

# **Educational Outcomes for Looked After Children in West Dunbartonshire Council**

# **GL Assessment and SQA Attainment for Looked After Children in West Dunbartonshire Council**

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# Section 1

## GL Assessment

**Eligibility:** In West Dunbartonshire GL Assessment was introduced for the first time wherein reading and maths tests were administered to pupils in Primary 3, Primary 7 and Secondary 2.

**Purpose of GL Assessment:** The purpose for administering GL assessment was to standardise monitoring and to identify individuals' specific strengths and weaknesses in reading and maths.

## **READING TEST RESULTS**

### **Primary 3**

A total of 937 Primary 3 pupils who were tested in reading skills, had an average score of 101.2, this exceeds the national average score set at 100.

Looked after children at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) are included in Primary 3 cohort taking the test. Their performance in comparison to national average score of 100 is shown in table 1 and figure1.

Table 1

Primary 3 Pupils – Reading - Average Score		
	No. of Students	Average Score
Primary 3 Pupils	937	101.2
Additional Support Needs (ASN)	141	86.9
Previously looked after	20	91.8
Looked after at home	14	93.9
Looked after away from home	8	98.8

Figure 1

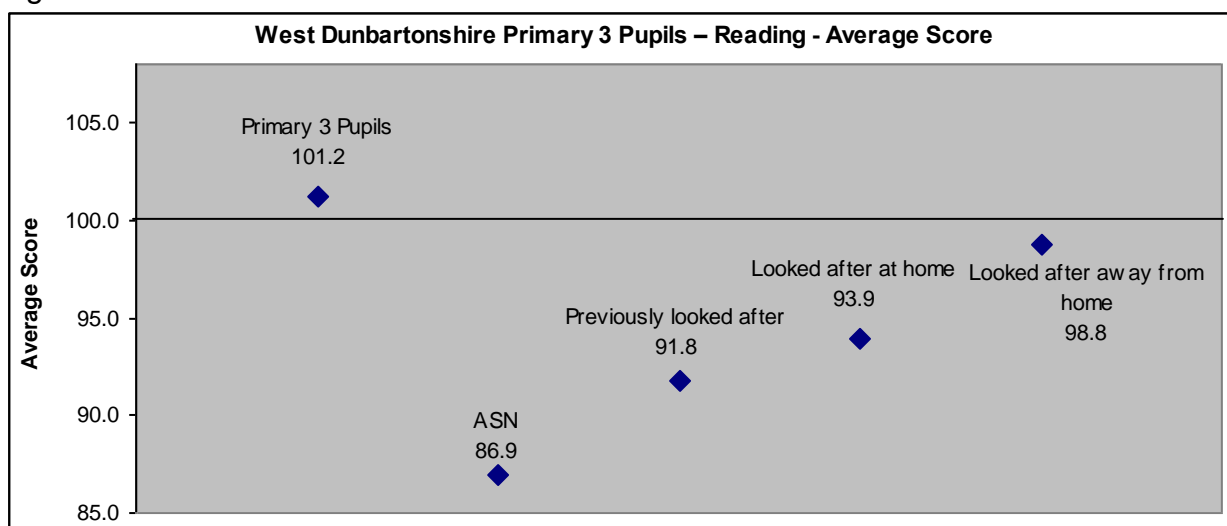


Figure 1 shows:

- Average score of pupils with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) was the lowest, 86.9, compared to the national average.
- Children looked after away from home scored higher compared to those looked after at home or previously looked after.

## Primary 7

A total of 905 Primary 7 pupils who were tested in reading skills, had an average score of 100.8, this was slightly higher than the national average score set at 100.

Children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) are included in Primary 7 cohort taking the test. Their performance in comparison to national average score of 100 is shown in table 2 and figure 2.

Table 2

Primary 7 Pupils – Reading - Average Score		
	No. of Students	Average Score
Primary 7 Pupils	905	100.8
Additional Support Needs (ASN)	156	87.4
Previously looked after	11	94.9
Looked after at home	9	95.8
Looked after away from home	12	93.4

