

School Attendance

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Barnet Attendance Conference

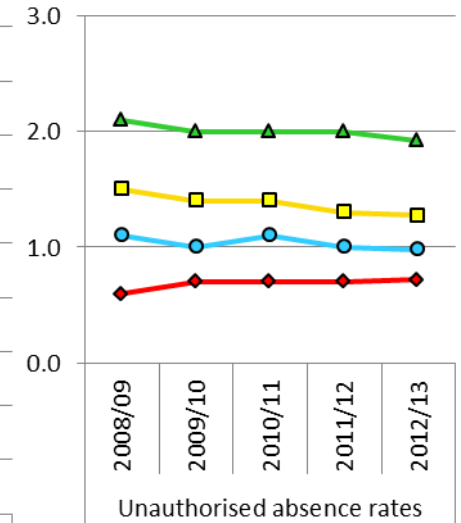
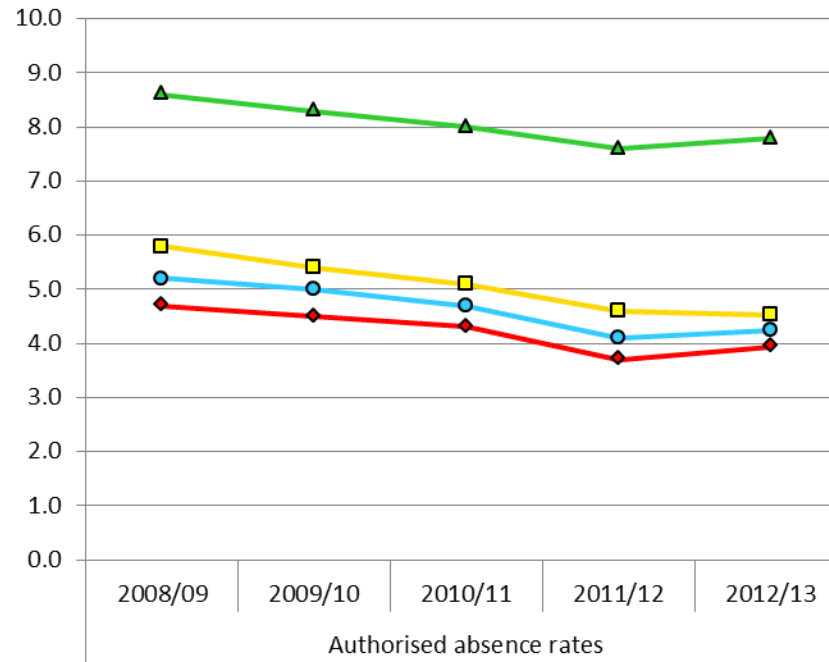
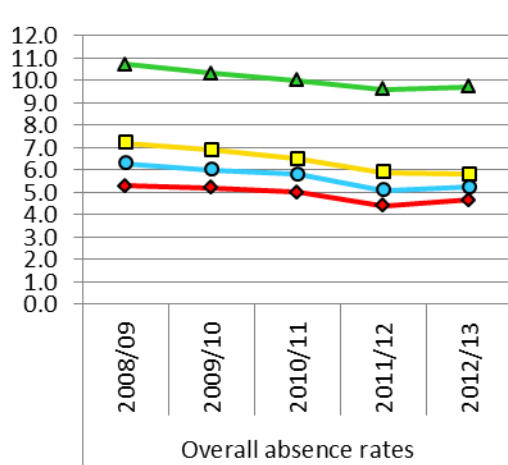
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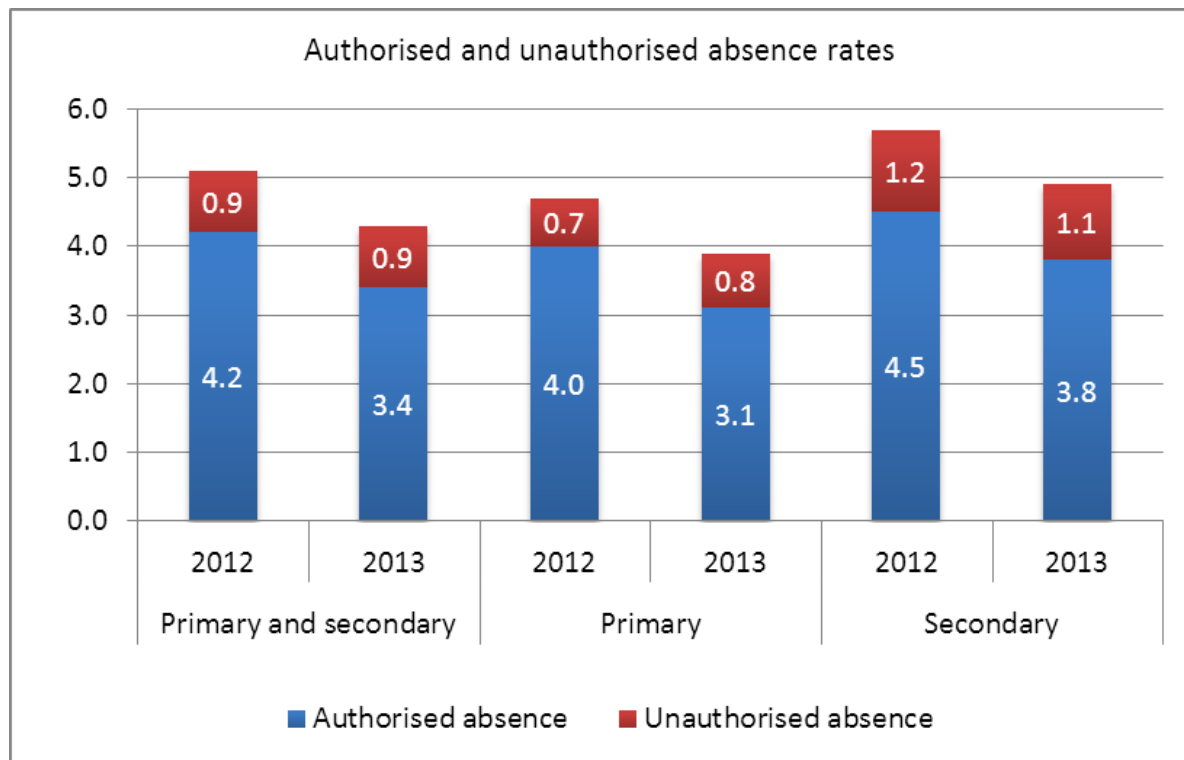
Government's ambition

