



Network meetings for school Service children leads and senior leaders



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Tuesday 3rd October, 2023
1315 – 1445



Welcome & introductions





Getting involved



Please:

- Ask questions and comment in the chat
- Please keep videos on if you can
- Please interact and get involved!
- Unmute to ask a question directly (there will also be opportunities for this throughout the session)
- Send questions & feedback after the briefing to:

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Today's agenda:

- **Local updates**
 - Looking back
 - Looking forwards - plans for 2023/24
- **Guest speaker:** Claudia Lusardi, Study Higher Outreach Projects Manager, Oxford Brookes University
- **National updates:**
 - Little Troopers
 - Remembrance
- **Questions & thoughts**

Local Updates: looking back





School projects:

SCHOOL	Project
Carterton CC	Formation of an SPP journalism / library group
Brize Norton Primary	Improving communication between military families and school
Carterton Primary	Strengthening pupil voice and a two-way understanding of what it means to be part of a military family
Edith Moorhouse	Improving mobility tracking and transitions
Hanborough Manor	Establishing Hanborough Heroes and a reflection garden
North Leigh	Forces Life Awareness
St Christopher's	Create a deployment form for parents / strengthen communication
St John the Evangelist	Create Service Pupil Advocates and plan a celebratory event
Clanfield Primary	Celebrate SC and their families and spreading awareness
Five Acres Primary	Let's talk! Strengthening Service families' voices
Longcot & Fernham	Events to support Service families
Faringdon CC	Creating a dedicated Service families website page
Wallingford Secondary	Strengthening Year 7 transition and student voice
RAF Benson	Creating a pupil-led welcome package for SC starting school
St Nicolas, Abingdon	Establishing a SC's Camo club and strengthening pupil voice
Sunningwell Primary	Supporting deployment through reading
Stephen Freeman	Strengthening parental engagement-supporting the whole family
Ewelme CE Primary	Creation of a Service pupil pastoral care group
Carswell Primary	Creating and recruiting a Service Home School Link Worker role



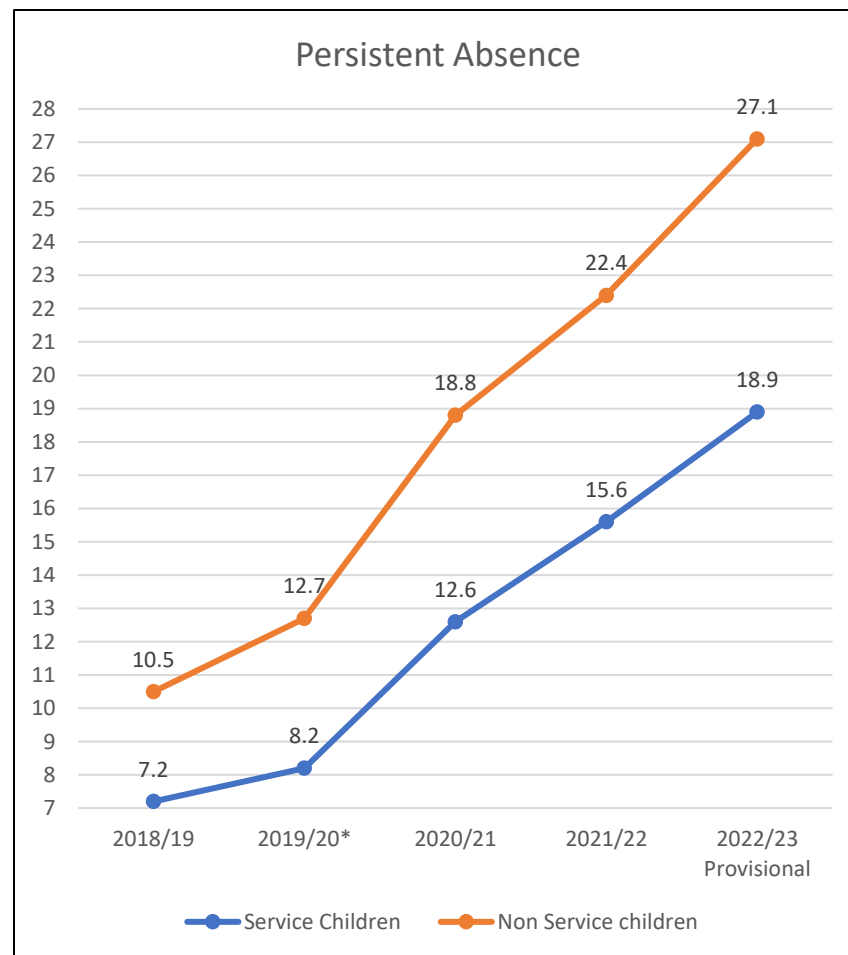
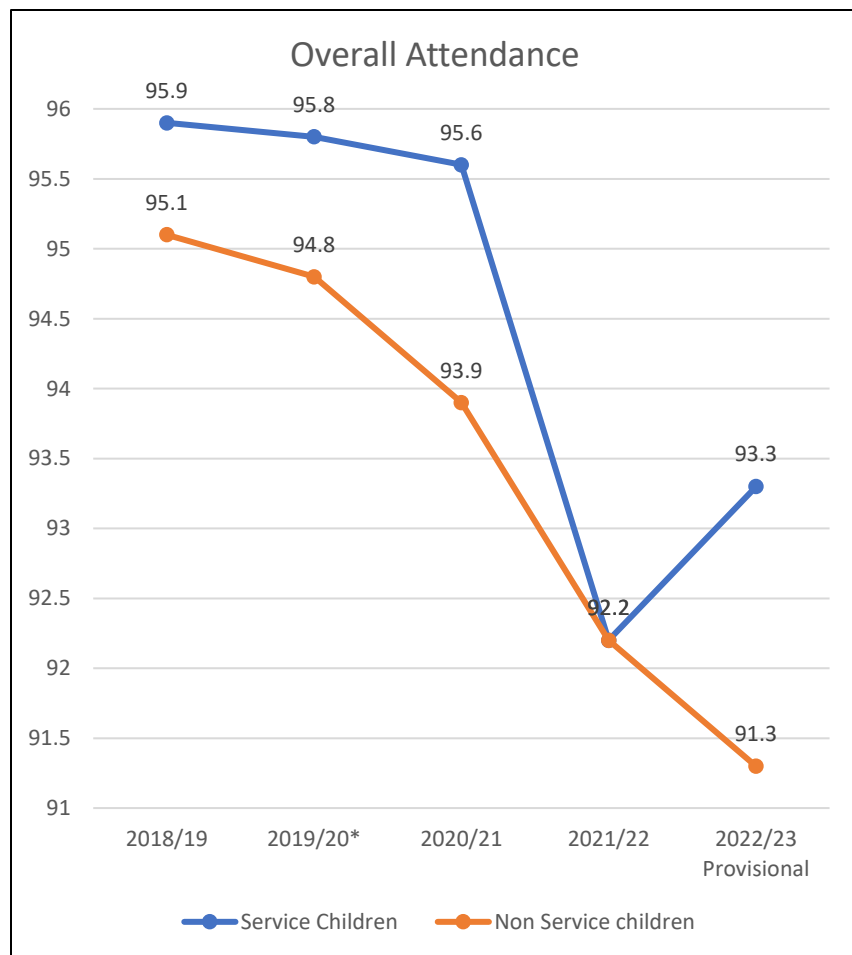


What is the data saying?





