

## **Executive Summary**

***Please note all results are provisional at the time of writing the report  
(August 2019)***

### **Early Years**

The proportion of children in Wirral attaining a Good Level of Development (GLD) has decreased in 2019 by 1.2% and is just below the national average. In South Wirral and West Wirral the proportion of children attaining GLD increased whereas Birkenhead decreased.

The percentage of boys attaining GLD has increased whereas girls' attainment decreased. As a result, the gender gap narrowed. The gender gap decreased in Birkenhead, Wallasey and West Wirral. Boys' attainment increased in West Wirral. Boys' attainment in Birkenhead is the lowest when compared to all localities. South Wirral now has the widest gender gap which has widened further.

The percentage of free school meal children (FSM) attaining GLD has decreased. Non-FSM pupils' attainment decreased slightly. As a result, the FSM gap widened. In Birkenhead, Wallasey and West Wirral the proportion of FSM pupils attaining a GLD decreased whilst in South Wirral the proportion of FSM pupils attaining a GLD increased. South Wirral was also the only locality where the FSM Gap narrowed. West Wirral locality has the greatest FSM gap.

The proportion of SEN children meeting GLD decreased whilst non SEN children showed a slight improvement in attainment from last year. As a result the SEN gap widened. The proportion of SEN children meeting GLD showed an improvement in attainment from last year in Wallasey and West Wirral.

The proportion of SEN pupils with an EHCP or SEN support who attained a greater level of development has decreased.

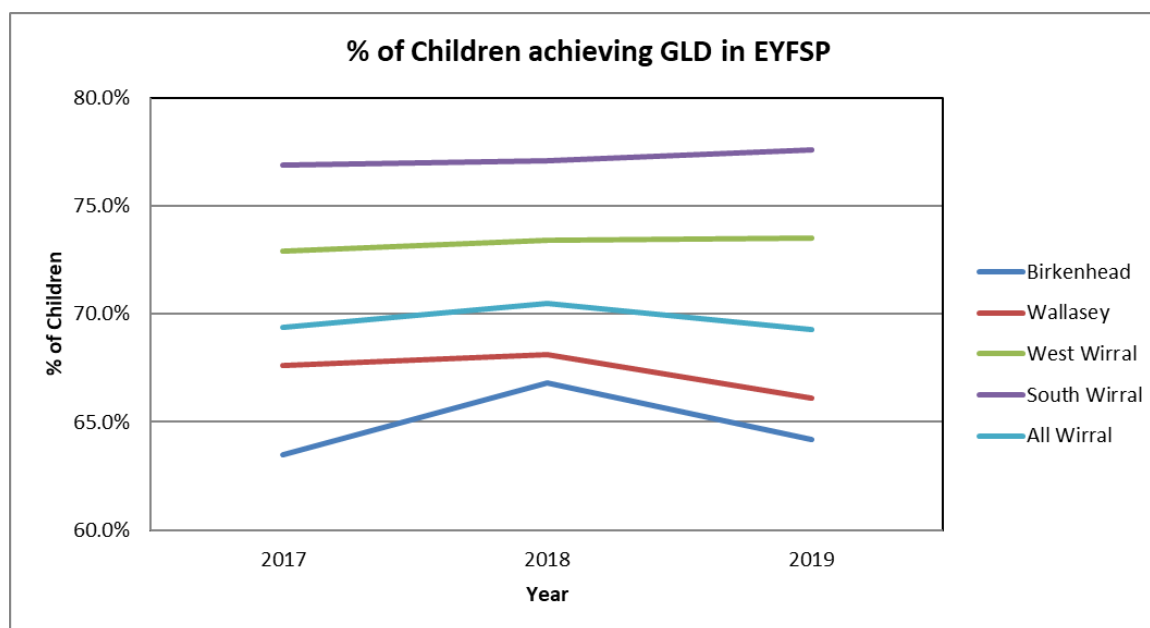
For a second year running a greater proportion of pupils with English as an additional language (EAL) attained GLD. The attainment of pupils with English as their first language decreased and the attainment gap narrowed. West and South Wirral locality saw an increase in the proportion of EAL pupils attaining GLD. Birkenhead and Wallasey localities saw a decrease in the percentage of EAL pupils achieving a GLD.

The proportion of non-white British children attaining GLD has increased. In comparison the proportion of white British children meeting the standard decreased. The attainment outcomes for non-white British children improved in all localities.

A smaller proportion of disadvantaged children attained GLD. In addition, the attainment of non-disadvantaged children has slightly decreased, so the disadvantage gap widened. The proportion of disadvantaged children in South Wirral attaining a GLD increased so narrowing the gap. Birkenhead, Wallasey and West Wirral saw a decline in the attainment of disadvantaged children so the gap widened. West Wirral locality has the widest disadvantaged gap.