Figure 2

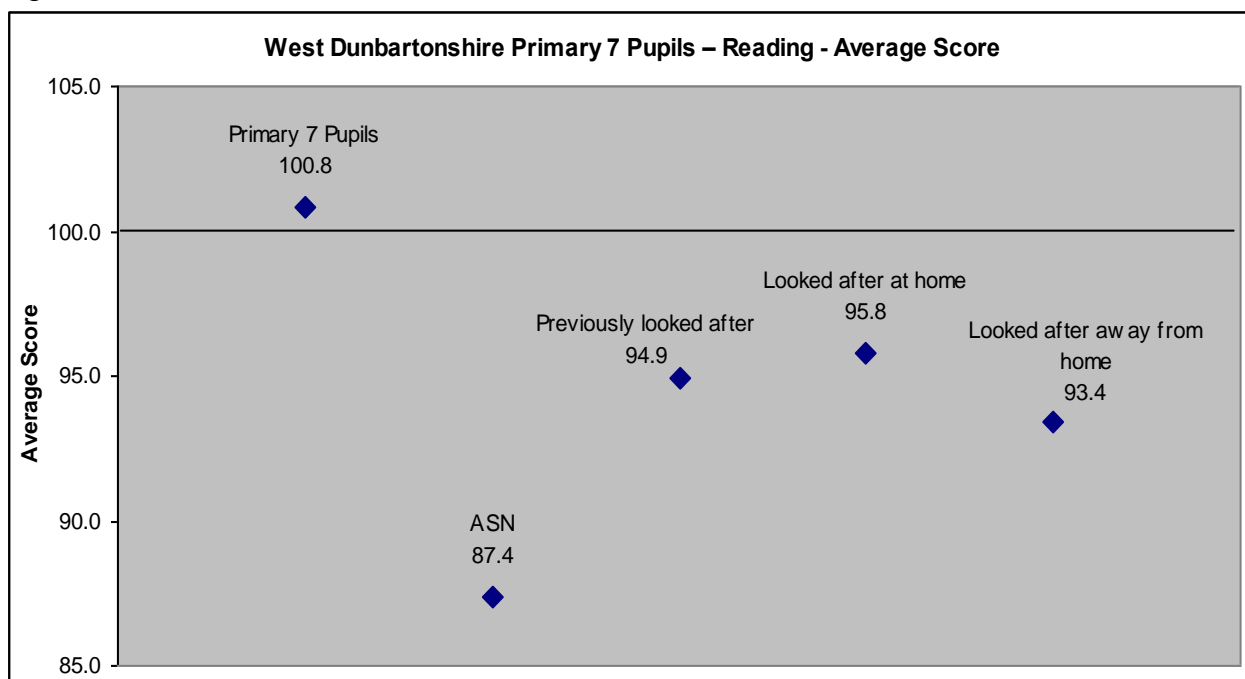


Figure 2 shows:

- Pupils with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) had the lowest average score of 87.4.
- The average score of children looked after at home was comparatively higher, 95.8, than those looked after away from home and previously looked after, but, lower than the national average score.

## Secondary 2

A total of 980 Secondary 2 pupils who were tested in reading skills, had an average score of 99, this was lower than the national average score set at 100.

Children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) are included in Secondary 2 cohort taking the test. Their performance in comparison to national average score of 100 is shown in table 3 and figure 3.

Table 3

Secondary 2 Pupils – Reading - Average Score		
	No. of Students	Average Score
Secondary 2 Pupils	980	99.0
Additional Support Needs (ASN)	166	89.2
Previously looked after	9	87.2
Looked after at home	5	82.0
Looked after away from home	7	90.6

Figure 3

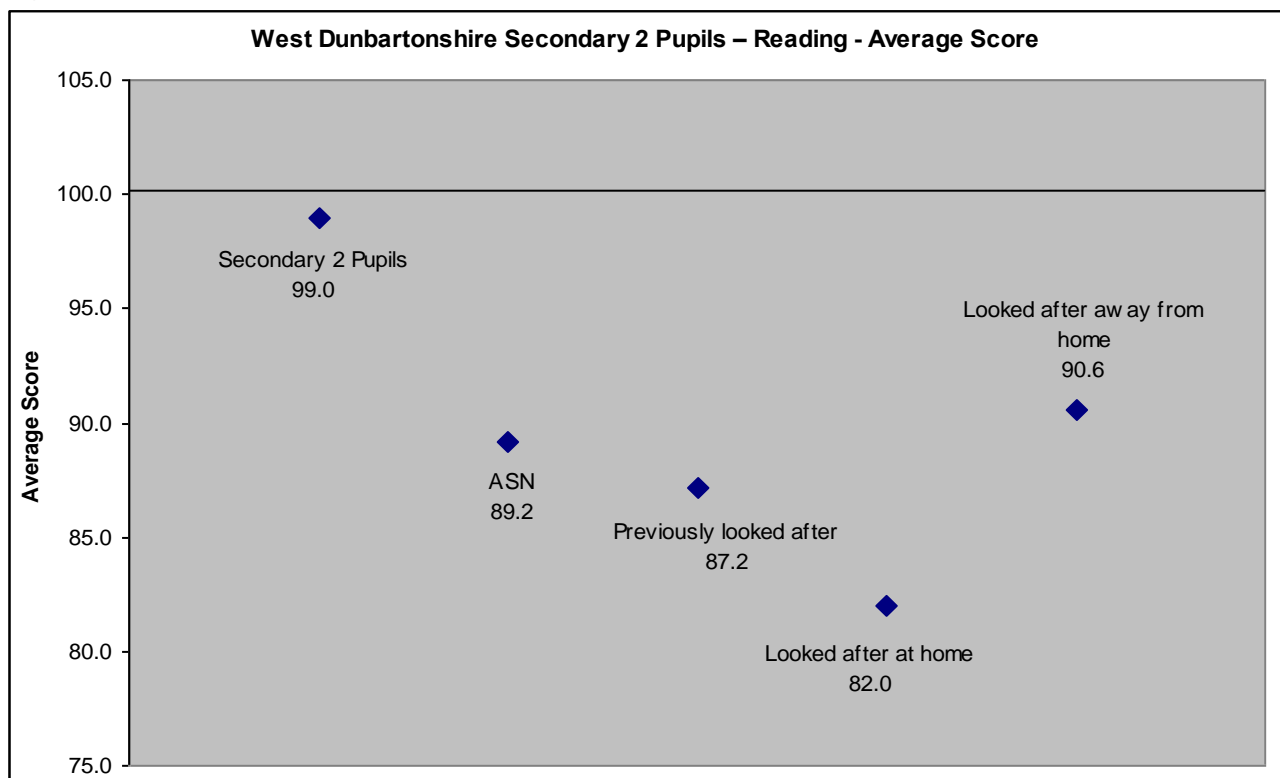


Figure 3 shows:

- Children looked after at home had the lowest average score of 82.
- The average score of children looked after away from home was comparatively higher, 90.6, than those looked after at home, previously looked after and children with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4).