Attendance – a real strength



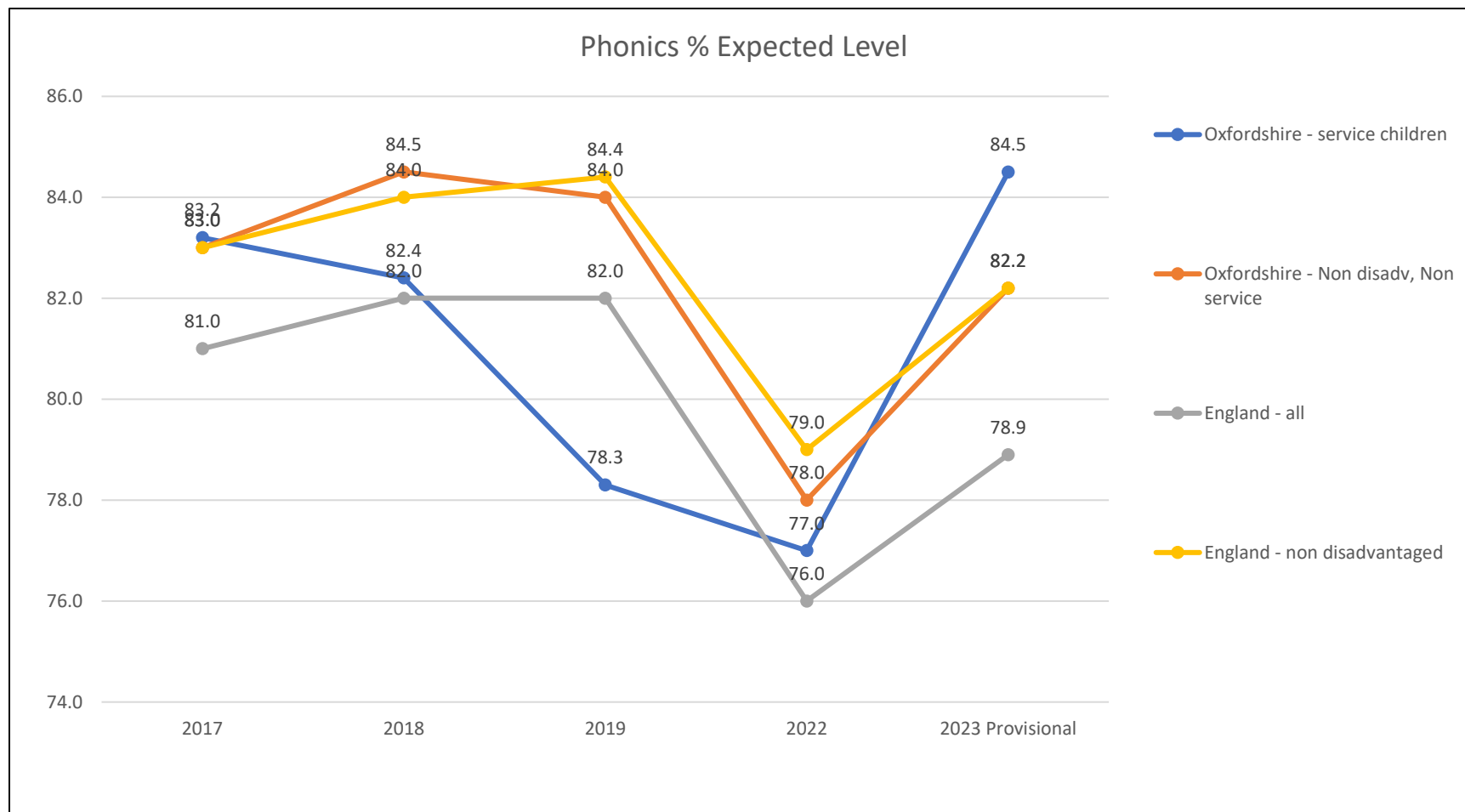
EYFS – a strength over 5 years

Pupil group	EYFSP				
	% good level development				
	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023 Provisional
Oxfordshire - service children	77.7	75.6	75.4	73.0	74.1
Oxfordshire - Non disadv, Non service	74.4	75.0	74.0	70.6	71.3
England - all	70.7	71.5	71.8	65.1	67.3
England - non disadvantaged	73.0	74.0	74.0	68.1	70.0
Cohort - service children	287	312	309	241	195
Service children gap - Oxfordshire service children from Oxfordshire non disadvantaged (%pts)	3.3	0.6	1.4	3.6	2.7
Service children gap - Oxfordshire service children from National non disadvantaged (%pts)	4.7	1.6	1.4	4.9	3.9

NB: EYFSP Framework changed in 2022, so results are not comparable to previous years

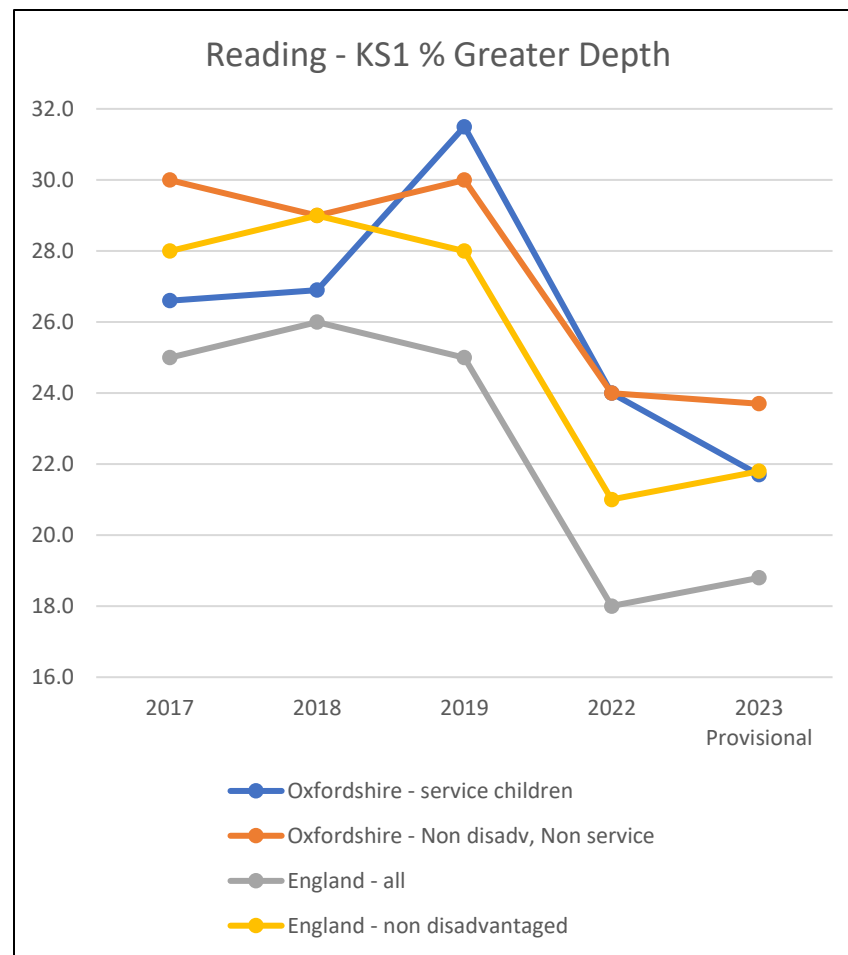
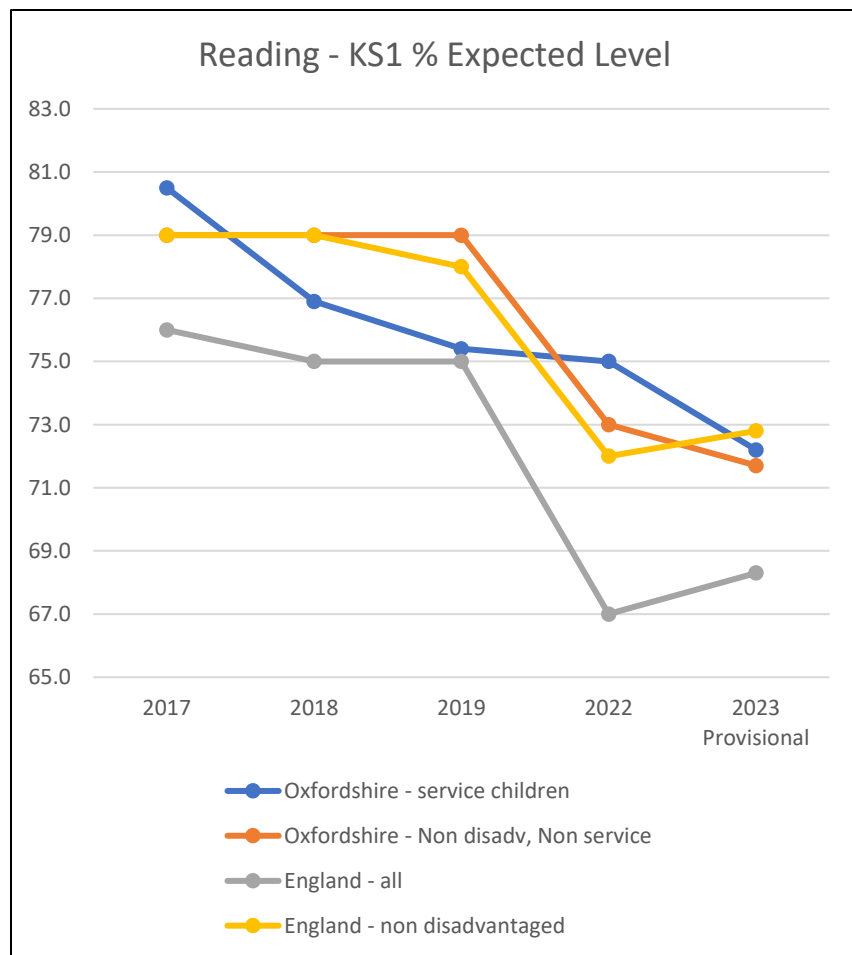