## Detailed Analysis of GLD Outcomes

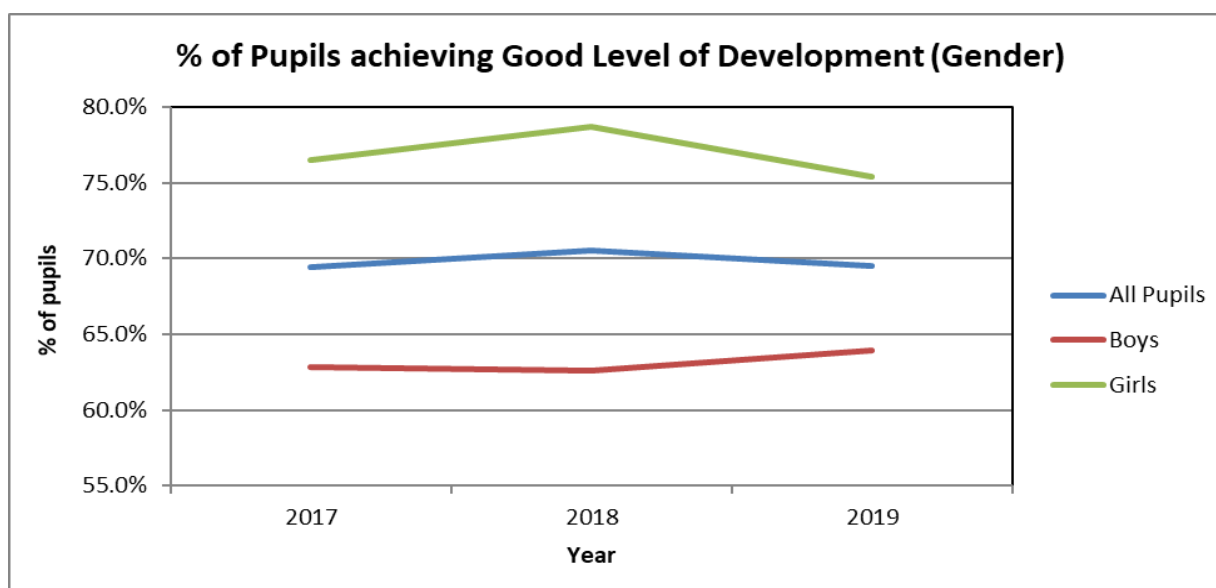
### All Pupils



	2017	2018	2019	Gap
Birkenhead	63.5%	66.8%	64.2%	↓ -2.6%
Wallasey	67.6%	68.1%	66.1%	↓ -2.0%
West Wirral	72.9%	73.4%	73.5%	↑ 0.1%
South Wirral	76.9%	77.1%	77.6%	↑ 0.5%
All Wirral	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%

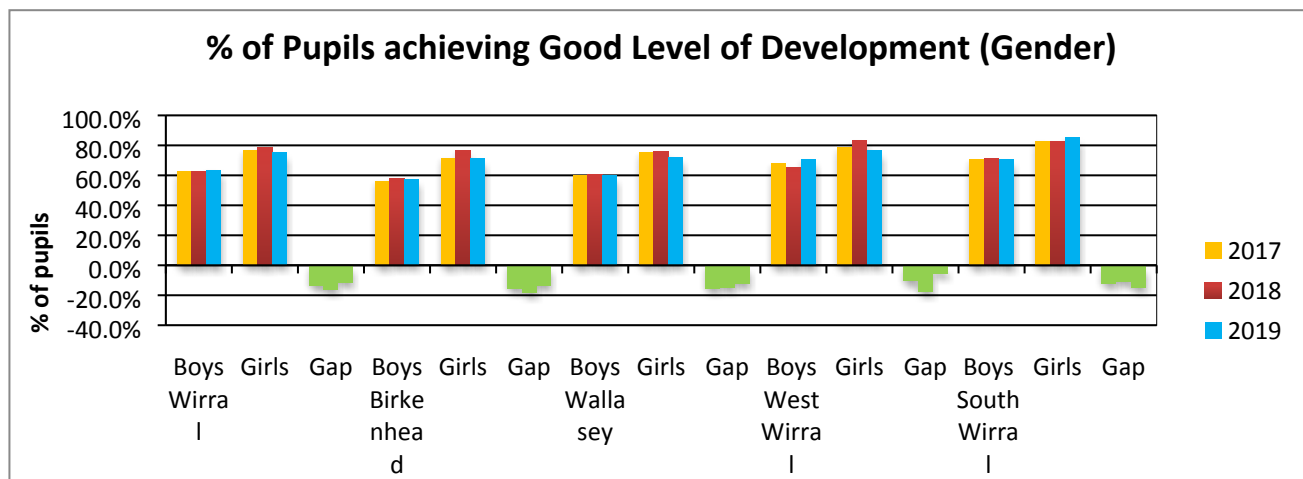
The proportion of children in Wirral attaining a Good Level of Development (GLD) has decreased by 1.2% to 69.3%. In South Wirral and West Wirral the proportion of children attaining GLD increased by 0.5% to 77.6% and 0.1% to 73.5%. Birkenhead saw a decrease of 2.6%.

### Gender



	2017	2018	2019	Comparison
All Pupils	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%
Boys	62.8%	62.6%	63.7%	↑ 1.1%
Girls	76.5%	78.7%	75.4%	↓ -3.3%
GAP	-13.7%	-16.1%	-11.7%	↓ 4.4%

