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THE ACHIEVEMENT OF POLISH PUPILS IN LAMBETH Executive Summary - 2023

1. Introduction

This report presents the results of the 2023 Key Stage 1, 2, and GCSE tests and assessments for Polish pupils in Lambeth. The purpose of this report is to encourage the use of Key Stage data and to provide questions as a basis for improving Key Stage performance for Polish pupils in schools.

2. Overall Achievement and Main Findings

Table 1, shows the performance of Polish pupils in all Key Stages in 2023. There are no national data for Polish pupils.

Table 1: Polish Pupils KS1, KS2, and GCSE Performance in Lambeth 2023

| Key Stages | | 2022 | | | 2023 | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | All Polish pupils | Lambeth All Pupils | National All pupils | All Polish pupils | Lambeth All Pupils | National All pupils |
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 69% | 70% | 67% | 75% | 70% | 68% |
| | Writing | 69% | 63% | 58% | 73% | 63% | 60% |
| | Maths | 82% | 71% | 68% | 79% | 72% | 71% |
| | Average | 73% | 68% | 64% | 76% | 68% | 66% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 84% | 77% | 74% | 87% | 77% | 73% |
| | Maths | 85% | 72% | 69% | 92% | 77% | 73% |
| | Writing TA | 76% | 74% | 71% | 86% | 74% | 72% |
| | All RWM | 70% | 61% | 59% | 84% | 64% | 60% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 81% | 66% | 64% | 86% | 63% | 61% |
| | Progress 8 | +0.67 | -0.04 | -0.06 | 1.02 | 0.00 | -0.06 |
| | Attainment 8 | 57.7 | 44.0 | 48.7 | 59.6 | 44.7 | 44.6 |

Polish pupils are above Lambeth and national figures in all key stages and subjects. At Key Stage 2, Polish pupils are higher than both Lambeth and the national average in all subjects and all subjects combined. Polish pupils are also above Lambeth and national figures for all the major indicators at GCSE.

3. Contextual Factors Influencing Key Stage Achievement

A pupil's social and economic background can affect educational achievement. The following sections discuss gender, ethnicity, free school meal entitlement, English as an Additional Language and Special Educational Needs as factors affecting Key Stage results. All calculations for the "gap" between different factors are subject to rounding. Some data is not available as national figures. It is worth considering the size of the pupil cohort when comparing figures.

Table 2: Polish Socio-Economic Cohorts by Number 2023

| Key Stages | Total Cohort | Gender | | FSM (%) | English Proficiency | | Mobility rate |
|-------------|--------------|----------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | Boys (%) | Girls (%) | | Stage A-D Not fluent in English | Stage E Fully fluent in English | |
| Key Stage 1 | 71 | 44 | 56 | 14 | 83% | 13% | 8% |
| Key Stage 2 | 111 | 54 | 46 | 14 | 62% | 35% | 4% |
| Key Stage 4 | 69 | 54 | 46 | 13 | 65% | 26% | 0% |

Gender

In Lambeth girls had a higher percentage in all Key Stages. This difference was also reflected nationally. For Polish pupils, this remains the same for all key stages except for Maths at Key Stage 2.

Table 3: Polish Pupils KS1, KS2, and GCSE Performance by Gender

| Key Stages | | Polish | | | Lambeth | | | National | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| | | Boys | Girls | Gap | Boys | Girls | Gap | Boys | Girls | Gap |
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 68% | 80% | +12% | 66% | 74% | +8% | 65% | 72% | +7% |
| | Writing | 68% | 78% | +10% | 57% | 69% | +12% | 54% | 66% | +12% |
| | Maths | 77% | 80% | +3% | 70% | 73% | +3% | 71% | 70% | -1% |
| | Average | 71% | 79% | +8% | 64% | 72% | +8% | 63% | 69% | +6% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 87% | 88% | +1% | 74% | 79% | +5% | 70% | 76% | +6% |
| | Maths | 93% | 90% | -3% | 76% | 77% | +1% | 74% | 72% | -2% |
| | Writing TA | 85% | 88% | +3% | 64% | 75% | +11% | 65% | 78% | +13% |
| | All RWM | 82% | 86% | +4% | 56% | 64% | +8% | 56% | 63% | +7% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 78% | 94% | +16% | 60% | 65% | +5% | 62% | 67% | +5% |
| | Attainment 8 | 54.8 | 65.3 | +10.5 | 42.3 | 47.1 | +4.8 | 43.9 | 48.5 | +4.6 |
| | Progress 8 | 0.59 | 1.51 | +0.92 | -0.12 | 0.14 | +0.26 | -0.17 | 0.12 | +0.29 |