Y1 Phonics – on the up?



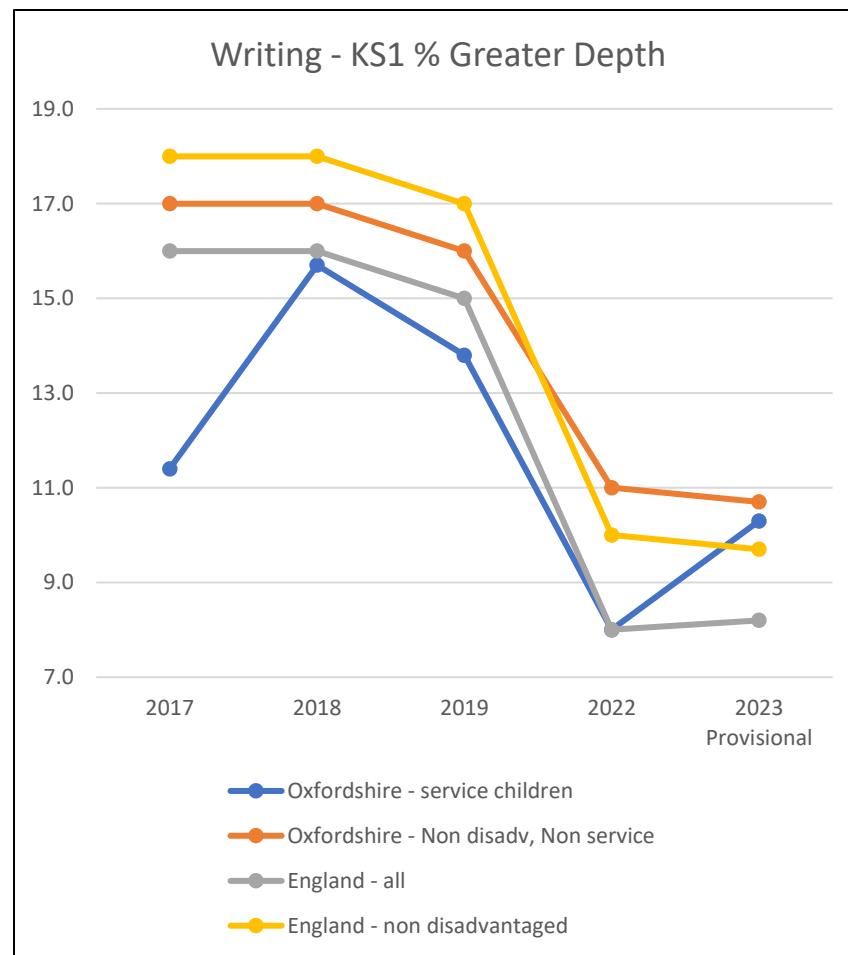
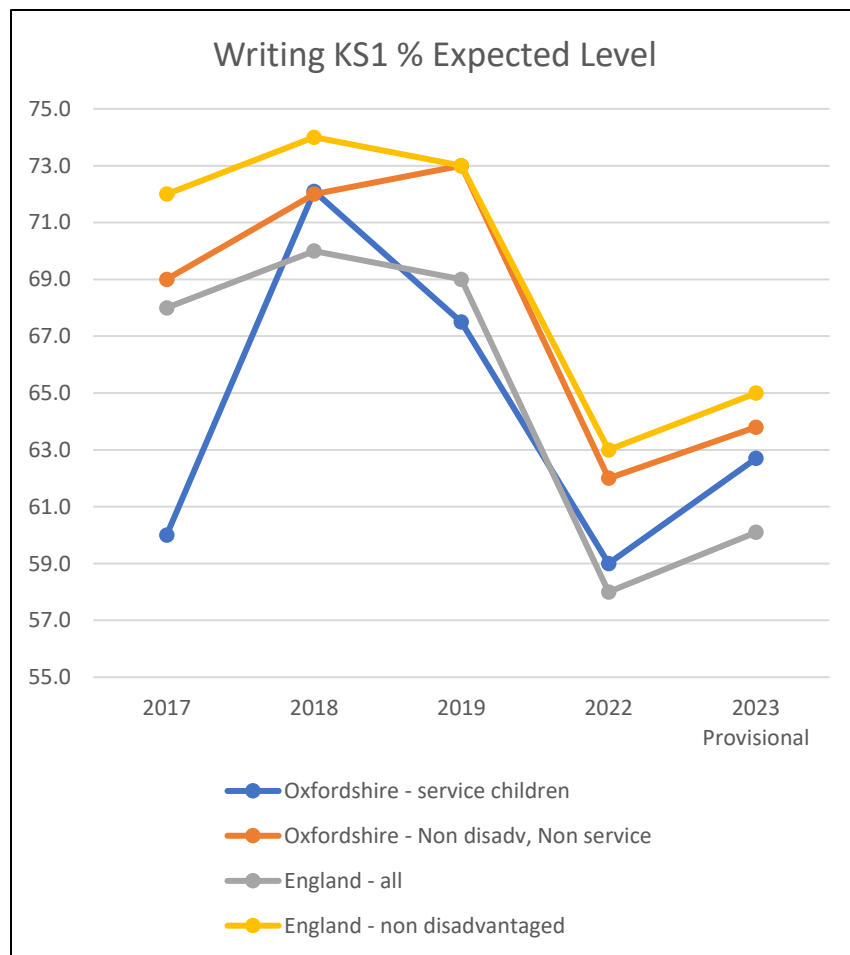