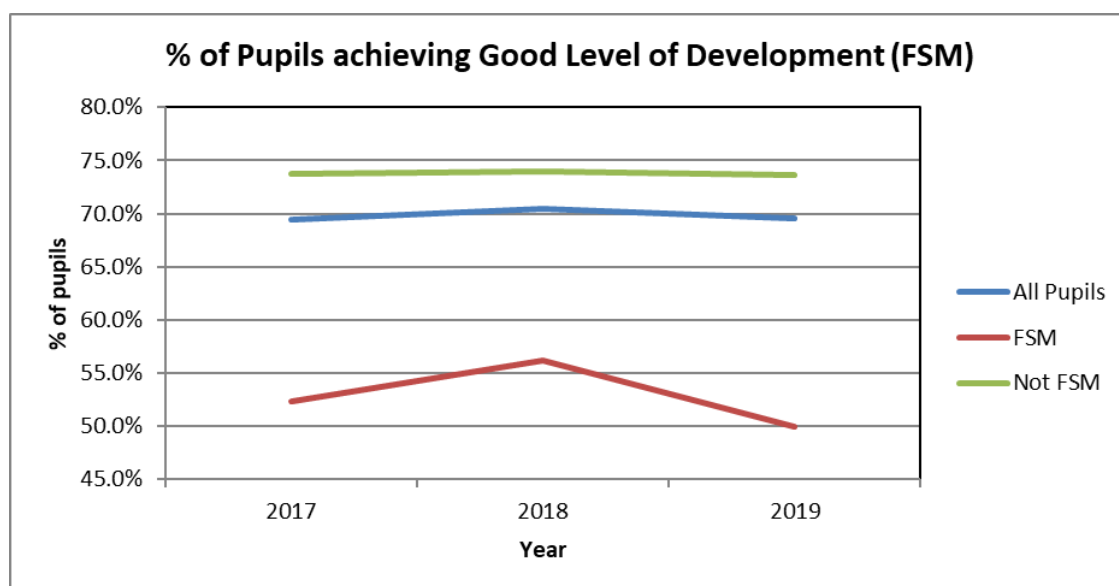
The percentage of boys attaining GLD has increased by 1.1% to 63.7%. In comparison girls' attainment decreased by 3.3% to 75.4%. As a result, the gender gap narrowed from 16.1% to 11.7%.



	Wirral			Birkenhead			Wallasey			West Wirral			South Wirral		
Year	Boys	Girls	Gap	Boys	Girls	Gap	Boys	Girls	Gap	Boys	Girls	Gap	Boys	Girls	Gap
2017	62.8%	76.5%	-13.7%	56.2%	71.7%	-15.5%	60.0%	75.4%	-15.4%	68.0%	78.6%	-10.6%	70.8%	82.9%	-12.1%
2018	62.6%	78.7%	-16.1%	57.9%	76.3%	-18.4%	60.5%	75.6%	-15.1%	65.1%	83.0%	-17.9%	71.4%	82.4%	-11.0%
2019	63.7%	75.4%	-11.7%	57.7%	71.3%	-13.6%	60.1%	72.4%	-12.3%	70.7%	76.6%	-5.9%	70.6%	85.4%	-14.8%
Change	↑ 1.1%	↓ -3.3%	4.4%	↓ -0.2%	↓ -5.0%	4.8%	↓ -0.4%	↓ -3.2%	2.8%	↑ 5.6%	↓ -6.4%	12.0%	↓ -0.8%	↑ 3.0%	↓ -3.8%
Direction of Gap			↓			↓			↓			↓			↑

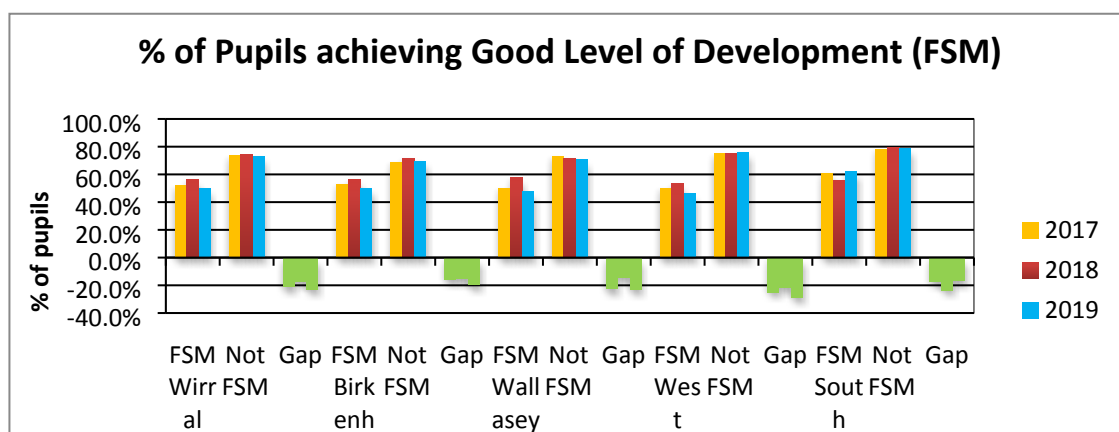
As a result of the decreased girls' attainment of 5%, the gender gap decreased in Birkenhead, Wallasey and West Wirral by 4.8% to 13.6%, by 2.8% to 12.3% and by 12.0% to 5.9% respectively. Also, boys' attainment increased in West Wirral by 5.6%. Boys attainment in Birkenhead (57.7%) is again the lowest when compared to all localities and South Wirral now has the widest gender gap which has widened by 3.8% to 14.8%.

