

# LONDON CHILDREN OUTPERFORM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IN SATS RESULT



Ministers want to replicate London schools' success across the country

Record numbers of London children are leaving primary school having mastered the basics of the three Rs, the Evening Standard can reveal.

The capital's 11-year-old pupils outperformed those in the rest of the country in reading, writing and maths tests, new figures show.

They are the highest SATs results ever seen in London since publication of the figures began in 2010.

The results, which were revealed today by the Department for Education, also highlight the extraordinary achievements of poorer children in the city, who do significantly better than those elsewhere.

Analysis results from the exams, which are taken by all 11-year-old children in their final year of primary school, show:

A total of 84 per cent of London children reached at least level four — the minimum benchmark — in reading, writing and maths tests, compared with 80 per cent nationally.

London's results are two percentage points higher than last year and are the highest in the country.

The 10 local authorities with the highest results for disadvantaged pupils are all in the capital.

London has the lowest number of primary schools classed as failing, based on these results.

Benchmark successes in the capital have risen by 16 percentage points since 2010, when they were 68 per cent.

National results have also improved, with 90,000 more pupils having passed reading, writing and maths tests compared with 2010.

Schools minister Nick Gibb said: "As part of this Government's commitment to extending opportunity for all, it is essential that every child leaves primary school having mastered the basics in reading, writing and maths.

"Thanks to our education reforms, thousands more pupils each year are reaching those standards.

National top 10 boroughs

Local authority/percentage achieving level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths

Kensington and Chelsea: 91%  
Richmond upon Thames: 88%  
Greenwich: 87%  
Sutton: 87%  
Redcar and Cleveland: 87%  
Bromley: 86%  
Trafford: 86%  
Camden: 86%  
Hounslow: 86%  
Havering: 86%

"The increased performance at primary level over the UK shows how this government is delivering

on its commitment to provide educational excellence everywhere and ensure each child benefits from the best possible start in life, no matter where they come from.”

Education Secretary Nicky Morgan praised London schools for “blazing a trail for the educational excellence we want to see everywhere across the UK.”

Top 10 based on achievement of disadvantaged pupils

Local authority/percentage of disadvantaged pupils scoring level 4 or above in reading, writing and maths

Kensington and Chelsea: 89%

Greenwich: 83%

Camden: 82%

Lambeth: 82%

Newham: 82%

Tower Hamlets: 82%

Hounslow: 81%

Hackney: 80%

Islington: 79%

Westminster: 79%

Ofsted chief Sir Michael Wilshaw has called for the London Challenge — a scheme that boosted results in the city’s secondary schools in the 2000s — to be rolled out across the country.

But the results today also follow a claim by Labour that London schools could lose nearly £800 million in funding to other regions because they receive more money in grants per pupil than the national average.



Sadiq Khan, Labour’s candidate for mayor, said the move would risk destroying the improvements made to education in the capital through initiatives such as the London Challenge.

The Department for Education branded Labour’s analysis of figures compiled by the House of Commons library as “completely misleading” because grants would still vary according to “need.” Despite today’s impressive results, the Standard’s analysis found that more than 14,000 children failed to pass their three Rs tests.

That means they started secondary school in September already trailing behind their peers. But this is 1,000 fewer than last year.

Each school is judged on the results. It will be classed as failing if fewer than 65 per cent of pupils reach level four in all three subjects and also if it does not meet pupil progress measures. Next year this floor target will rise.

In London 51 schools risk being classified as failing. More than 22,000 children are taught in these, according to our research.

But a total of 73 London schools recorded a 100 per cent pass rate in all the three Rs. The tests were taken by approximately 579,000 year six pupils across the country in May. This is the last year that performance tables will use “levels” to assess performance.

From next year pupils will be given a scaled score, where 100 will represent the expected standard.