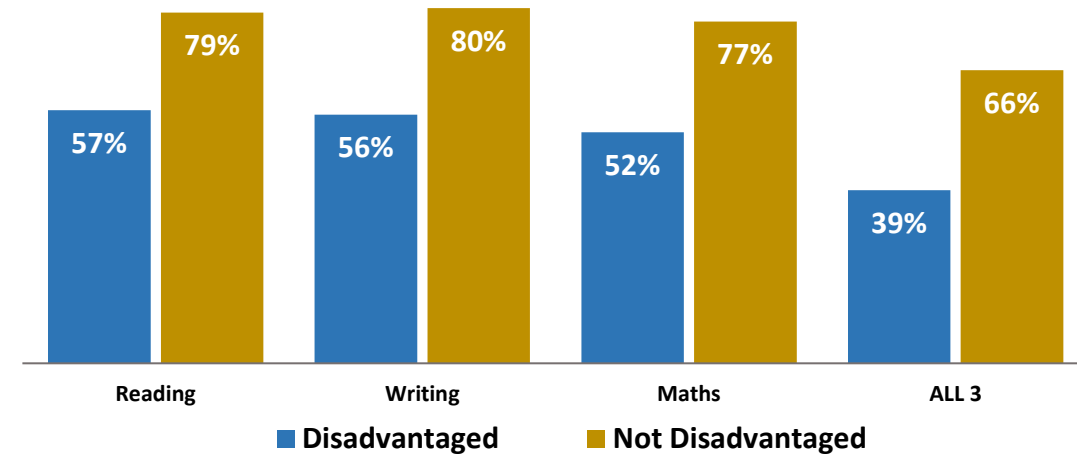
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Where are the gaps widest – KS2?