## FSM



	2017	2018	2019	Comparison
All Pupils	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%
FSM	52.3%	56.2%	49.9%	↓ -6.3%
Not FSM	73.7%	74.0%	73.4%	↓ -0.6%
GAP	-21.4%	-17.8%	-23.5%	↑ -5.7%

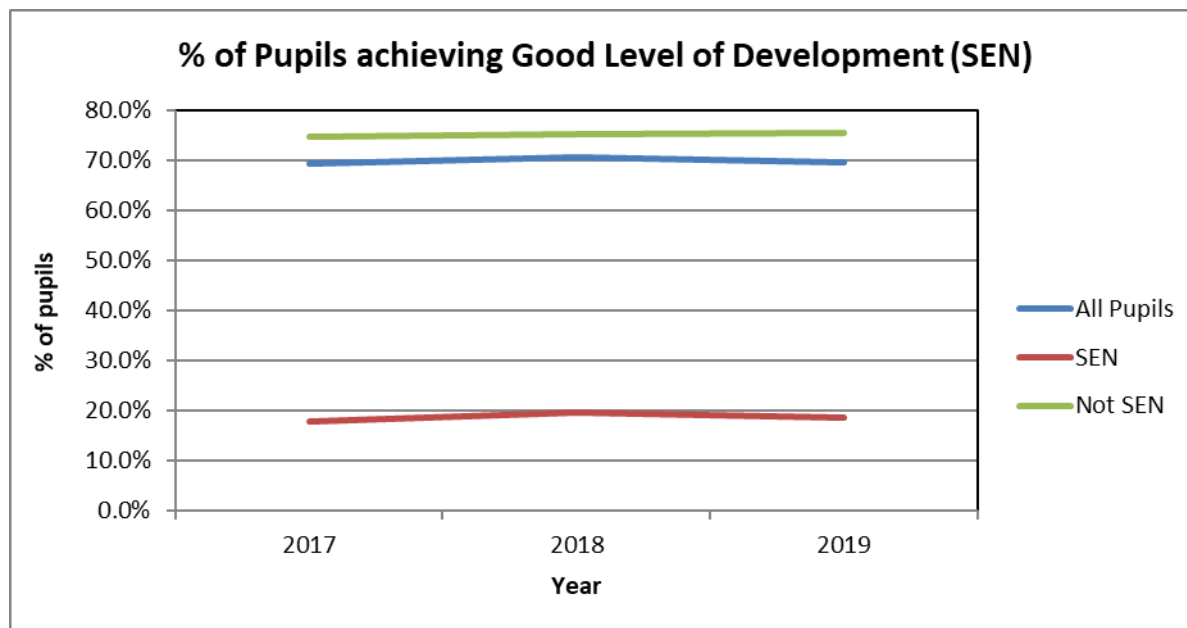
The percentage of free school meal children (FSM) attaining GLD has decreased by 6.3%. Also, non-FSM pupils' attainment decreased slightly by 0.6%. As a result, the FSM gap widened from 17.8% to 23.5%.



	Wirral			Birkenhead			Wallasey			West Wirral			South Wirral		
Year	FSM	Not FSM	Gap	FSM	Not FSM	Gap	FSM	Not FSM	Gap	FSM	Not FSM	Gap	FSM	Not FSM	Gap
2017	52.3%	73.7%	-21.4%	52.7%	68.8%	-16.1%	50.2%	72.9%	-22.7%	50.0%	75.2%	-25.2%	61.2%	78.5%	-17.3%
2018	56.2%	74.0%	-17.8%	56.0%	71.5%	-15.5%	57.5%	71.8%	-14.3%	53.2%	75.3%	-22.1%	55.9%	79.6%	-23.7%
2019	49.9%	73.4%	-23.5%	49.8%	69.8%	-20.0%	47.9%	70.9%	-23.0%	46.5%	75.9%	-29.4%	62.1%	79.1%	-17.0%
Change	↓ -6.3%	↓ -0.6%	↓ -5.7%	↓ -6.2%	↓ -1.7%	↓ -4.5%	↓ -9.6%	↓ -0.9%	↓ -8.7%	↓ -6.7%	↑ 0.6%	↓ -7.3%	↑ 6.2%	↓ -0.5%	↑ 6.7%
Direction of Gap		↓			↓			↓			↓			↓	↑

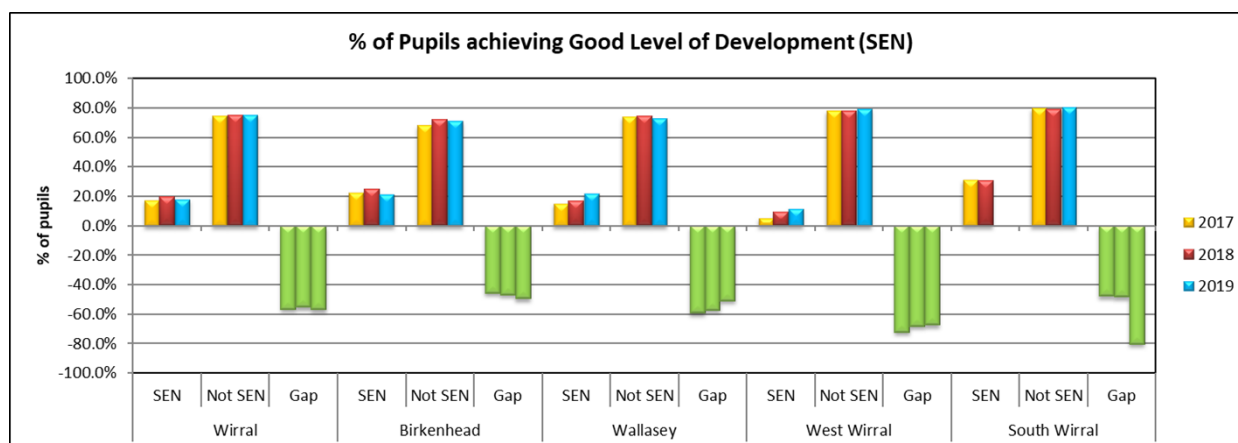
In Birkenhead, Wallasey and West Wirral the proportion of FSM pupils attaining a GLD decreased (by 6.2%, 9.6% and 6.7% respectively) whilst in South Wirral the proportion of FSM pupils attaining a GLD increased by 6.2%. South Wirral was also the only locality where the FSM Gap narrowed by 6.7%. West Wirral locality now has the greatest FSM gap of 29.4%.