## **MATHS TEST RESULTS**

## Primary 3

A total of 931 Primary 3 pupils who were tested in maths skills, had an average score of 99.8, this was not significantly different from the national average score of 100.

Children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) are included in Primary 3 cohort taking the test. Their performance in comparison to national average score of 100 is shown in table 4 and figure 4.

Table 4

Primary 3- Maths - Average Score		
	No. of Students	Average Score
Primary 3 Pupils	931	99.8
Additional Support Needs (ASN)	136	86.7
Previously looked after	20	89.1
Looked after at home	15	89.8
Looked after away from home	8	95.0

Figure 4

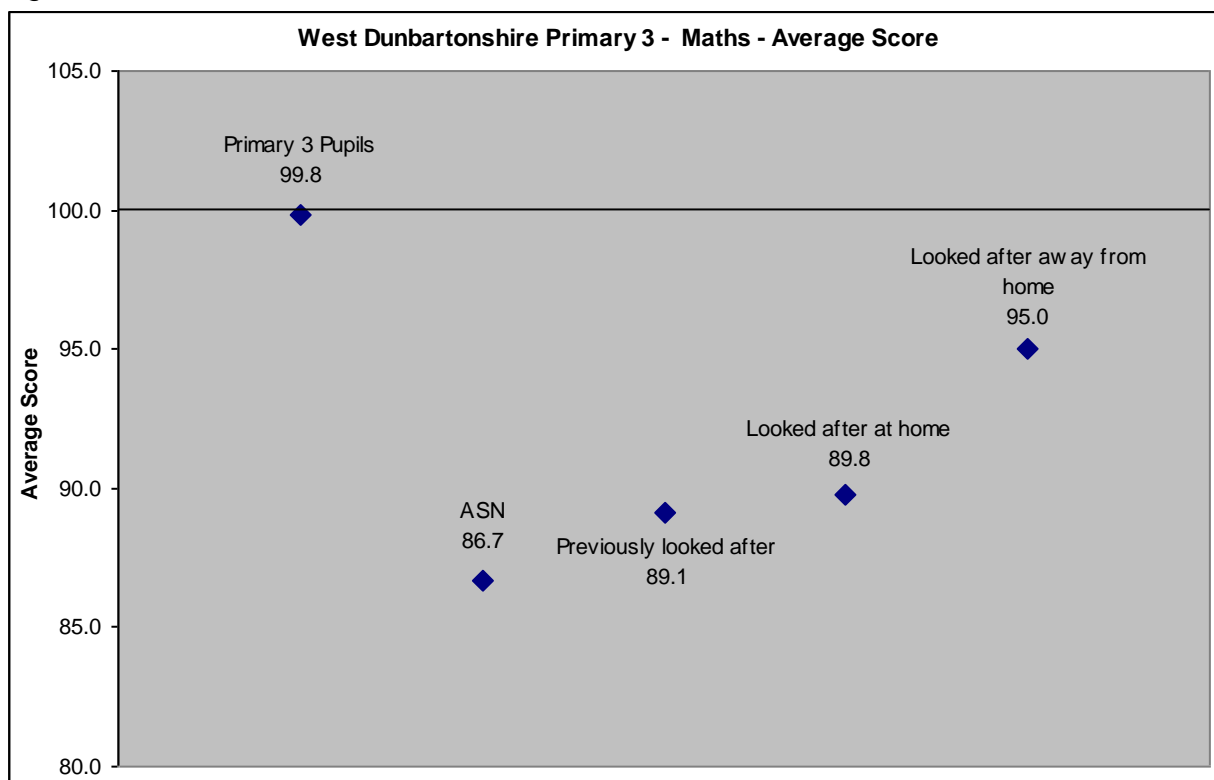


Figure 4 shows:

- Pupils with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) had the lowest average score of 86.7.
- The average score of children looked after away from home was comparatively higher, 95, than those looked after at home and previously looked after.

## Primary 7

A total of 899 Primary 7 pupils who were tested in maths skills, had an average score of 93.1, this was lower than the national average score of 100.

Children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) are included in Primary 7 cohort taking the test. Their performance in comparison to national average score of 100 is shown in table 5 and figure 5.

Table 5

Primary 7 – Maths - Average Score		
	No. of Students	Average Score
Primary 7 Pupils	899	93.1
Additional Support Needs (ASN)	152	83.7
Previously looked after	11	84.5
Looked after at home	9	90.7
Looked after away from home	12	86.6