KS2 % Meeting Expected Standard and Above
Girls and Boys



KS2 % Meeting Expected Standard and Above
Disadvantaged Pupils

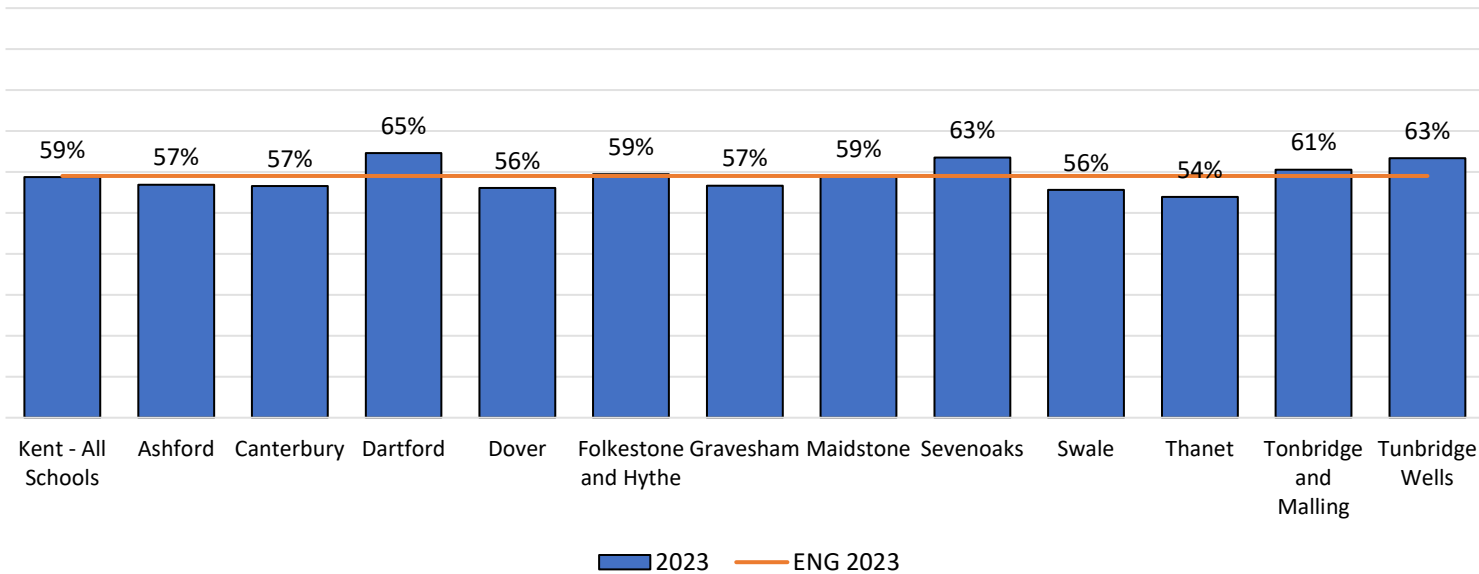


% Expected +	Reading	Writing	Maths	ALL 3
Gender Gap	-7%	-12%	2%	-5%
Disadvantaged Gap	-22%	-24%	-25%	-27%
EAL Gap	0%	3%	9%	7%
SEN Gap (non and SEN Supp)	-37%	-48%	-41%	-46%
CIC Gap (Not CIC and Kent CIC)	-32%	-41%	-40%	-35%

- The gender gap was widest in writing. It was reversed in maths with boys working above girls
- The disadvantaged pupil gap was greatest in maths, however it was wide across all 3 subjects
- More EAL pupils achieved the expected standard than those whose first language was English in all subjects
- The gap for CIC in Kent was wide across all 3 subjects

How do the Districts Compare KS2?

KS2 - % of pupils Working at Expected or above RWM by District



District	RWM	EX+	Reading EX+	Writing EX+	Maths EX+
Kent - All Schools	59%	72%	73%	73%	70%
Ashford	57%	71%	71%	71%	69%
Canterbury	57%	69%	69%	73%	67%
Dartford	65%	77%	77%	77%	75%
Dover	56%	69%	69%	72%	68%
Folkestone and Hythe	59%	74%	74%	77%	70%
Gravesham	57%	70%	70%	71%	68%
Maidstone	59%	74%	74%	72%	71%
Sevenoaks	63%	78%	78%	75%	74%
Swale	56%	73%	73%	71%	67%
Thanet	54%	65%	65%	69%	65%
Tonbridge and Malling	61%	73%	73%	75%	73%
Tunbridge Wells	63%	78%	78%	75%	73%

Red	Below national by 10pp+
Amber	Below national by less than 10pp
Green	At or above national by up to 9.9pp
Dark Green	Above national by 10pp+

- **6** of the 12 districts performed in line or above National in RWM with **Dartford the highest**
- **Thanet had the lowest** % achieving Expected Standard and above in RWM (54%)
- Generally **Writing** showed the **highest** performance across districts; **maths** the **lowest**.
- In terms of higher standards, reading was top; writing the lowest

District	Reading HS	Writing GD	Maths HS
Kent - All Schools	30%	14%	22%
Ashford	28%	14%	21%
Canterbury	30%	16%	21%
Dartford	33%	16%	29%
Dover	24%	9%	14%
Folkestone and Hythe	30%	13%	20%
Gravesham	25%	13%	22%
Maidstone	32%	14%	24%
Sevenoaks	36%	18%	28%
Swale	28%	11%	18%
Thanet	24%	11%	18%
Tonbridge and Malling	32%	17%	24%
Tunbridge Wells	37%	19%	26%

Primary summary 2023

The impact of the Covid-19 is still evident in Education. Overall, attainment has risen since 2022, but standards remain lower than the 2019 pre-pandemic levels. Kent's performance is broadly in line with England

In the Foundation Stage and in Key Stage1 Writing remained the weakest of the core subjects. At KS2 the reverse was true; writing (and reading) being the strongest and maths the weakest which dipping below England.

KS2 pupils experienced disruption to their learning at the end of year 3 and in year 4. Attainment in individual subjects increased in Writing (+1%) , remained static in Maths and declined in Reading (-2%) compared to 2022. For the combined measure of Reading, Writing and Maths it remained the same as 2022 at 59% in line with the England. Based on provisional data progress in Kent at KS2 was below national in all subjects but most notably in Maths.