## All SEN/Non SEN



	2017	2018	2019	Comparison
All Pupils	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%
SEN	17.9%	19.6%	18.4%	↓ -1.2%
Not SEN	74.7%	75.1%	75.4%	↑ 0.3%
GAP	-56.8%	-55.5%	-57.0%	↑ -1.5%

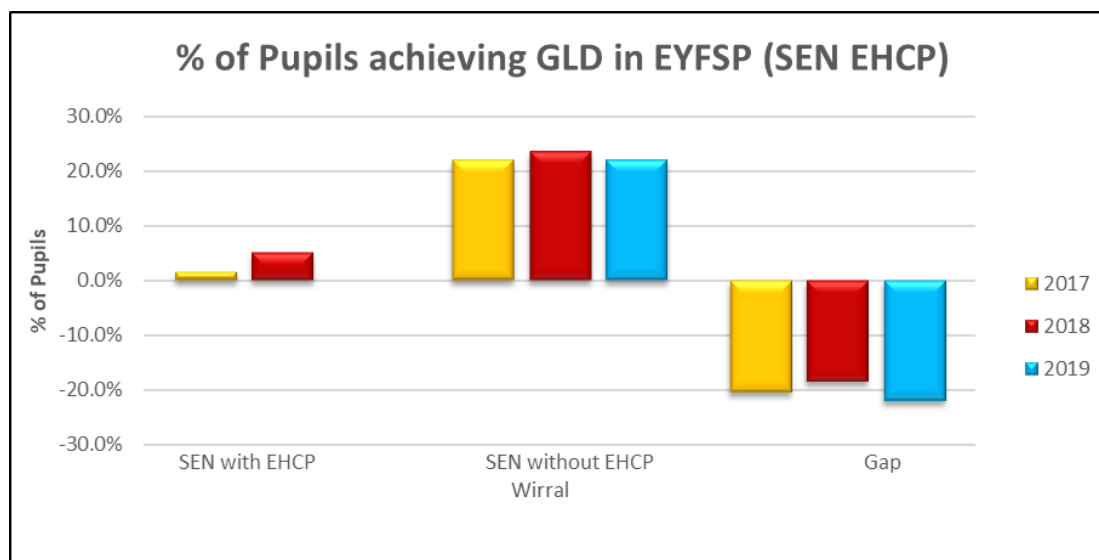
The proportion of SEN children meeting GLD showed a decrease whilst non SEN children showed a slight improvement in attainment from last year (1.2% compared with 0.3% respectively). As a result the SEN gap widened by 1.5%.



	Wirral			Birkenhead			Wallasey			West Wirral			South Wirral		
Year	SEN	Not SEN	Gap	SEN	Not SEN	Gap	SEN	Not SEN	Gap	SEN	Not SEN	Gap	SEN	Not SEN	Gap
2017	17.9%	74.7%	-56.8%	22.8%	68.6%	-45.8%	15.1%	74.4%	-59.3%	5.7%	78.2%	-72.5%	31.7%	79.7%	-48.0%
2018	19.6%	75.1%	-55.5%	25.0%	72.0%	-47.0%	16.8%	74.3%	-57.5%	9.3%	77.6%	-68.3%	30.4%	78.8%	-48.4%
2019	18.4%	75.4%	-57.0%	21.4%	71.0%	-49.6%	22.1%	73.2%	-51.1%	11.8%	79.4%	-67.6%	0.0%	80.5%	-80.5%
Change	↓ -1.2%	↑ 0.3%	↓ -1.5%	↓ -3.6%	↓ -1.0%	↓ -2.6%	↑ 5.3%	↓ -1.1%	↑ 6.4%	↑ 2.5%	↑ 1.8%	↑ 0.7%	↓ -30.4%	↑ 1.7%	↓ -32.1%
Direction of Gap			↓			↑			↓			↓			↑

The proportion of SEN children meeting GLD showed an improvement in attainment from last year in Wallasey and West Wirral. With no SEN pupils reaching GLD in South Wirral, the gap widened significantly by 32.1% and now has the greatest SEN gap of 80.5%.