KS1 'expected v greater depth' READING



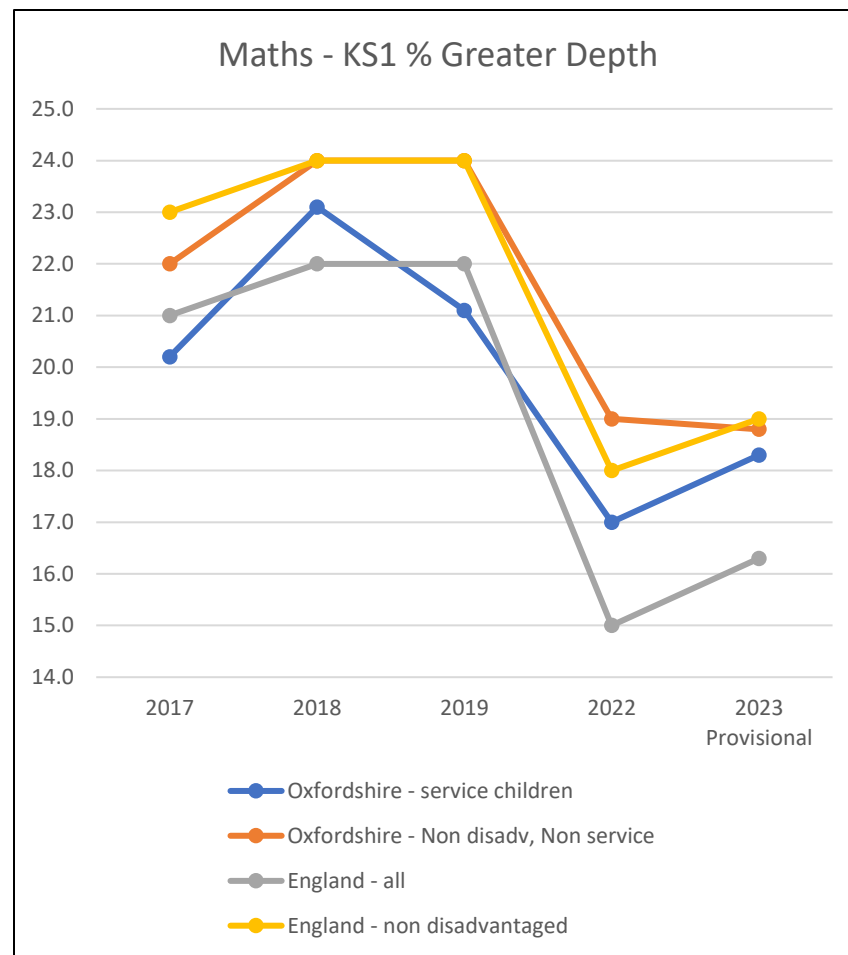
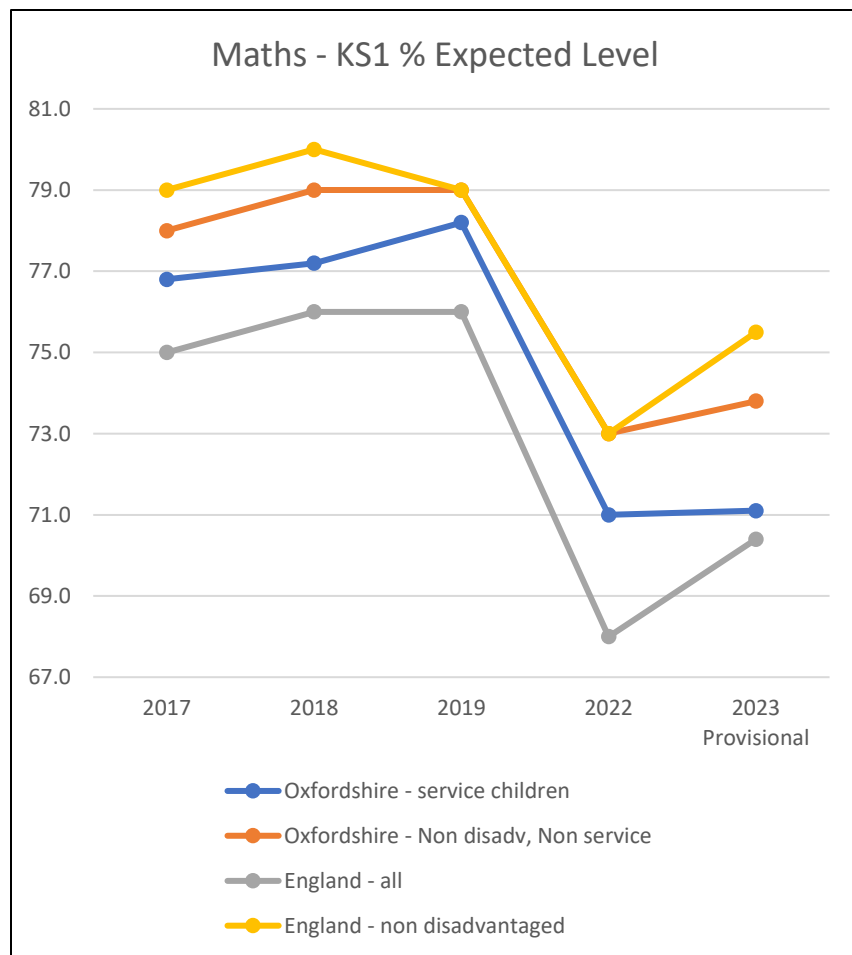