Figure 5

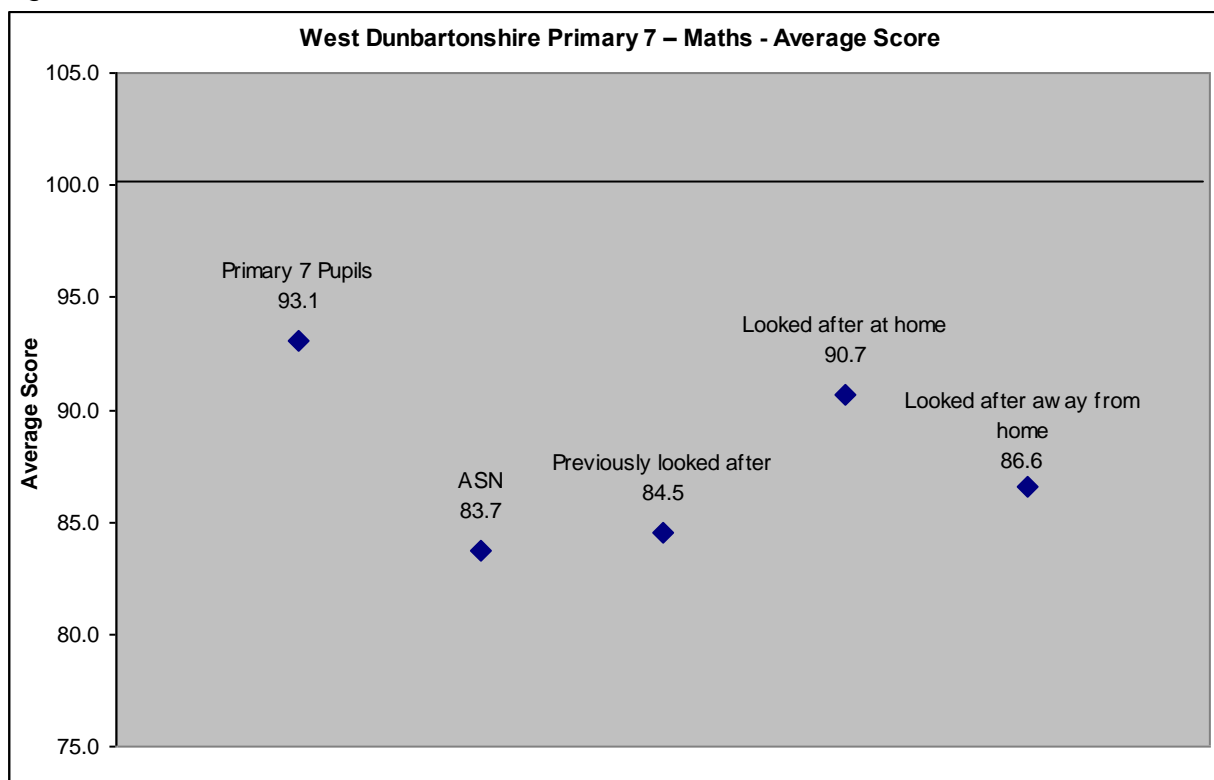


Figure 5 shows:

- Average score for all Primary 7 pupils including children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) was below the national average score.



## Secondary 2

A total of 963 Secondary 2 pupils who were tested in maths skills, had an average score of 93.8, this was lower than the national average score of 100.

Children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) are included in Secondary 2 cohort taking the test. Their performance in comparison to national average score of 100 is shown in table 6 and figure 6.

Table 6

Secondary 2 - Maths - Average Score		
	No. of Students	Average Score
Secondary 2 Pupils	963	93.8
Additional Support Needs (ASN)	160	84.6
Previously looked after	9	79.8
Looked after at home	5	79.8
Looked after away from home	6	79.5