Gender gaps were wider in Kent than nationally. Girls outperformed boys in most subjects. This was more predominant in Literacy and Writing. The gap for disadvantaged children was also wider than national, again particularly in writing and PSE in the early years.

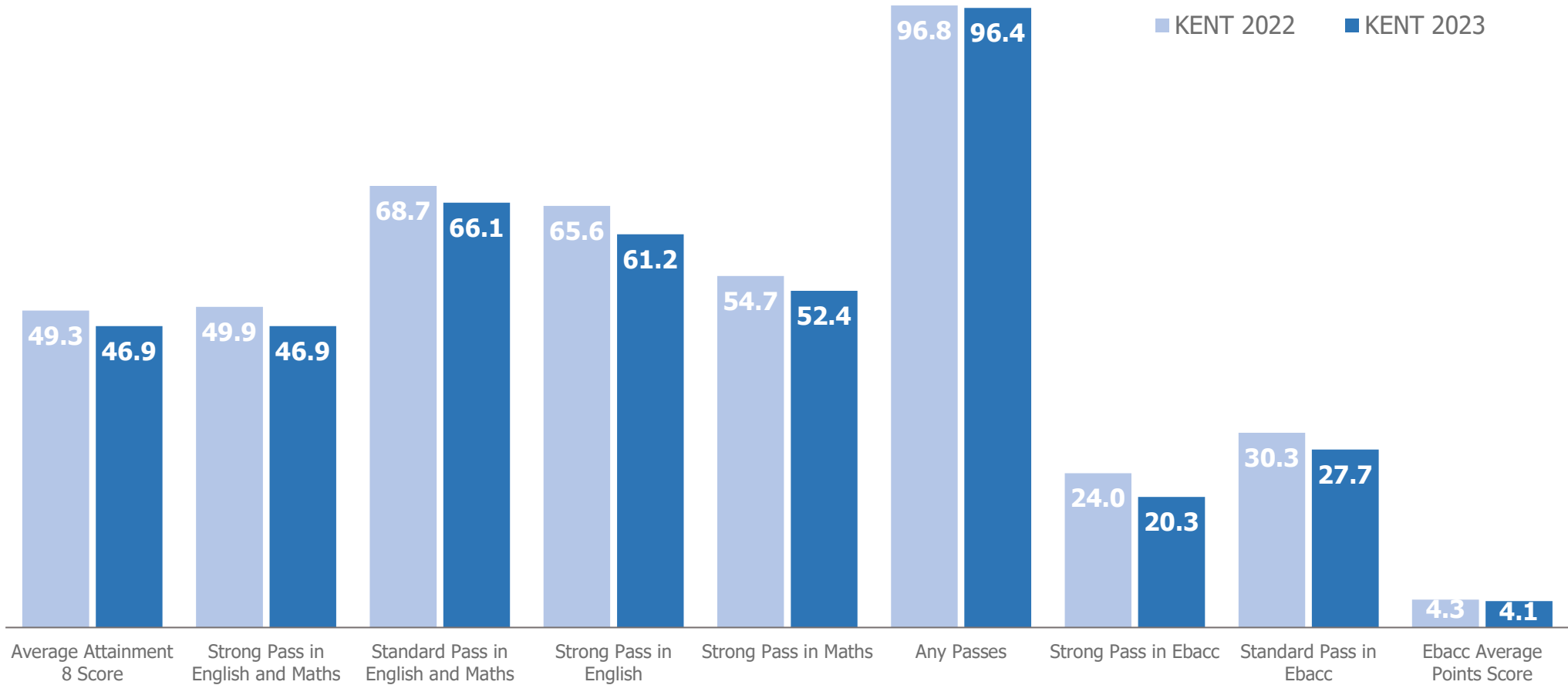