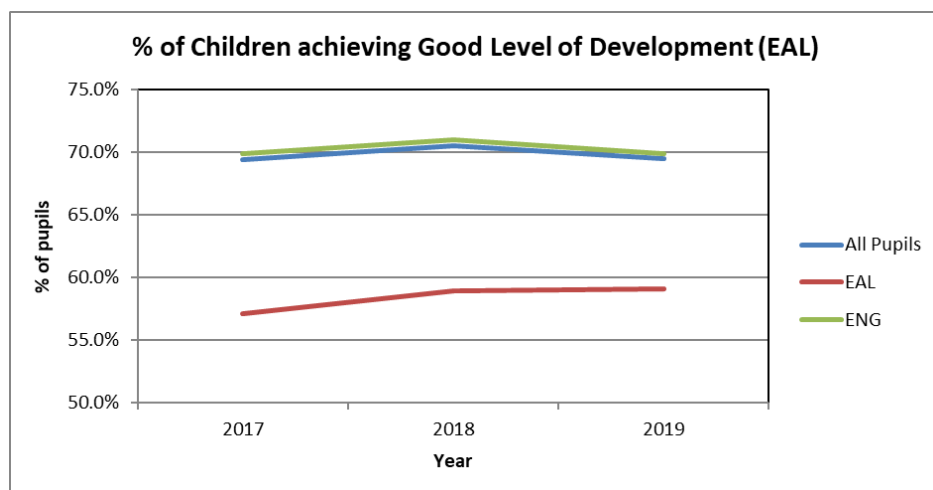
## SEN – With and without EHCP



Year	Wirral		
	SEN with EHCP	SEN without EHCP	Gap
2017	1.4%	22.0%	-20.6%
2018	5.0%	23.6%	-18.6%
2019	0.0%	22.0%	-22.0%
Change	↓ -5.0%	↓ -1.6%	
Direction of Gap			↓ -3.4%

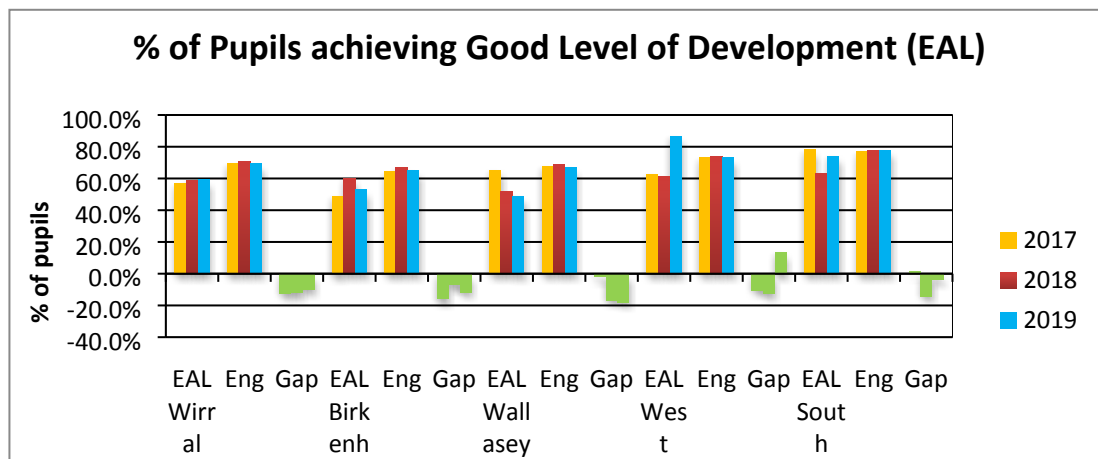
The proportion of SEN pupils with an EHCP who attained a greater level of development has decreased by 5.0% and that of SEN pupils without an EHCP has decreased by 1.6% in 2019. The percentage of children with SEN, but without EHCP, who attained a good level of development has returned to the level in 2017.

## EAL



	2017	2018	2019	Comparison
All Pupils	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%
EAL	57.1%	58.9%	59.4%	↑ 0.5%
ENG	69.9%	71.0%	69.7%	↓ -1.3%
GAP	-12.8%	-12.1%	-10.3%	↑ 1.8%

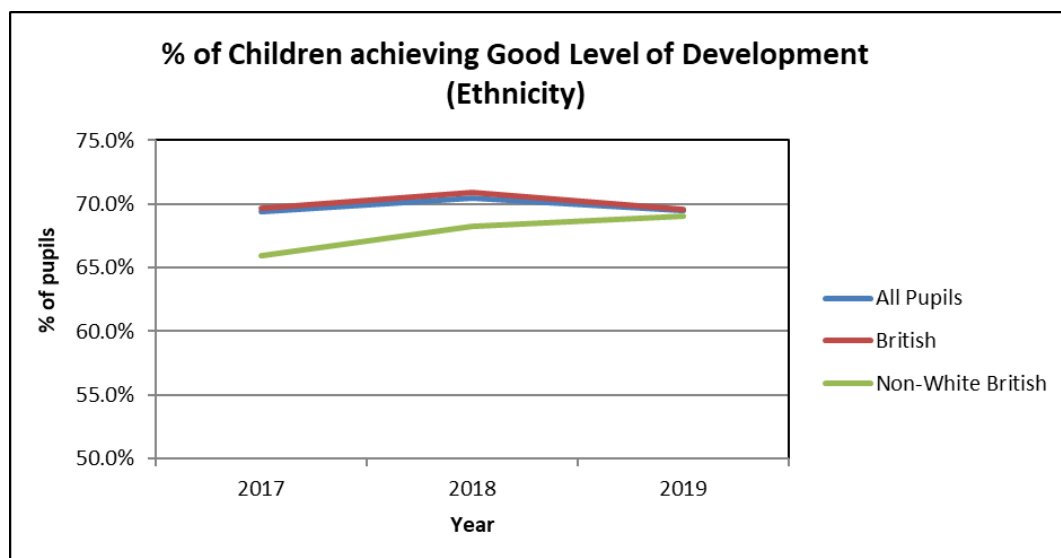
For a second year running a greater proportion of pupils with English as an additional language (EAL) continued to improve their GLD with a slight increase of 0.5% to 59.4%. The attainment of pupils with English as their first language decreased by 1.3% to 69.7%.



