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Our children and young people

11,270 with SEN (Jan 2021)

2,178 with SEN (Jul 2021)

6.2% pupils cite English as an additional language. Polish is the most common additional language other than English in all five districts.

8.2% cite EAL in Hastings (July 2021)

14.3% of the school population are Minority Ethnic

16.8% of the school population are Minority Ethnic (Jan 2021)

18.8% of LAC are BME

9.8% of LAC are BME (Nov 2021)

22.6% of pupils have FSM ever 6 eligibility compared to 24.2% in England

33.5% have FSM eligibility (Jul 2021)

1,190 are Elective Home Educated aged 4-17

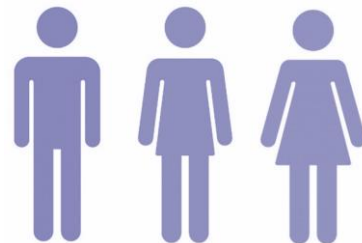
236 are Elective Home Educated aged 4-17 (Oct 2021)

973 open cases of Children in Need

245 open cases of Children in Need (Nov 2021)

622 children were Looked After

204 children were Looked After (Nov 2021)



106,575 children and young people aged 0-17 living in East Sussex

19,155 children and young people aged 0-17 living in Hastings (Jun 2021)

14,100 eligible for and claiming FSM (May 2021)

3,790 eligible for FSM (Jul 2021)

67,974 in school (May 2021)

11,300 in school (Jul 2021)

401 aged 16-17 are NEET

92 aged 16-17 are NEET (Dec 2020)

529 children had Protection Plans

191 children had Protection Plans (Nov 2021)

630 Early Help cases

2122 individuals

189 Early Help cases

668 individuals (Oct 2021)

7,835 households have engaged with the Supporting Families programme (previously Troubled Families) since 2015

2,411 households have engaged with the Supporting Families programme (previously Troubled Families) since 2015 (Nov 2021)

434 19-25 year olds with an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan

81 19-25 year olds with an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan (Oct 2021)

1,303 young carers (Jan 2021)

209 young carers (Nov 2021)

Absence and Exclusions

- Pre pandemic (full academic year 2018/19)

- **Overall absence**

Hastings – primary (4.61%) secondary (6.29%)

East Sussex – primary (4.34%) secondary (6.01%)

- **Permanent exclusions**

Hastings – primary (0.08%) secondary (0.45%)

East Sussex – primary (0.06%) secondary (0.23%)

- **Persistent absence**

Hastings – primary (11.04%) secondary (15.77%)

East Sussex – primary (9.06%) secondary (14.96%)

- **Fixed period exclusions**

Hastings – primary (4.18%) secondary (30.08%)

East Sussex – primary (1.97%) secondary (12.35%)

- Current (part academic year 2021/22 – September & October)

- **Overall absence**

Hastings – primary (5.60%) secondary (10.18%)

East Sussex – primary (5.00%) secondary (7.74%)

- **Permanent exclusions**

Hastings – primary (0.00%) secondary (0.14%)

East Sussex – primary (0.00%) secondary (0.04%)

- **Persistent absence**

Hastings – primary (18.21%) secondary (29.78%)

East Sussex – primary (16.57%) secondary (23.66%)

- **Fixed period exclusions**

Hastings – primary (0.31%) secondary (9.94%)

East Sussex – primary (0.22%) secondary (2.96%)

Impact of the pandemic on children

- Pupils' learning and progress
- Pupils with special educational needs
- Attendance and exclusions
- Pupils' mental health and well being
- Safeguarding concerns for some vulnerable pupils
- Transition between phases, including to post-16

Key issues in schools in East Sussex during the pandemic

- Focus on vulnerable children – ensuring safeguarding
- Staff wellbeing
- Pressure on school leaders
- Managing response to covid whilst also delivering teaching and learning

East Sussex wide response

Excellence for All strategy 2021-23

- strengthen leadership at all levels,
- literacy and oracy
- inclusion and wellbeing.
- Primary Board and Secondary Boards
- Refreshing the SEND strategy
- East Sussex Emotional wellbeing and mental health strategy

Hastings response

- Multi agency discussion about issues at Hollington primary
- Support for the Hastings Opportunity Area
- Discussions with Ark and UBAT
- Focusing some of our commissioning work around secondary exclusions and primary multi agency working specifically on Hastings