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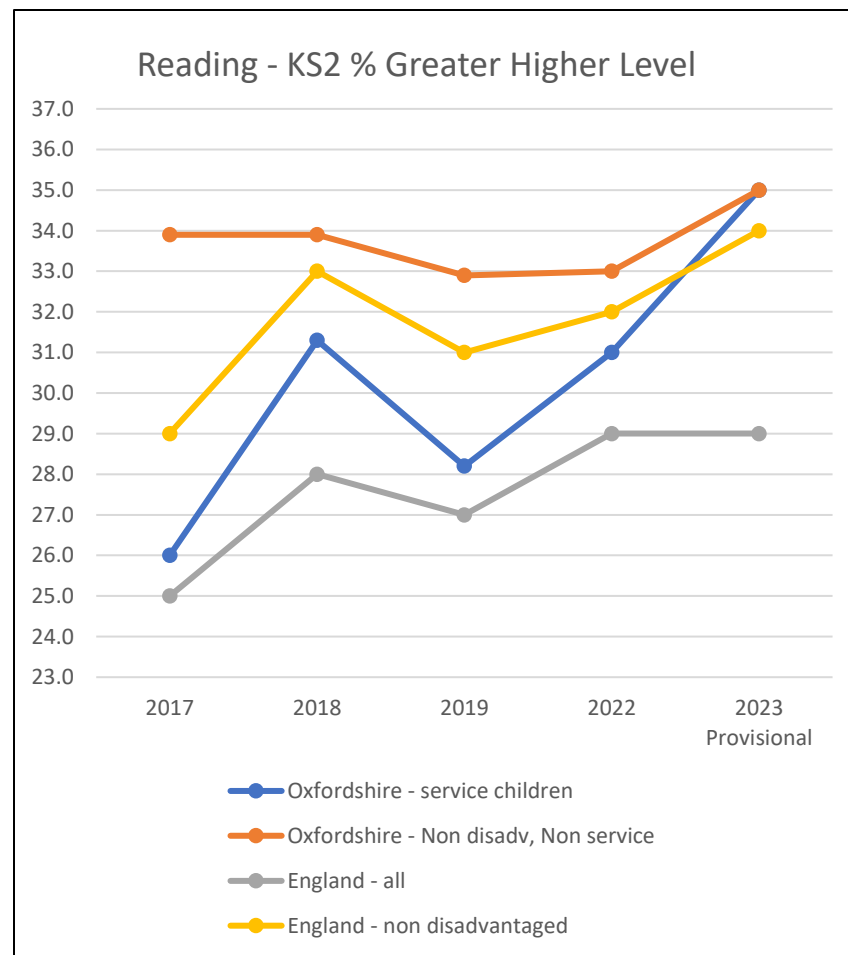
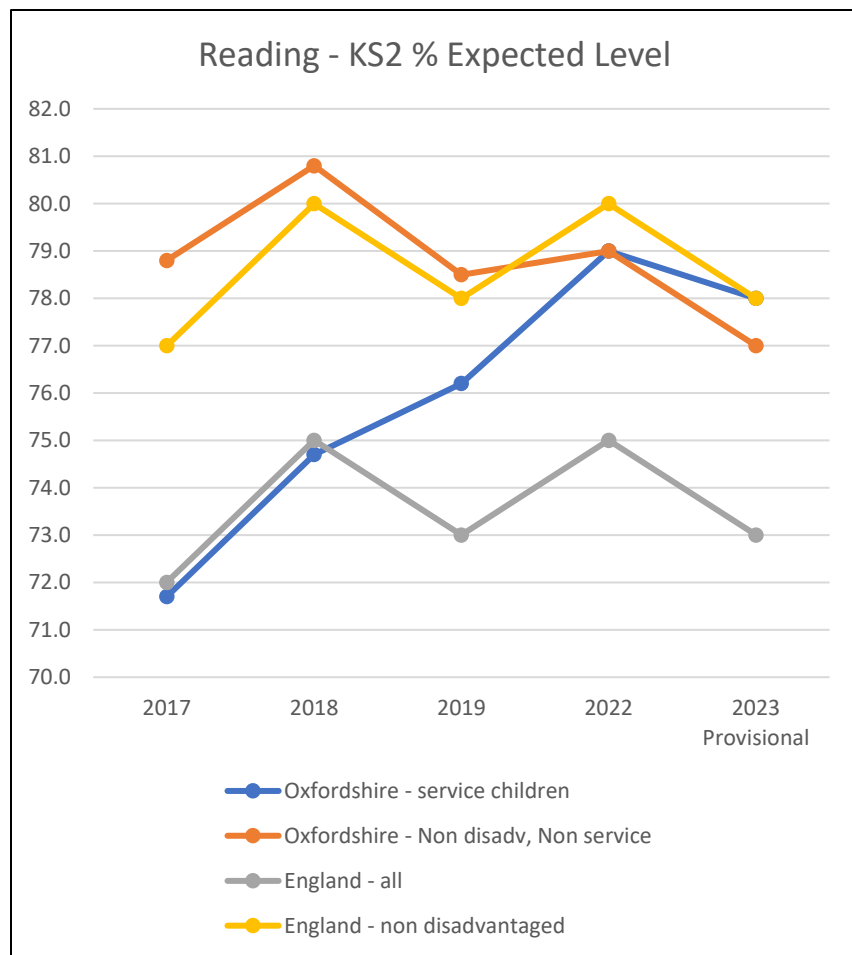


KS1 'expected v greater depth' MATHS



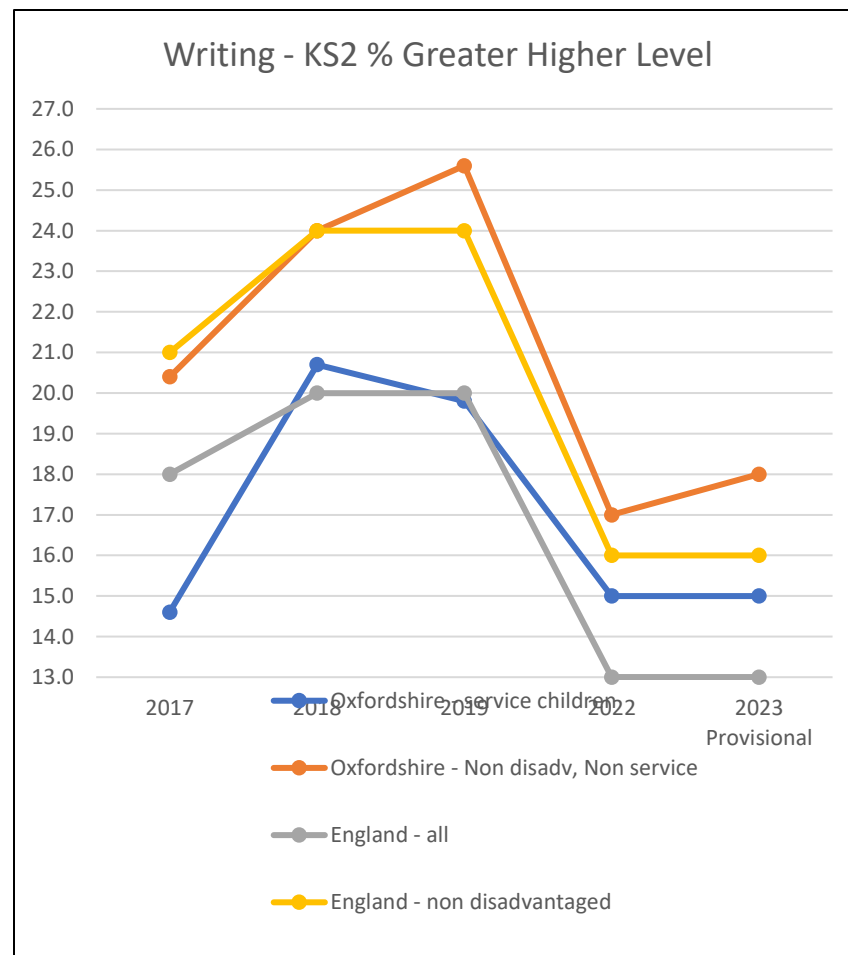
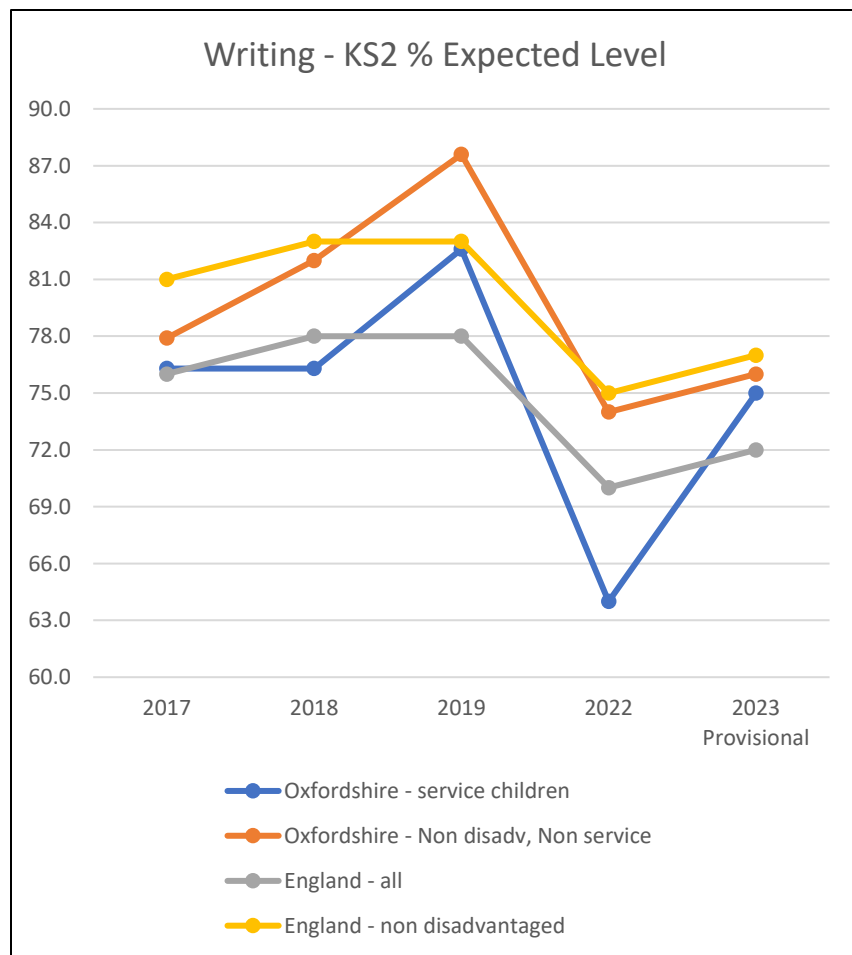