	Wirral			Birkenhead			Wallasey			West Wirral			South Wirral		
Year	EAL	Eng	Gap	EAL	Eng	Gap	EAL	Eng	Gap	EAL	Eng	Gap	EAL	Eng	Gap
2017	57.1%	69.9%	-12.8%	48.6%	64.6%	-16.0%	65.5%	67.7%	-2.2%	62.5%	73.1%	-10.6%	78.6%	76.9%	1.7%
2018	58.9%	71.0%	-12.1%	60.0%	67.2%	-7.2%	51.7%	68.6%	-16.9%	61.1%	73.7%	-12.6%	63.2%	77.5%	-14.3%
2019	59.4%	69.7%	-10.3%	53.1%	64.9%	-11.8%	48.6%	66.8%	-18.2%	86.7%	73.4%	13.3%	73.9%	77.8%	-3.9%
Change	↑ 0.5%	↓ -1.3%	↑ 1.8%	↓ -6.9%	↓ -2.3%	↓ -4.6%	↓ -3.1%	↓ -1.8%	↓ -1.3%	↑ 25.6%	↓ -0.3%	↑ 25.9%	↑ 10.7%	↑ 0.3%	↑ 10.4%
Direction of Gap			↓			↓			↑			↑			↑

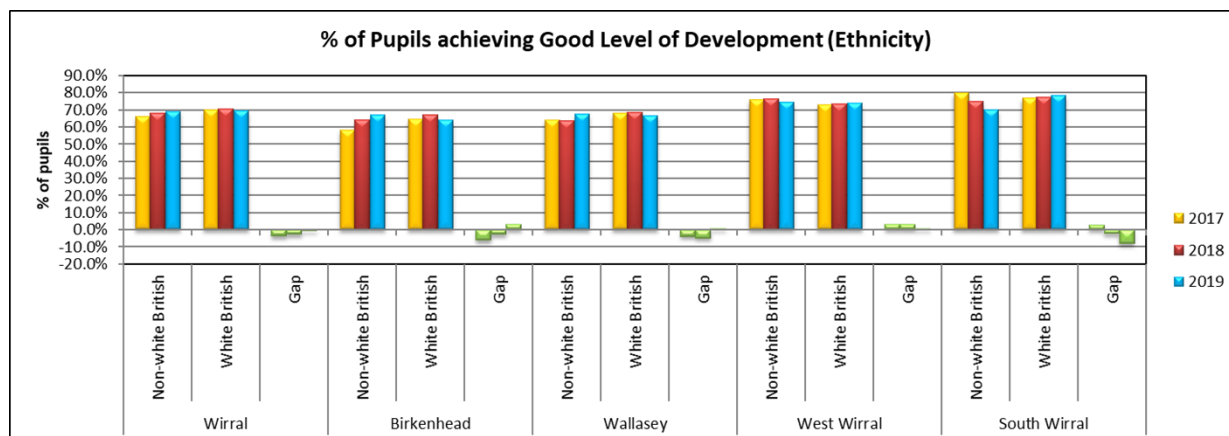
West and South Wirral locality saw an increase in the proportion of EAL pupils attaining GLD by 25.6% to 86.7% and by 10.7% to 73.9% respectively. West Wirral EAL pupils now outperform English speaking pupils by 13.3%. Birkenhead and Wallasey localities saw a decrease in the percentage of EAL pupils achieving a GLD.

## Ethnicity



	2017	2018	2019	Comparison
All Pupils	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%
Non-White British	65.9%	68.0%	68.8%	↑ 0.8%
White British	69.7%	70.8%	69.5%	↓ -1.3%
GAP	-3.8%	-2.8%	-0.7%	↓ 2.1%

The proportion of non-white British children attaining GLD has increased by 0.8% to 68.8% compared to white British children which has decreased by 1.3% to 69.5%.

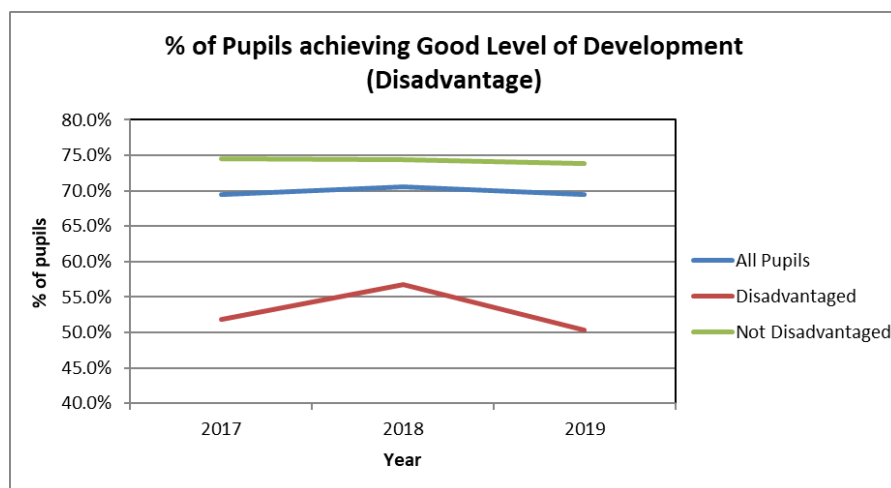


	Wirral			Birkenhead			Wallasey			West Wirral			South Wirral		
Year	NWB	WB	Gap	NWB	WB	Gap	NWB	WB	Gap	NWB	WB	Gap	NWB	WB	Gap
2017	65.9%	69.70%	-3.8%	58.1%	64.2%	-6.1%	63.8%	67.9%	-4.1%	75.8%	72.7%	3.1%	79.5%	76.7%	2.8%
2018	68.0%	70.80%	-2.8%	64.2%	67.1%	-2.9%	63.5%	68.6%	-5.1%	76.3%	73.3%	3.0%	75.0%	77.4%	-2.4%
2019	68.8%	69.50%	-0.7%	67.0%	63.9%	3.1%	67.2%	66.2%	1.0%	74.5%	73.7%	0.8%	70.0%	78.2%	-8.2%
Change	↑ 0.8%	↓ -1.3%	↑ 2.1%	↑ 2.8%	↓ -3.2%	↑ 6.0%	↑ 3.7%	↓ -2.4%	↑ 6.1%	↓ -1.8%	↑ 0.4%	↓ -2.2%	↓ -5.0%	↑ 0.8%	↓ -5.8%
Direction of Gap			↑			↑			↑			↑			↓