- At the centre of our education reforms to raise standards in schools' education and ensure all pupils can fulfil their potential is that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.
- Pupils are most successful when they can follow a structured programme of study with their peers.
- All pupils regardless of their background should attend school regularly and this is equally important in both primary and secondary school.

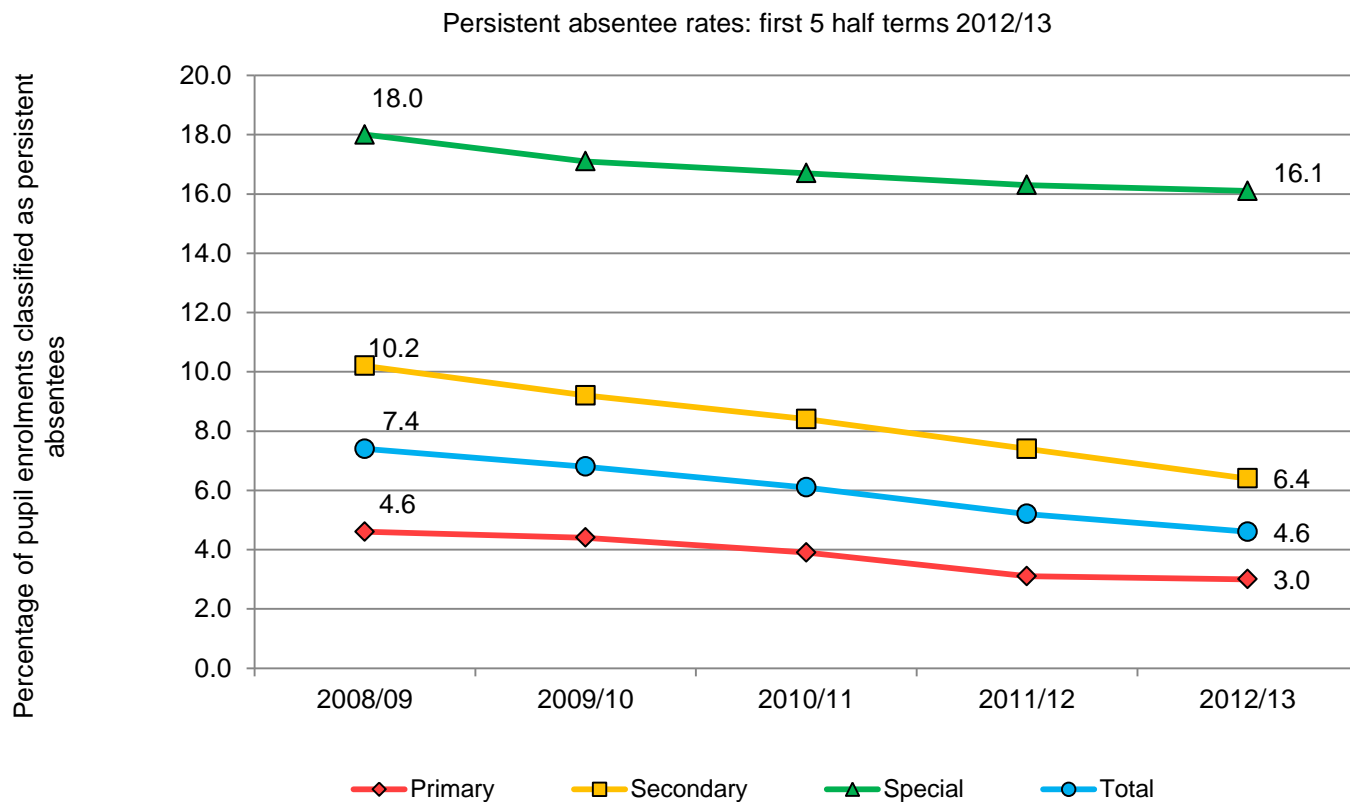
Absence trends



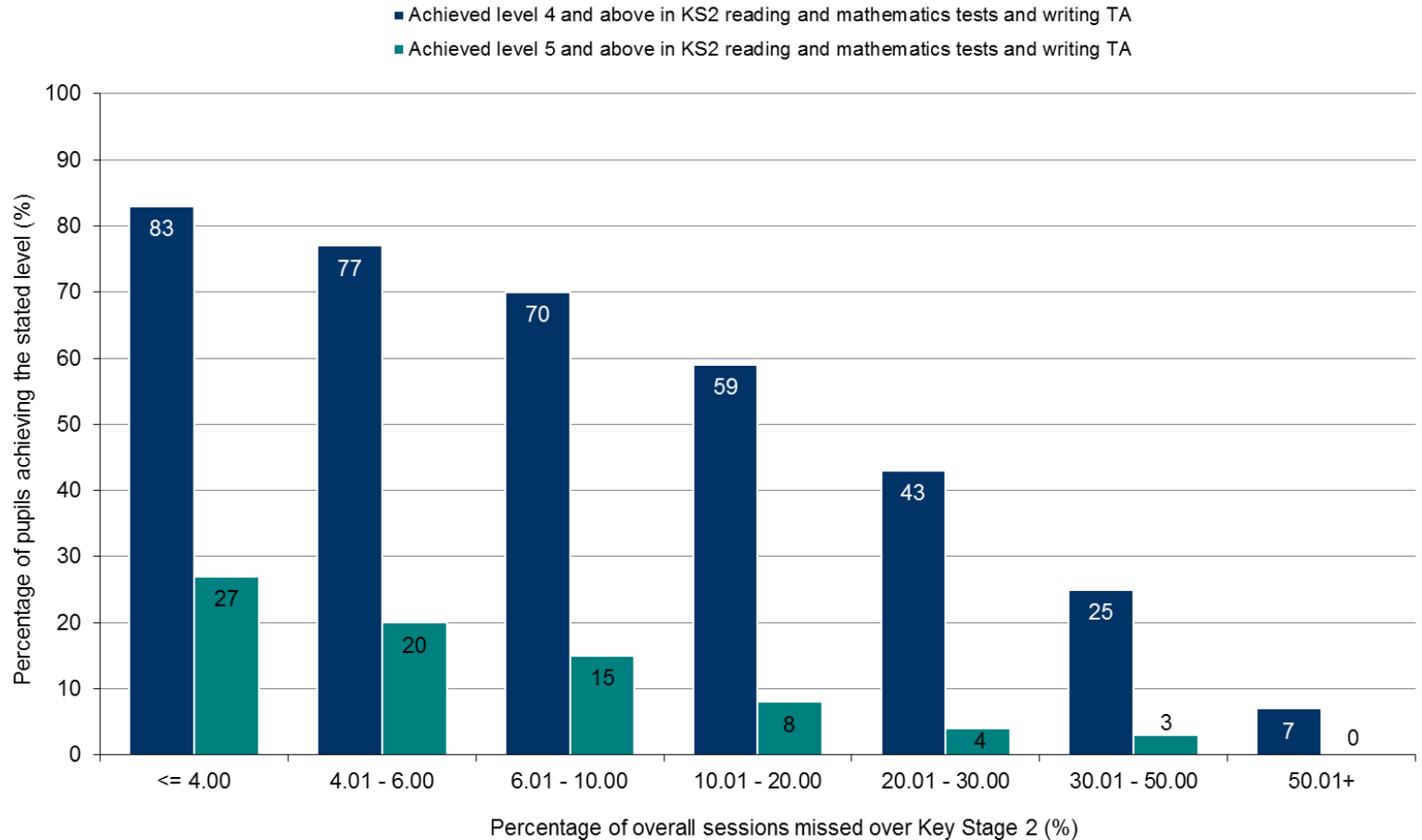
Absence trends: Autumn 2013



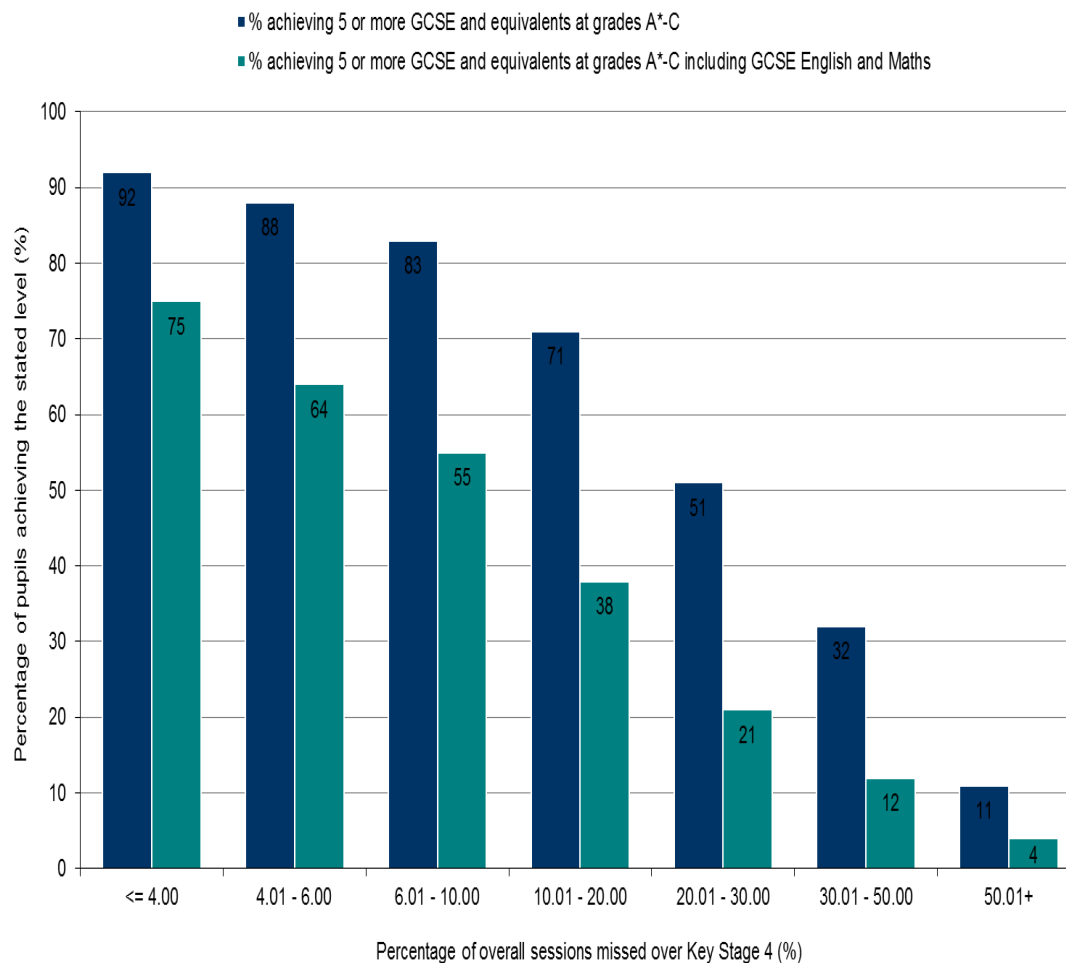
Persistent absence - trends – first 5 half terms