Free School Meals

Children who were eligible for free school meals scored a lower percentage in all Key Stages, in both Lambeth and nationally. The gaps between eligible and non-eligible for Polish children are variable because there are less pupils with FSM. For example, there are only nine Polish pupils eligible for free school meals at GCSE, skewing figures.

Table 4: Polish Pupils KS1, KS2, and GCSE Performance by Free School Meals

| Key Stages | | Polish | | | Lambeth | | | National | | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|------------|------------|-------|------------|------------|-------|
| | | Free Meals | Paid Meals | Gap | Free Meals | Paid Meals | Gap | Free Meals | Paid Meals | Gap |
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 70% | 75% | +5% | 62% | 75% | +13% | 54% | 74% | +20% |
| | Writing | 70% | 74% | +4% | 53% | 69% | +16% | 45% | 66% | +21% |
| | Maths | 70% | 80% | +10% | 62% | 77% | +15% | 56% | 76% | +20% |
| | Average | 70% | 77% | +7% | 59% | 74% | +15% | 52% | 72% | +20% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 81% | 88% | +7% | 69% | 81% | +12% | 59% | 78% | +19% |
| | Maths | 88% | 93% | +5% | 69% | 83% | +14% | 58% | 78% | +20% |
| | Writing TA | 75% | 88% | +13% | 62% | 75% | +13% | 58% | 78% | +20% |
| | All RWM | 69% | 86% | +17% | 51% | 67% | +16% | 43% | 66% | +23% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 78% | 87% | +9% | 52% | 70% | +18% | 43% | 71% | +28% |
| | Attainment 8 | 61.7 | 59.3 | +2.4 | 39.1 | 48.4 | +9.3 | 34.7 | 49.5 | +14.8 |
| | Progress 8 | +1.47 | +0.96 | +0.51 | -0.30 | 0.21 | +0.51 | -0.58 | 0.13 | +0.71 |

Ethnic background

Table 5, shows that at Key Stage 1, Polish pupils are amongst the highest performing ethnicities in Lambeth. At KS1 Polish are highest performers with an average of 76%. At KS2, highest performers are also Polish with 84% achieving the expected standard in Reading Maths and Writing. Polish pupils are the highest performers at all indicators at GCSE.

Table 5: Achievement of Polish Pupils and the larger Lambeth Ethnic Groups 2023

| Key Stages | | Portuguese | Polish | African | Black Other | Caribbean | White British | White Other |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 59% | 75% | 70% | 72% | 57% | 85% | 72% |
| | Writing | 55% | 73% | 63% | 59% | 48% | 76% | 68% |
| | Maths | 62% | 79% | 69% | 68% | 58% | 86% | 76% |
| | Average | 58% | 76% | 67% | 66% | 54% | 82% | 72% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 73% | 87% | 75% | 68% | 67% | 88% | 81% |
| | Maths | 76% | 92% | 79% | 72% | 62% | 88% | 85% |
| | Writing TA | 69% | 86% | 75% | 62% | 64% | 85% | 79% |
| | All RWM | 56% | 84% | 63% | 55% | 49% | 78% | 73% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 62% | 86% | 69% | 51% | 48% | 68% | 70% |
| | Progress 8 | 0.38 | 1.02 | 0.14 | -0.33 | -0.58 | -0.03 | 0.55 |
| | Attainment 8 | 45.4 | 59.6 | 45.9 | 40.6 | 35.5 | 47.9 | 50.4 |

**Polish children included in the White Other results*

Compared to national data, Lambeth Polish pupils are one of the highest achieving groups at Key Stage 1, and 2. At Key Stage 1, Lambeth Polish pupils perform highly compared to national figures, with an average of 76%. At Key Stage 2, Polish are also highest with 84% at RWM. At the GCSE indicators of English and Maths grades 9 to 4, Attainment 8 and Progress 8, Lambeth Polish pupils achieve higher than the main national ethnic groups.