The attainment outcomes for non-white British ethnicities improved in Birkenhead and Wallasey by 2.8% to 67.0% and by 3.7% to 67.2% respectively. The attainment outcomes for white British improved in West Wirral and South Wirral by 0.4% to 73.7% and by 0.8% to 78.2% respectively. South Wirral has the greatest gap at 8.2% where 78.2% white British reach GLD whilst 70.0% of non-white British reach GLD.

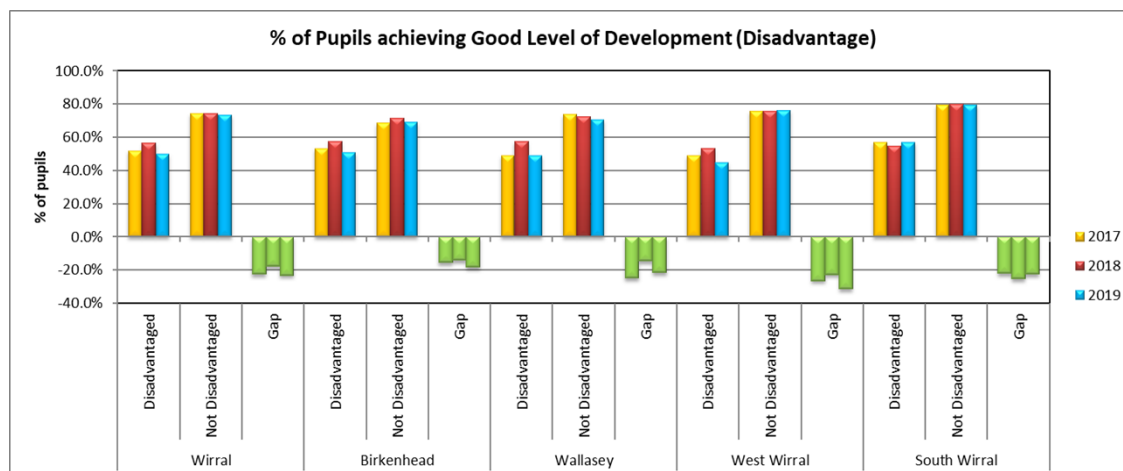


## Disadvantaged / Non-Disadvantaged



	2017	2018	2019	Comparison
All Pupils	69.4%	70.5%	69.3%	↓ -1.2%
Disadvantaged	51.8%	56.7%	50.3%	↓ -6.4%
Not Disadvantaged	74.5%	74.4%	73.6%	↓ -0.8%
Gap	-22.7%	-17.7%	-23.3%	↑ -5.6%

A smaller proportion of disadvantaged children attained GLD compared to the previous year, a decrease of 6.4%. In addition, the attainment of non-disadvantaged children has slightly decreased by 0.8% to 73.6%. The disadvantage gap widened by 5.6% to 23.3%.



	Wirral			Birkenhead			Wallasey			West Wirral			South Wirral		
Year	Disadvantaged	Not Disadvantaged	Gap	Disadvantaged	Not Disadvantaged	Gap	Disadvantaged	Not Disadvantaged	Gap	Disadvantaged	Not Disadvantaged	Gap	Disadvantaged	Not Disadvantaged	Gap
2017	52.0%	74.5%	-22.5%	53.5%	69.0%	-15.5%	49.3%	74.2%	-24.9%	49.5%	76.0%	-26.5%	57.3%	79.5%	-22.2%
2018	56.7%	74.4%	-17.7%	57.5%	71.6%	-14.1%	57.6%	72.2%	-14.6%	53.1%	75.9%	-22.8%	54.7%	80.0%	-25.3%
2019	50.3%	73.6%	-23.3%	51.1%	69.5%	-18.4%	49.1%	70.8%	-21.7%	44.9%	76.4%	-31.5%	57.1%	79.7%	-22.6%
Change	↓ -6.4%	↓ -0.8%	↓ -5.6%	↓ -6.4%	↓ -2.1%	↓ -4.3%	↓ -8.5%	↓ -1.4%	↓ -7.1%	↓ -8.2%	↑ 0.5%	↓ -8.7%	↑ 2.4%	↓ -0.3%	↑ 2.7%
Direction of Gap			↑			↑			↑			↑			↓

The proportion of disadvantaged children in South Wirral attaining a GLD increased by 2.4% so narrowing the gap to 22.6%. Birkenhead, Wallasey and West Wirral saw a decline in the attainment of disadvantaged pupils by 6.4%, 8.5% and 8.2% respectively, the gap widened by 4.3% to 18.4%, by 7.1% to 21.7% and by 8.7% to 31.5% respectively. West Wirral locality now has the widest disadvantaged gap.