Figure 6

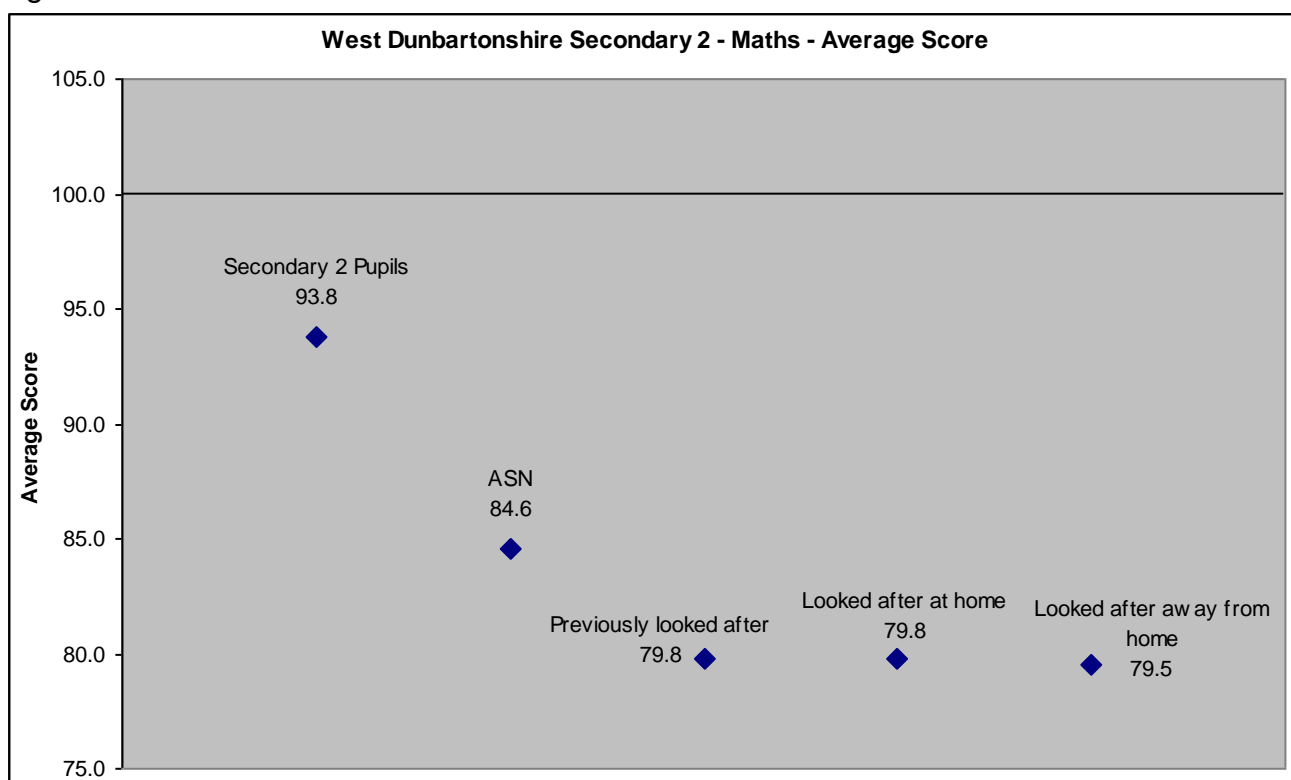


Figure 6 shows:

- Average score for all Secondary 2 pupils including children looked after at home, away from home, previously looked after and those with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) was below the national average score.
- The average score of pupils with additional support needs (stage 3 & 4) was comparatively higher, 84.6, than children looked after at home, away from home and previously looked after.

## Section 2

### SQA Attainment

The purpose of this report is to measure the performance of Secondary 4, Secondary 5 and Secondary 6 looked after children from mainstream secondary schools in West Dunbartonshire for the academic year 2011/12. The following criteria were used to select pupils for this report.

- Names of looked after children from Secondary 4, Secondary 5 and Secondary 6 was downloaded from SEEMIS on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
- Looked after children who had left school on or before April 2012 were excluded.
- The cohort included children looked after by West Dunbartonshire as well as those looked after by other local authorities; and studying in West Dunbartonshire mainstream secondary schools.

The report also includes performance measures from the report titled 'Educational outcomes for Scotland's Looked After Children 2010/11', published by the Scottish Government in June 2012.

Table 7 shows, total of 25 looked after children in five mainstream secondary schools in West Dunbartonshire. Out of the total, 13 were looked after away from home and 12 were looked after at home.

**Table 7 Number of Looked after Children (LAC) by School**

Secondary Schools	Looked After At Home	Looked After Away from Home	Total LAC
Clydebank High School	1	2	3
Dumbarton Academy	1	1	2
Our Lady and St Patrick's High School	2	0	2
St Peter the Apostle High School	6	5	11
Vale of Leven Academy	2	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>

Table 8 shows number of looked after children based on their year/stage. Majority of pupils, 20, on the report are from S4.

**Table 8 Number of Looked after Children (LAC) by Year/Stage**

Year/Stage	Looked After At Home	Looked After Away from Home	Total LAC
S4	10	10	20
S5	1	2	3
S6	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>

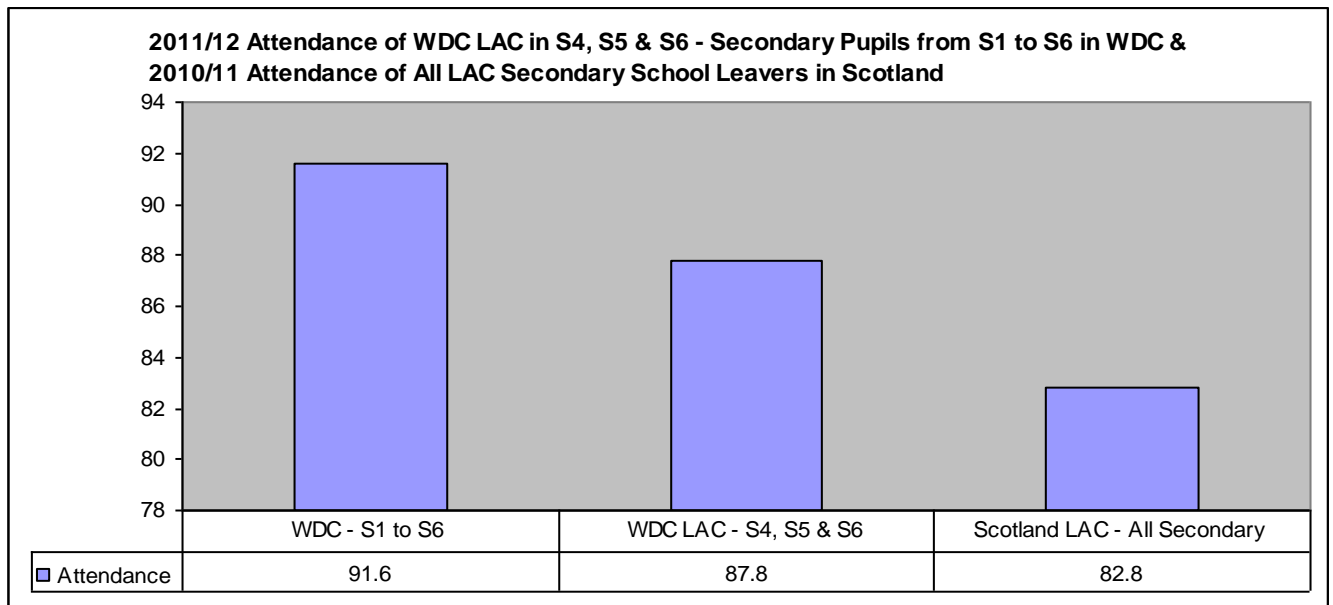
The following part of the report excludes one pupil and will show the performance of twenty four looked after children in relation to their attendance and tariff scores.