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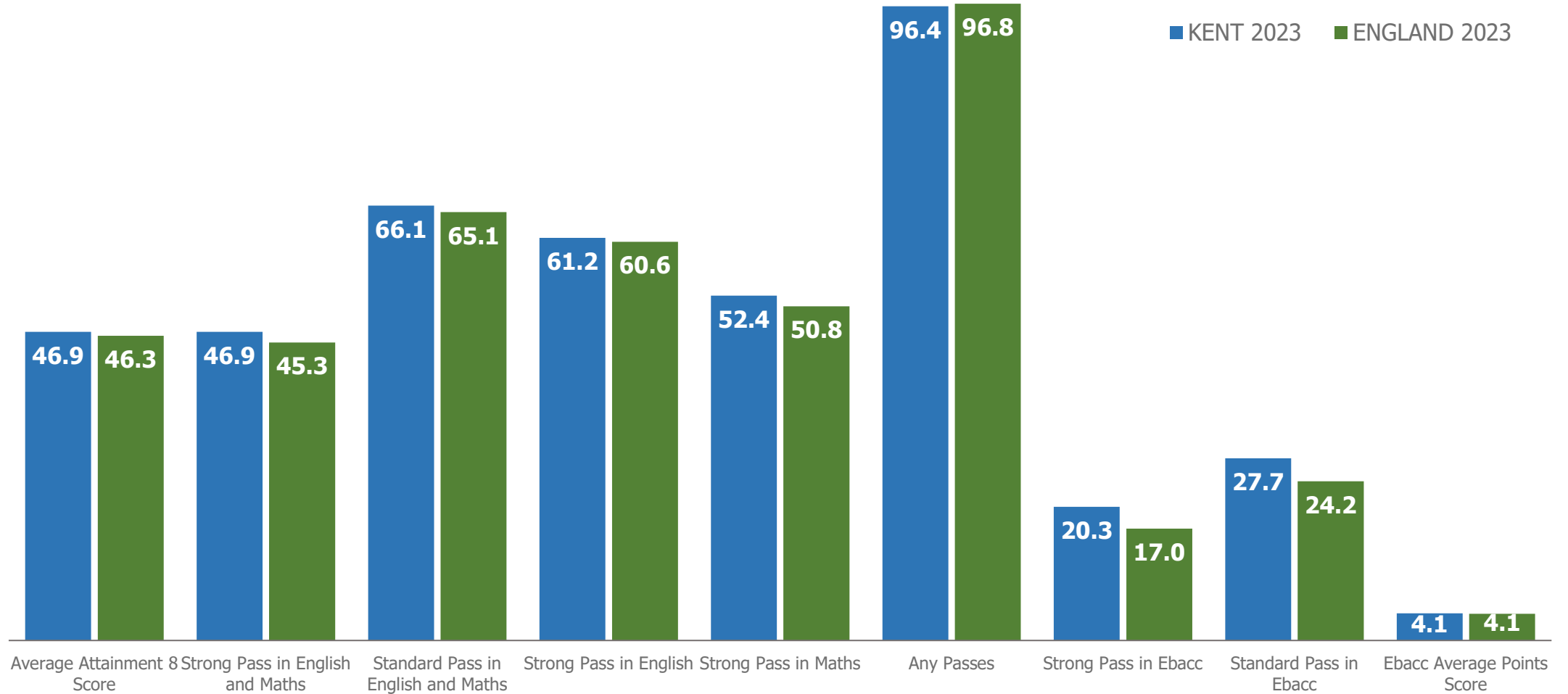
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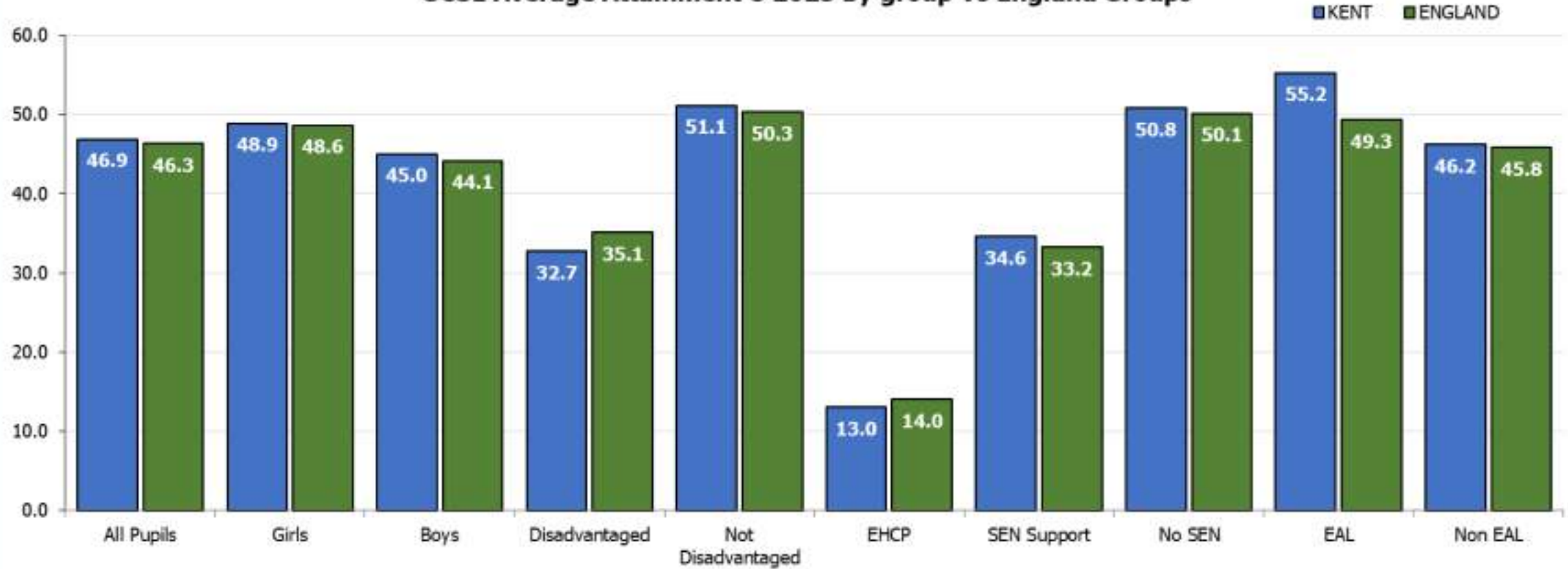
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GCSE Average Attainment 8 2023 by group Vs England Groups