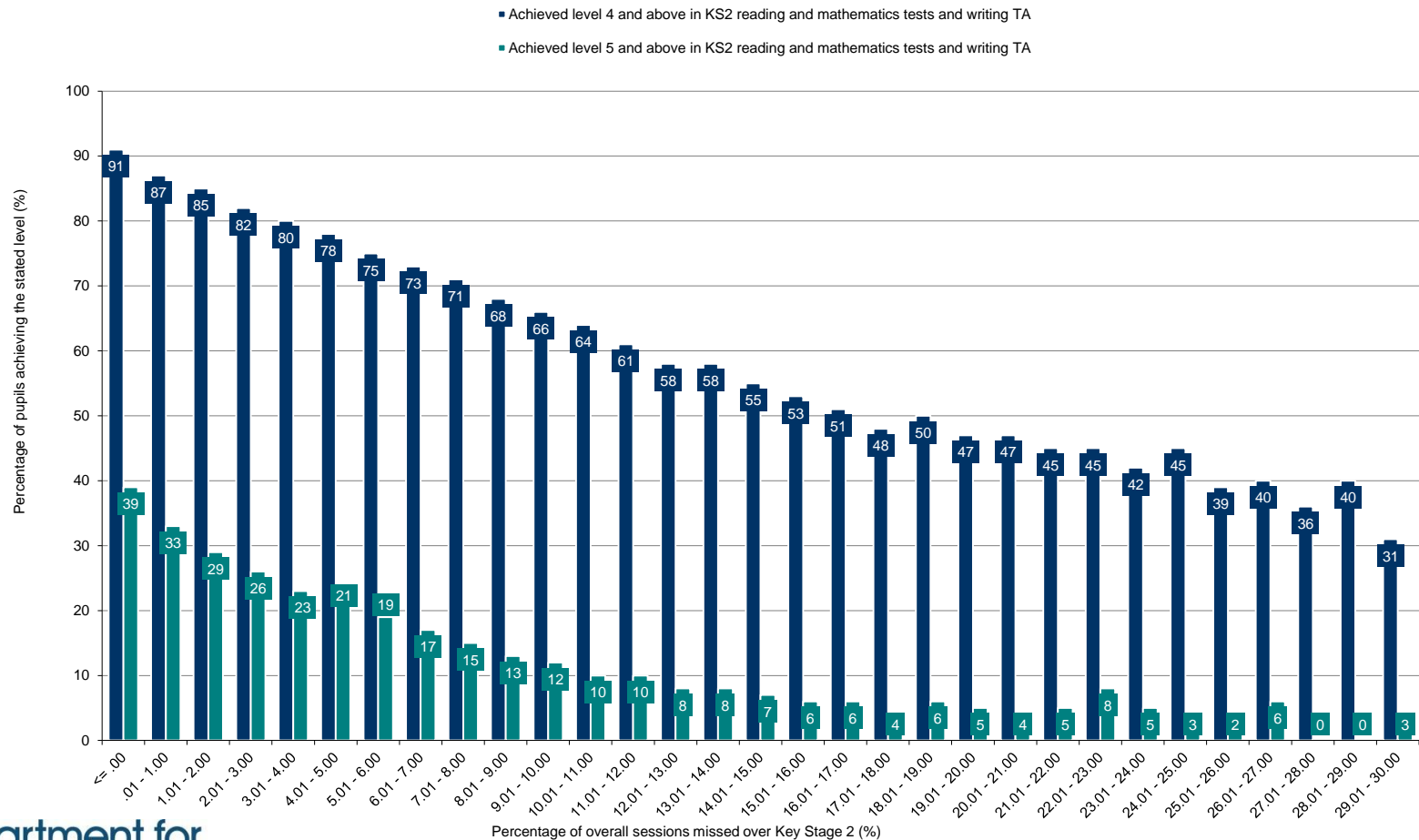
School attendance and attainment 2012/13