### ATTENDANCE

Figure 7 shows that in 2011/12, attendance of all secondary school pupils in West Dunbartonshire (WDC) was 91.6 per cent. This figure was comparatively higher than the attendance of looked after children (LAC) from Secondary 4, 5 and 6 which was 87.8 per cent.

At the national level, attendance rate for all secondary looked after children who left school in 2010/11 was 82.8 per cent.

**Figure 7**



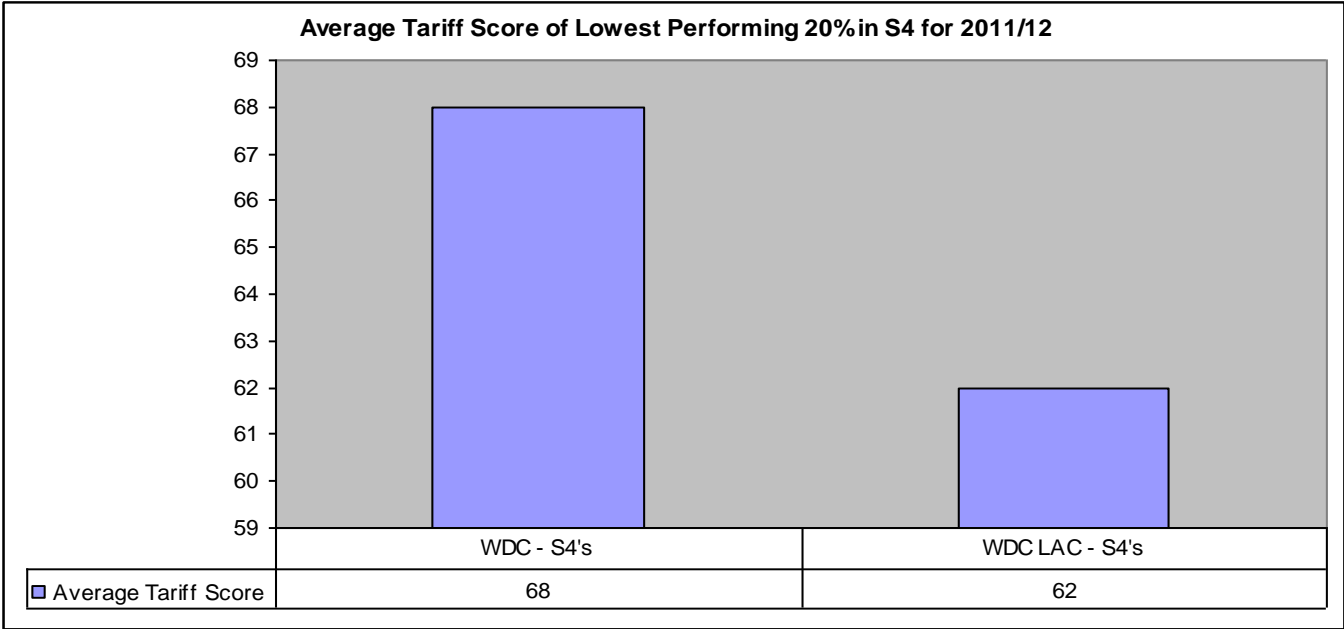
Note: The national level secondary attendance data for looked after children is from the report titled 'educational outcomes for Scotland's looked after children 2010/11' published in June 2012.

## **AVERAGE TARIFF SCORE**

**Lowest Performing 20%**

Figure 8 shows that in 2011/12, average tariff score of lowest performing 20% of looked after children in Secondary 4 was 62. This figure was slightly lower than the lowest performing 20% of all Secondary 4 pupils in West Dunbartonshire at 68. The national figure for this performance measure is not available.