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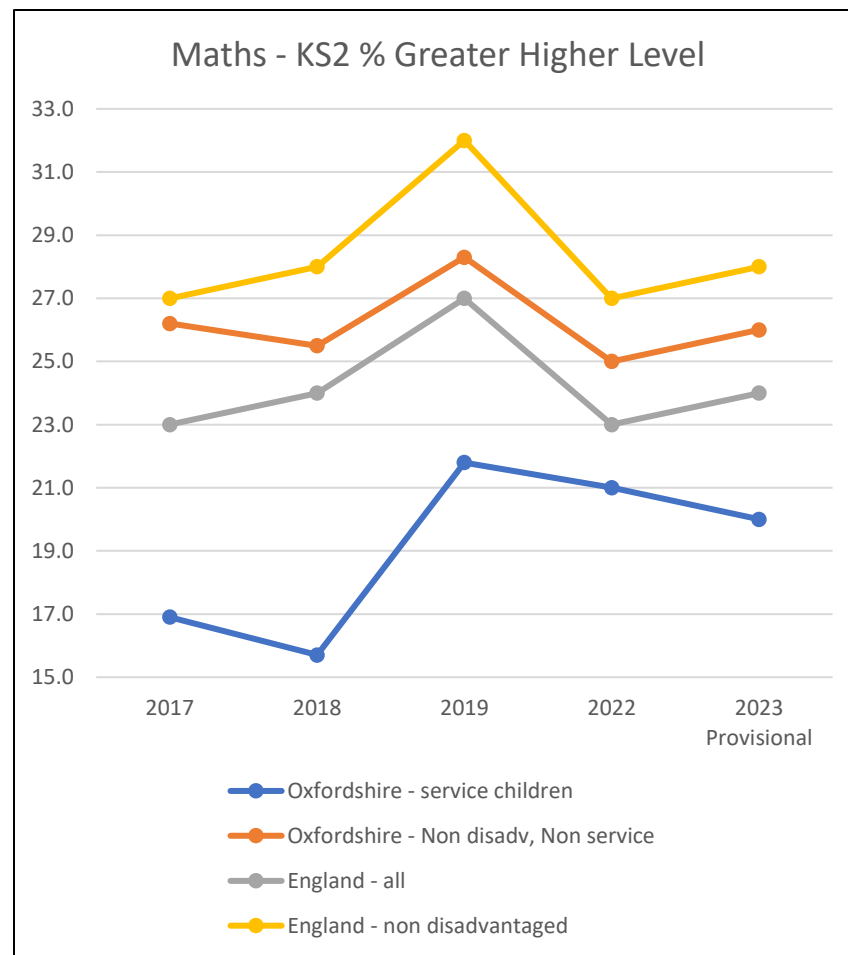
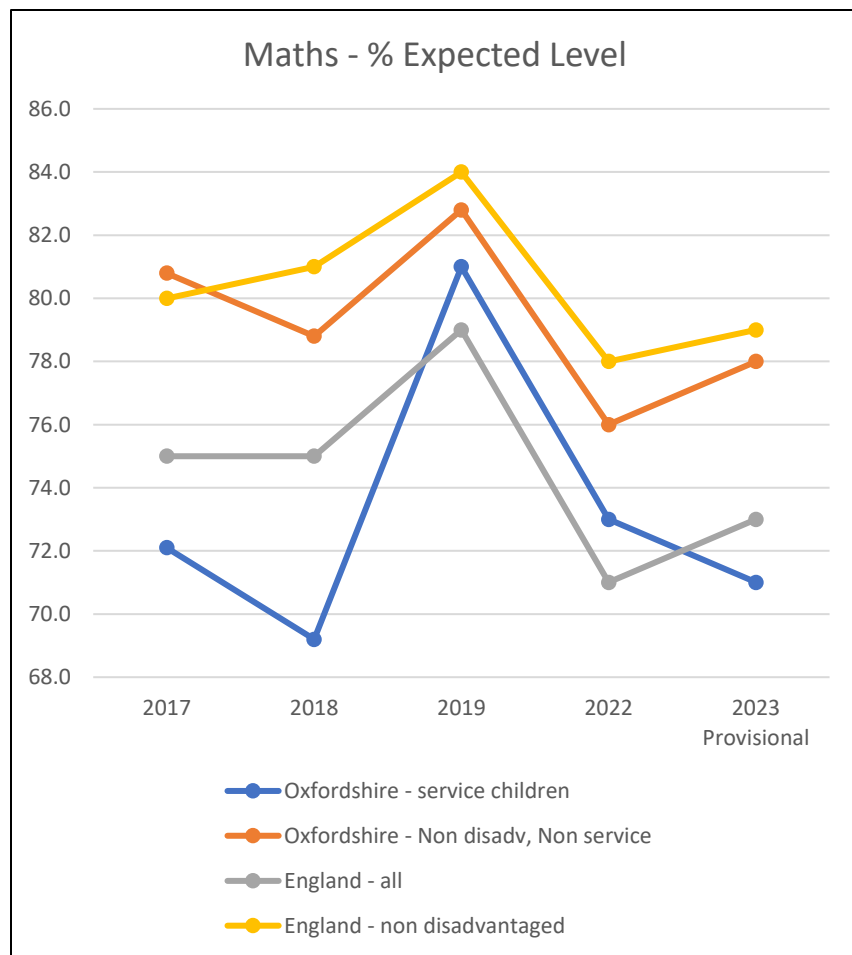