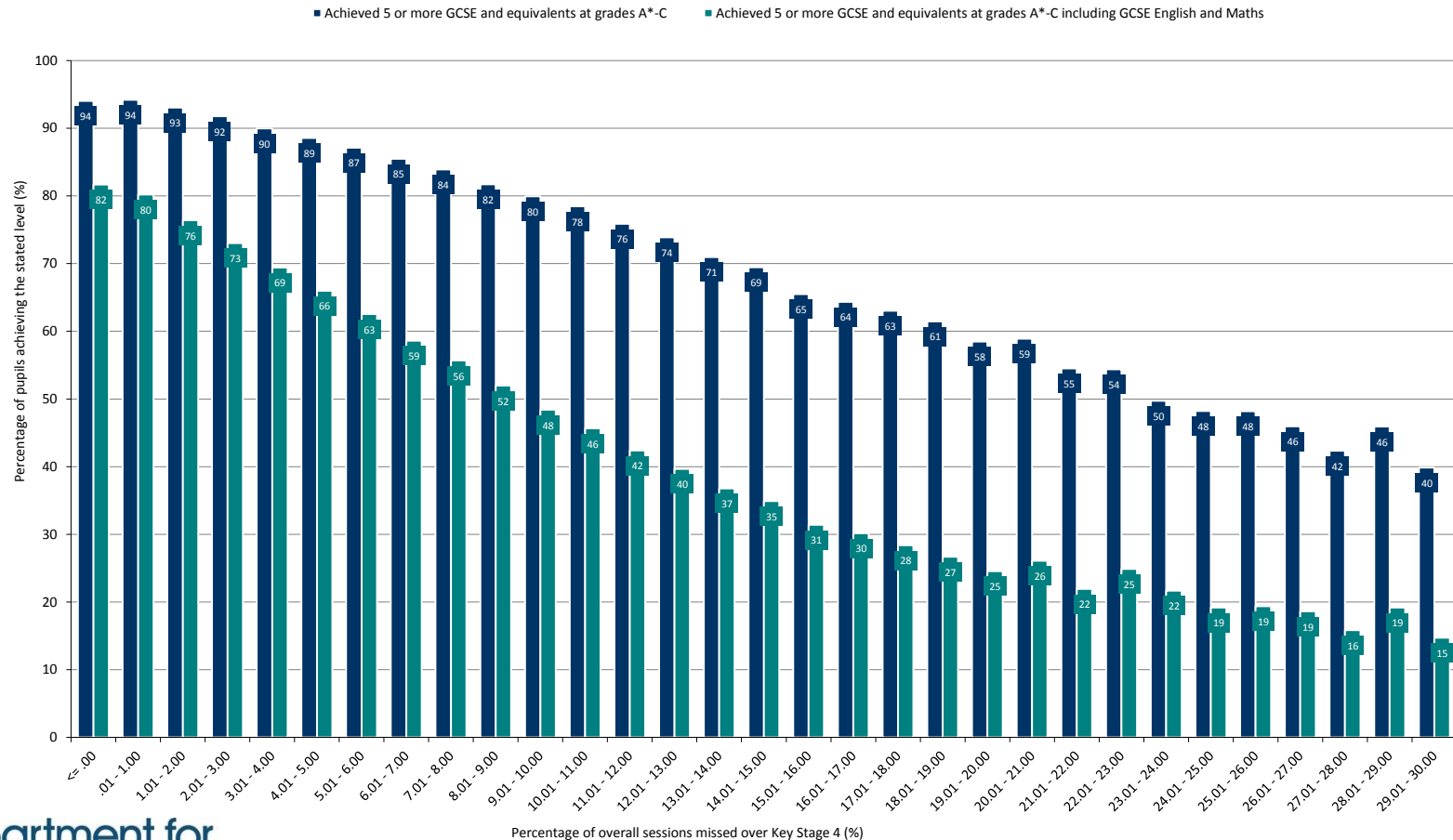
School Attendance and Attainment 2012/13



Attendance and attainment at key stage 2 2012/13



Attendance and attainment at key stage 4 2012/13



Improving attendance at school – what next?

- The Government continues to review the measures schools and local authorities use to improve attendance.
- Giving parents, and children and young people, the right messages about the importance of attendance will make a difference.
- Getting messages right in primary school will lay a sound foundation for secondary school.
- We are reviewing the persistent absence threshold - should it be lowered to 10% - and would welcome your views.

The Government wants pupils in schools -
where they can benefit from all that is on offer.
Absence at schools should only be down to
unavoidable causes.