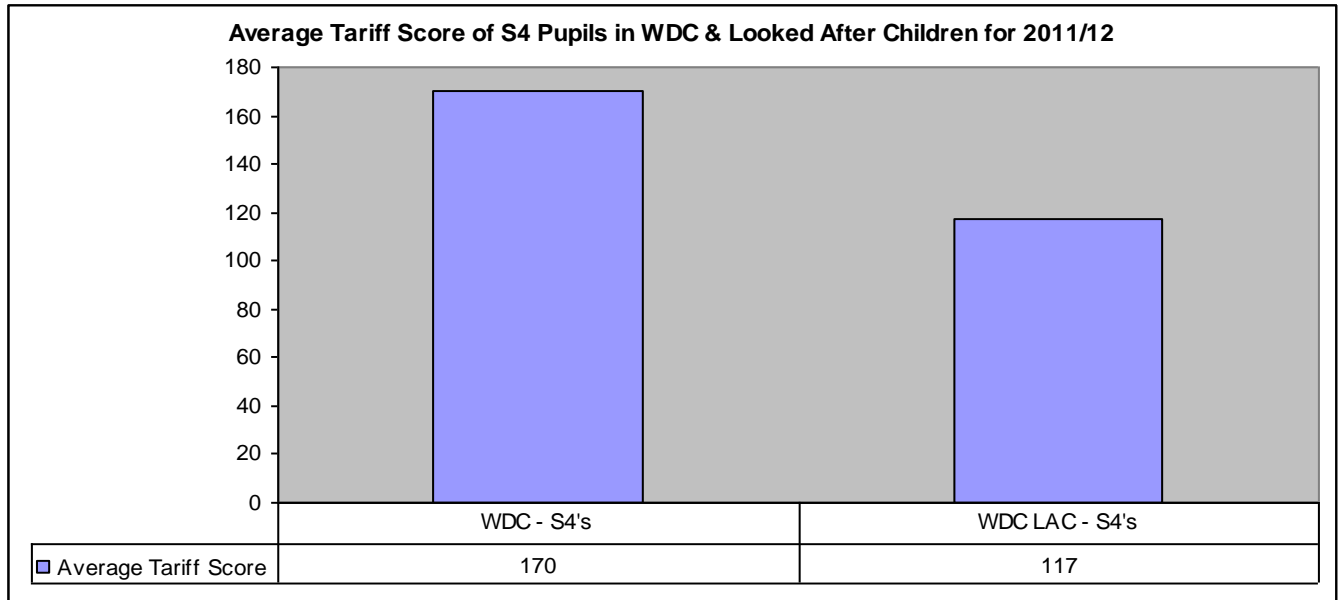
**Figure 8**



## Secondary 4 Average Tariff Score

Figure 9 shows that in 2011/12, average tariff score of looked after children in Secondary 4 was comparatively lower, 117, than all Secondary 4 pupils in West Dunbartonshire which was 170. The national figure for this measure will be available in December 2013.

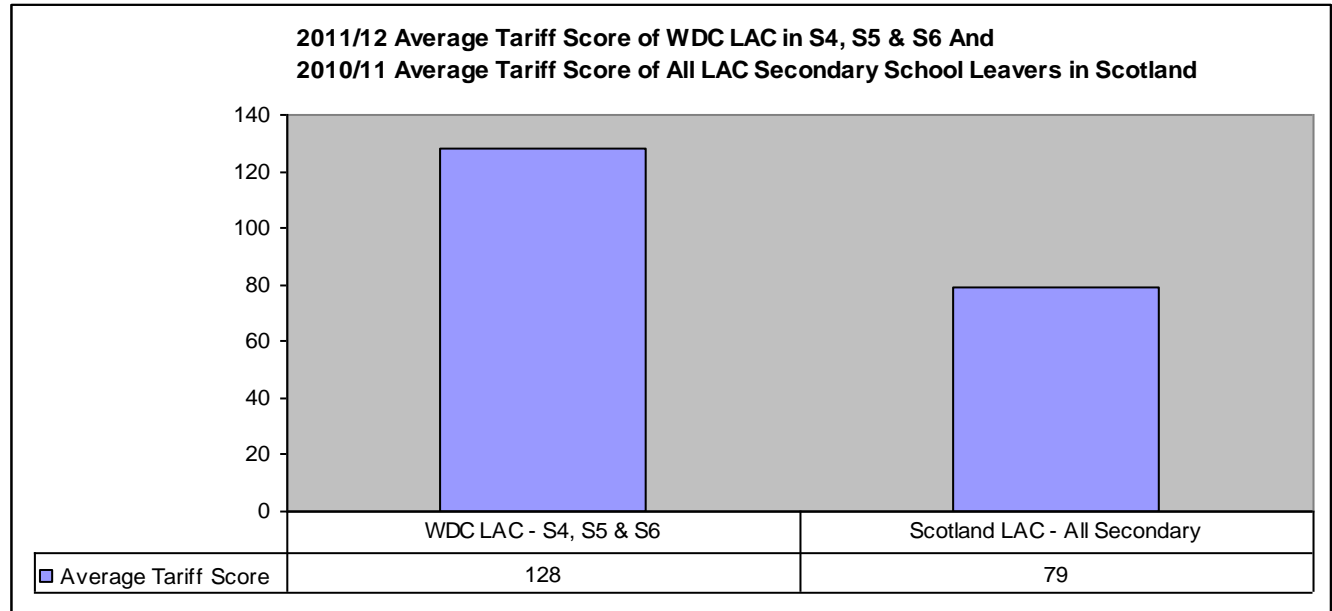
**Figure 9**



## Secondary 4, 5, & 6 Average Tariff Score

Figure 10 shows that in 2011/12, average tariff score of looked after children in Secondary 4, Secondary 5 and Secondary 6 from West Dunbartonshire was 128. The figure is higher than the national average tariff score of 79 for all looked after children leaving school in 2010/11.