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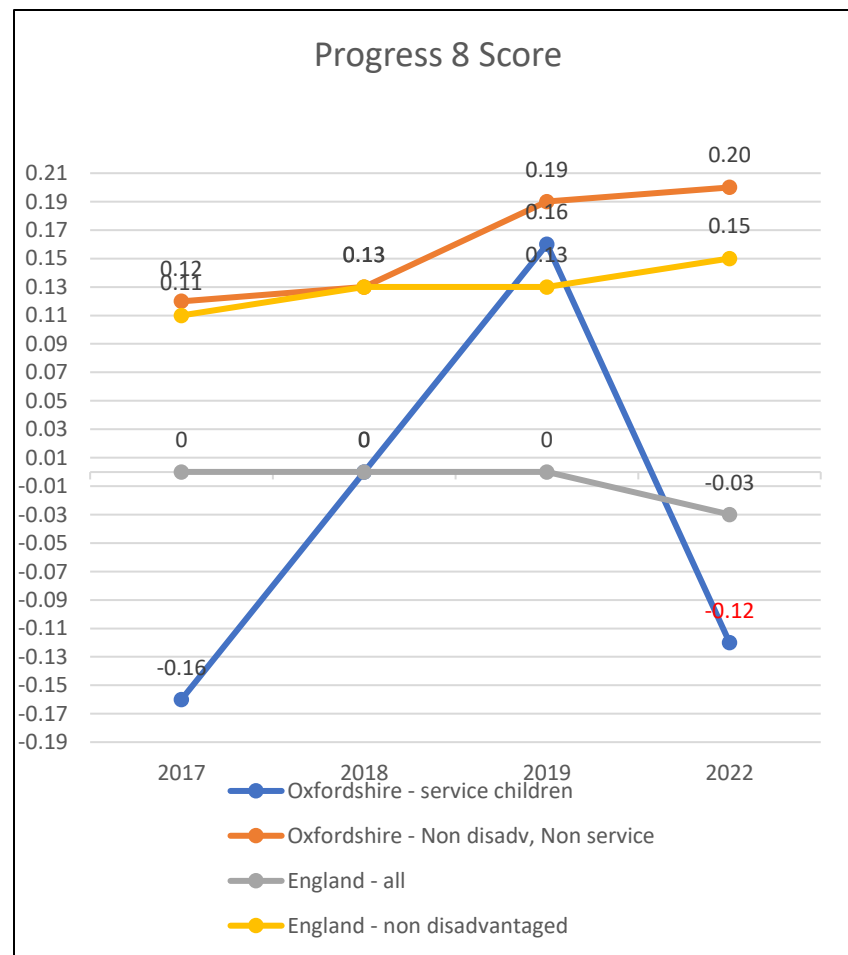
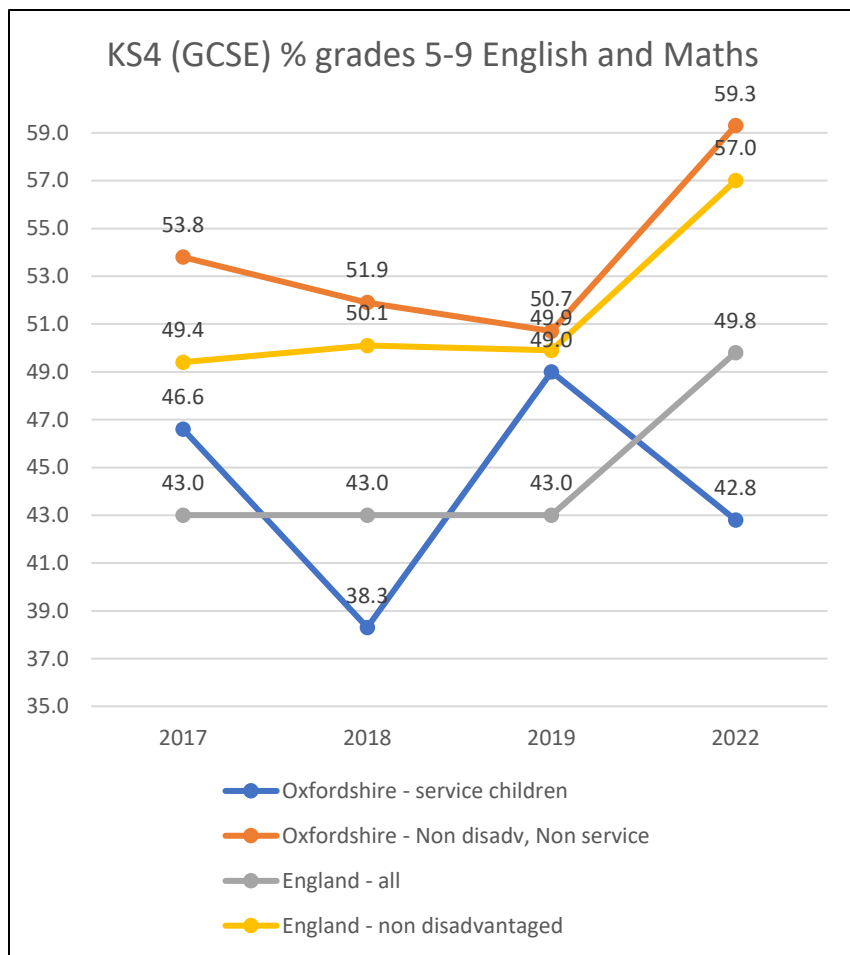


KS1-2 progress

Pupil group						
	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	2022	2023 Provisional	2022	2023 Provisional	2022	2023 Provisional
Oxfordshire - service children	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.4	-1.3
Oxfordshire - Non disadv, Non service	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0
England - all	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4
England - non disadvantaged	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Cohort - service children	259	227	259	227	259	227
Service children gap - Oxfordshire service children from Oxfordshire non disadvantaged	0.1	-0.5	-0.8	0.0	-0.7	-1.3
Service children gap - Oxfordshire service children from National non disadvantaged	0.1	-0.3	-0.7	0.1	-1.0	-1.8



KS4 – 2023 data awaited



Local updates: looking forwards

- Live on SLA Online for bookings:
<https://educationservices.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Event/216401>
- SEND focus in the morning
- 2 places per school – a third with a governor
- RAF Benson venue...not to be missed

Education Services

Oxfordshire Education Services

Thriving Lives for Service children

The role schools play



Join Oxfordshire County Council for this thought provoking and inspiring day where we will explore the role of schools in supporting our service children to succeed and achieve.

Throughout the day, you'll have opportunity to collaborate with colleagues during our range of workshops, engage in discussions and hear from our engaging keynote speakers:

Alison Cotton
MPhil/PhD Student, Oxford Brookes University

Matt Blyton
Project Lead for Garrison ASSIST Project (GAP)

Lynsey Day
Headteacher, Thomas Reade Primary School

Ed Harris
Senior Education Officer, MOD Education Policy Team



Friday 17th November 2023

0900 to 1600
(0830 arrival refreshments)

Please bring ID and book in upon arrival

RAF Benson Community
Centre (Frey Suite)
Wallingford
Oxford
OX10 6AA

2 free places per
Oxfordshire school

(or 3 if accompanied by a
governor)

Keynotes exploring
research and practice in
supporting Armed
Forces children with
SEND

Contributions from
leading national figures
in the field

Further enquiries and bookings
can be made via:

educationservices.oxfordshire.gov.uk

T: 03300 249046

E:
OxfordshireEducationServices@oxfordshire.gov.uk



MOD Grant-funded work

2022/23 ESF grant

1. Service Pupil review and support visits in up to ten schools – [let me know if you'd like one](#)
2. Writing project to raise attainment: Hannah Owen, Carterton Community College secondee for 1 day / week
3. Sharing good practice with school leaders, including Governors – events, newsletters & these briefings – [please recruit governors](#)
4. Possible school-to-school transition assessment project – [let me know if interested](#)

2023/24 AFCFT (SPSP)

- To start in January 2024
- Targeted work with 6 primaries and 6 secondaries
- Centralised Service Children's Champion to visit to support.
- Bringing schools and students together in events with opportunities which celebrate AF children.
- Working with Study Higher.