Table 6: Achievement of Lambeth Polish Pupils against National Ethnic Groups 2023

| Key Stages | | Lambeth Polish | National | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | Black African | Black Other | Caribbean | White British | White Other |
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 75% | 70% | 67% | 64% | 69% | 65% |
| | Writing | 73% | 63% | 59% | 55% | 60% | 58% |
| | Maths | 79% | 69% | 66% | 61% | 71% | 71% |
| | Average | 76% | 67% | 64% | 60% | 67% | 65% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 87% | 74% | 70% | 67% | 73% | 70% |
| | Maths | 92% | 76% | 69% | 63% | 71% | 76% |
| | Writing TA | 86% | 75% | 70% | 66% | 71% | 71% |
| | All RWM | 84% | 63% | 56% | 50% | 59% | 60% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 86% | 69% | 59% | 52% | 63% | 66% |
| | Progress 8 | 1.02 | 0.37 | 0.09 | -0.24 | 0.07 | 0.46 |
| | Attainment 8 | 59.6 | 48.6 | 44.2 | 39.9 | 44.8 | 48.3 |

Fluency in English

Generally in Lambeth, the higher a pupil's level of English the better they perform, with fully fluent pupils often outperforming pupils who are monolingual English speakers. There are differences for Polish pupils but much is due to cohort sizes, see table 7 below.

Table 7: Achievement of Polish Pupils and Language Fluency

| Key Stages | | All Polish | A to C Non-Fluent | D Competent | E Fluent |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 75% | 62% | 100% | 100% |
| | Writing | 73% | 62% | 100% | 100% |
| | Maths | 79% | 71% | 93% | 89% |
| | Average | 76% | 65% | 98% | 96% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 87% | 61% | 93% | 97% |
| | Maths | 92% | 70% | 98% | 97% |
| | Writing TA | 86% | 52% | 96% | 97% |
| | All RWM | 84% | 43% | 93% | 97% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 86% | 86% | 76% | 89% |
| | Progress 8 | +1.02 | +1.40 | +0.63 | +0.68 |
| | Attainment 8 | 59.6 | 61.9 | 57.7 | 55.5 |

Special Educational Needs

As Special Educational Needs increase with a pupil, performance at all Key Stages decreases. The small number of pupils with an EHCP or Statement can skew figures.

Table 8: Achievement of Polish Pupils and Special Educational Needs

| Key Stages | | All Polish | No SEN | SEN Support | Statement/EHCP |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|--------|-------------|----------------|
| KS1 - Level Expected | Reading | 75% | 78% | 33% | 0% |
| | Writing | 73% | 75% | 50% | 0% |
| | Maths | 79% | 83% | 33% | 0% |
| | Average | 76% | 79% | 39% | 0% |
| KS2 - Level Expected | Reading | 87% | 92% | 50% | 0% |
| | Maths | 92% | 97% | 50% | 0% |
| | Writing TA | 86% | 91% | 50% | 0% |
| | All RWM | 84% | 88% | 50% | 0% |
| GCSE | 9 to 4 EM | 86% | 90% | 50% | 0% |
| | Progress 8 | 1.02 | +1.07 | +0.62 | -0.40 |
| | Attainment 8 | 59.6 | 61.3 | 52.7 | 22.0 |

5. Conclusions and Key Issues

The main findings of this year's results show that:

- The results of Polish pupils in 2023 are above National figures.
- Polish pupils do well at all Key Stages, KS1, KS2 and GCSE.
- Polish are one of the highest achieving pupil groups in Lambeth.

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