**Figure 10**

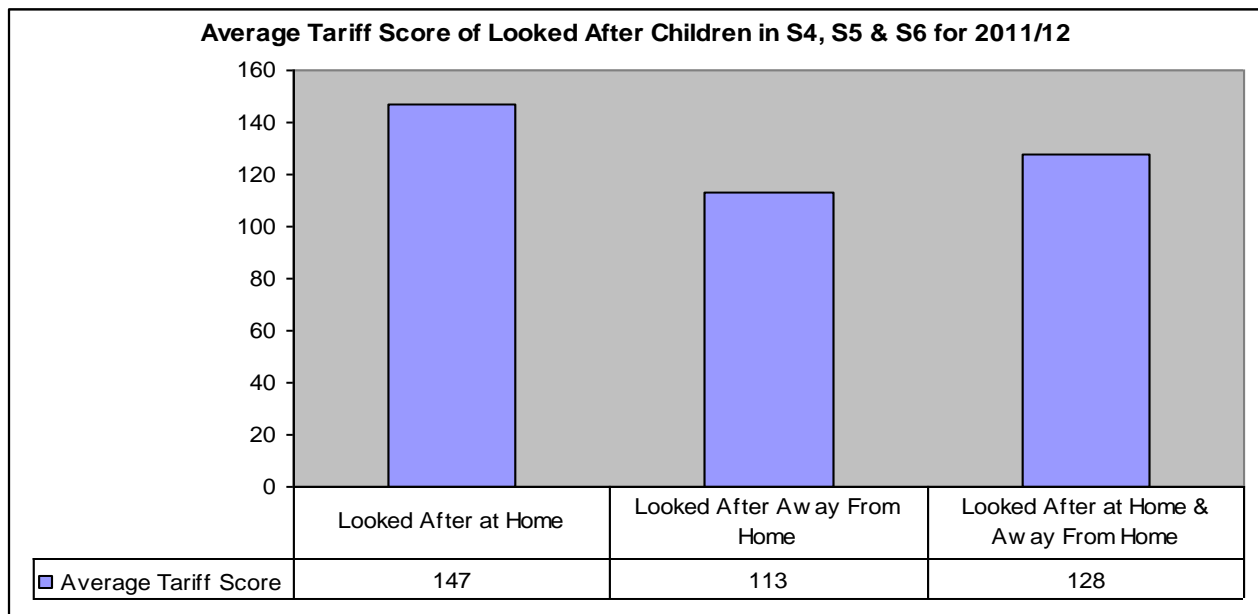


Note: The national level average tariff score for looked after children is from the report titled 'Educational Outcomes for Scotland's Looked After Children 2010/11' published in June 2012.

## Looked After at Home & Away From Home – Average Tariff Score

Figure 11 shows that the average tariff score of children looked after at home in Secondary 4, Secondary 5, and Secondary 6 from West Dunbartonshire was 147. This figure was comparatively higher than children looked after away from home, which was 113. Collectively, their average tariff score for the year 2011/12 was 128.

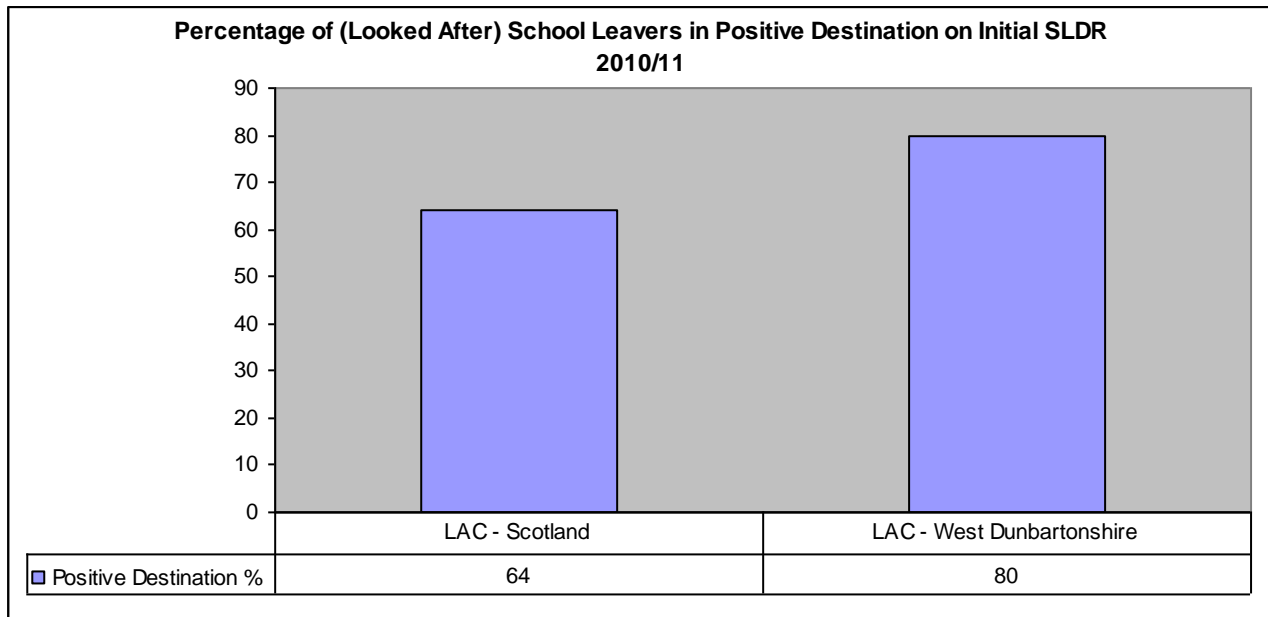
**Figure 11**



## School Leavers Destination

Figure 12 shows that 80% of looked after children from West Dunbartonshire were in positive destinations at the time of initial SLDR in 2010/11 compared to 64% at the national level.

**Figure 12**



Note: Initial destination count was taken in September 2011 and a follow-up count was taken in March 2012. It showed that looked after children from West Dunbartonshire in positive destinations at the time of follow-up SLDR remained at 80 per cent. However, at the national level this figure dropped from 64 per cent to 55 per cent during this period. West Dunbartonshire positive destination figures are based on 10 looked after children who left school in 2011.