

# WAKEFIELD COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS SHOW IMPROVED EXAM RESULTS



Primary school pupils achieved better exam results this year than they did in 2013, new figures show.

A report to members of Wakefield Council's cabinet revealed 60 per cent of children in the district achieved the expected good level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage, up three per cent on last year.

It also showed the gap between the results achieved by advantaged and disadvantaged pupils was closing.

Coun Olivia Rowley, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Improving educational attainment for young people across the district and closing the educational attainment gap is a key priority.

"This is very positive news and the young people, schools and their families should be congratulated for their hard work."

The council report said: "The improvements have been most significant in the progress pupils have made at Key Stage 2 where the gap to national has been eliminated."

It also showed there was a three per cent improvement in the past 12 months in phonics – a style of teaching people to read by correlating sounds with symbols.

The expected standard was achieved by 70 per cent of five and six-year-olds.

The cabinet will meet on Tuesday November 11 to discuss the improvements outlined in the report.