A Festival of Friends part 2! [Let me know if interested](#)



OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL



Let's get governors on board!

Armed Forces' Children:
the board's role

Monday 6th October 2023

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Wednesday 1st May 2024

19:00-20:30

Online via MS Teams

Please book your place via

www.GovernorHub.com

or by emailing

Governor Services on

GovernorServices@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

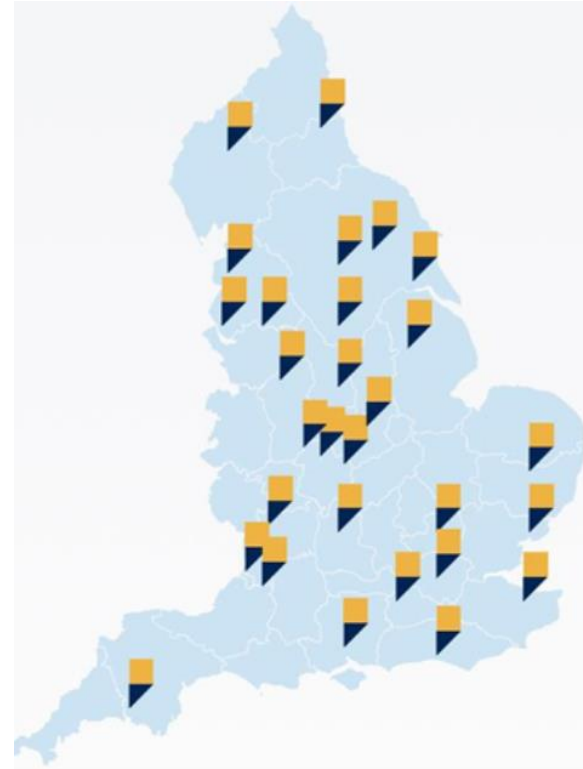


Our work with young people from Armed Forces families

Claudia Lusardi, Study Higher Outreach Projects Manager,
Oxford Brookes University clusardi@brookes.ac.uk

Who are we?

- One of 29 Uni Connect partnerships
- Working across Swindon, Bucks, Berkshire and Oxfordshire
- Funded externally by the Office for Students
- Students in years 8-13
- Collaboration between Oxford Brookes, Oxford, Reading and Buckinghamshire New University



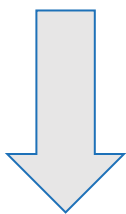
Our aims

- Contribute to reducing the gap in higher education participation between the most and least represented groups.
- Equip young learners from underrepresented groups to make an informed choice about their options in relation to the full range of routes into and through higher education.
- Contribute to a stronger evidence base around ‘what works’ in higher education outreach



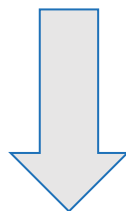
Our programmes

Targeted outreach



- Workshops about higher education
- Visit to university campuses
- Years 11-13
- 34 target schools (HE progression is lower)

Strategic outreach



- Programmes for young carers, care experienced students and service pupils
- University campus visits, summer schools, workshops
- Across all four regions, years 9-13

Attainment raising



- Workshops, mentoring and campus visits
- Years 8-10
- Delivered in six target schools only

Service pupil progression

- Fewer children from Armed Forces families progress to higher education than their peers. The participation rate is estimated to be **24%** compared to a national average of **43%**.
- Parents' rank impacts on their children's intent to attend university or join the military (SNCO vs NCO)
- Children in military families experience greater pressures during post-16 education due to their increased maturity and understanding of their family's situation.

UCAS have now included a tick-box for service pupils in the 'More about you' section (Sept 2022)

Research paper: FE and HE progression

Mobility: the removal of choice and agency through mobility may result in disengagement from formal or academic education, leading Armed Forces young people to seek vocational or technical routes.

Often the emotional toll on service pupil's educational performance may not be realised until later. This may mean that some Armed Forces young people who attain well at secondary level, despite experiencing emotional stress, will struggle and require additional support during their post-16 education.

Our programme of outreach; Future Focus

University campus visits

(Transport and lunch provided)

- Royal Ag Uni
- Uni of Reading
- Uni of Oxford x2
- Buckinghamshire New University
- Uni of West England

Themes: Post 16/18 options, wellbeing, apprenticeships

Since Sept 2021

- Engaged 54 service pupils (years 9-11)
- 20% attending more than one event

To improve:

- Increase no. of schools and students
- Engage schools with smaller populations

**DATES TO
FOLLOW
ASAP**

Other strands

- Supported OCC with Festival of Friends celebration event
- Engaged Ab+Witney College; tick box at enrollment now included
- Attainment raising at Carterton Community College
- UCAS event about HE progression planned at Carterton Community College
- Residential for Year 11 students in planning for July 2024



Any questions?

www.studyhigher.ac.uk





National updates

- Remembrance
- [Home - Little Troopers](#)



Remembrance – is your school doing anything?





<https://www.littletroopers.net/>

- Growing...now a team of 4 + trustees
- National Lottery therapy programme entering 2nd year: taking referrals
- 3 recently launched parent therapy videos with downloadable activities
 - Deployment / separation
 - Moving home / school
 - Nurturing resilience
- Expanding the schools programme ('enhance & extend' arm this autumn)
- Two free teaching podcasts coming
- Free Gazettes remain



PARENT VIDEO SERIES

LITTLE TROOPERS THERAPY PROGRAMME - Little Troopers

LITTLE TROOPERS **THERAPY PROGRAMME** **PARENT VIDEO SERIES**



BEING A MILITARY CHILD

Our Therapy Programme is for any children who feel that military life has impacted their wellbeing.

The programme is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and is a bespoke therapy programme delivered by qualified clinicians to help military children better navigate some of the unique challenges they might face growing up with a parent in the Armed Forces.

These on-demand videos are for any parents whose children haven't yet been awarded a place on our 1-2-1 therapy programme or for parents who would like more information and activity ideas to better support your child at home.

This video is all about moving home and school, and how to deal with the uncertainty and change that can occur during this time.

For more information visit www.littletroopers.net

What do you need?

- Activity sheets within this pack
- Colouring pencils
- Scissors
- You might want some ribbon or string for the mask if you wish
- Watch the video prior to starting the activities with your child



Questions and thoughts





Resources to support Oxfordshire schools

[Service Pupils | Schools \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://oxfordshire.gov.uk/service-pupils/schools)

Information and guidance for schools with service pupils

Service Pupils Promise from Oxfordshire County Council
[Oxfordshire County Council's 'Promise'](#)

Toolkit for the support of Service Children [Toolkit](#)

Service pupil premium (SPP): DfE information for schools
[SPP](#)

Quality assurance & support visits— please Matt Blyton if interested



**Thank you for your
contributions and for all that
you do to support
Oxfordshire's Service children.**