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*based on 63 schools returning 2023 data, for those not sharing data their 2019 results have been used to calculate the Kent aggregate	Number of Pupils at end of KS5	A Level		Academic		Applied General		Tech Level	
		No of Pupils	APS per Entry	No of Pupils	APS per Entry	No of Pupils	APS per Entry	No of Pupils	APS per Entry
Kent LA - 2023 (Provisional)	9,943	7,507	33.94	8,486	34.18	2,779	29.04	279	31.96
Kent LA - 2022 (Published)	9,114	7,097	37.68	8,259	38.24	3,225	32.01	376	34.61
Kent LA - 2019 (Published)	8,680	6,930	33.23	7,909	34.18	2,499	27.69	299	31.40
National - 2022 (Published)			38.28		38.34		33.31		34.82
National - 2019 (Published)			33.09		33.25		29.70		32.32
Academy/ Non Academy - 2023 (Provisional)									
Academy	7,842	5,732	32.62	6,637	33.17	2,404	29.38	234	32.10
Non Academy	2,101	1,775	37.65	1,849	37.46	375	27.29	45	30.95
Selective/ Non Selective - 2023 (Provisional)									
Selective	5,052	4,469	37.45	4,995	37.79	301	40.8	0	
Non Selective	4,869	3,029	26.69	3,482	26.74	2476	28.05	279	31.96
Special	22	9	10.56	9	10.56	2	60	0	

In line with the grading approach taken this year, A level results are broadly similar to 2019, the last year that summer exams were sat before the pandemic.

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Post 16 Key Measures in Kent 2022 vs 2023

■ Kent 2022 ■ Kent 2023

