



A Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL)

Attainment 2023/24: High Level Messages

10 December 2024

ACEL 2023/24

| ACEL achievement for Scotland and West Dunbartonshire data in 2023/24. | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----|---------|----|---------------------|----|----------|----|----------|----|
| Stage/Level | Reading | | Writing | | Listening & Talking | | Literacy | | Numeracy | |
| | SC | LA | SC | LA | SC | LA | SC | LA | SC | LA |
| P1, P4 and P7 combined | 80 | 80 | 76 | 75 | 87 | 86 | 74 | 72 | 80 | 79 |
| P1 - Early Level | 81 | 81 | 79 | 79 | 87 | 85 | 77 | 76 | 85 | 85 |
| P4 - First Level | 79 | 78 | 74 | 73 | 87 | 86 | 71 | 70 | 78 | 77 |
| P7 - Second Level | 81 | 80 | 76 | 75 | 88 | 86 | 74 | 71 | 78 | 77 |
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| S3 - Third Level + | 90 | 93 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 94 | 88 | 92 | 90 | 85 |
| S3 - Fourth Level | 63 | 67 | 61 | 64 | 64 | 71 | 58 | 61 | 65 | 58 |

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| Red | Decrease of $\geq 2\%$ | Amber | Change of 0 to -1% | Green | Any $\%$ increase |
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| 2023/24 Attainment compared to Scotland 2023/24 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WDC values for primary pupils (P1, P4, P7 combined) are the same as or 1 % below the 2023/24 national figures for reading, writing, listening and talking and numeracy. WDC primary data is more positive for P1 and P4, where WDC attainment is the same as or 1 % below national attainment. WDC attainment for S3 – Third Level and above and S3 – Fourth level are above the 2023/24 national figures for literacy components, but below for numeracy. |

WDC ACEL Primary Attainment in 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24

| NATIONAL Stage/Level | P1 Early Level | | | P4 First Level | | | P7 Second Level | | | P1, P4, P7 combined | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | 21/ 22 | 22/ 23 | 23/ 24* | 21/ 22 | 22/ 23 | 23/ 24* | 21/ 22 | 22/ 23 | 23/ 24* | 21/ 22 | 22/ 23 | 23/ 24* |
| Literacy | 73 | 76 | 76 | 69 | 72 | 70 | 72 | 72 | 71 | 71 | 73 | 72 |
| Listening & Talking | 85 | 87 | 85 | 84 | 87 | 86 | 85 | 86 | 86 | 84 | 86 | 86 |
| Reading | 81 | 83 | 81 | 77 | 80 | 78 | 80 | 79 | 80 | 79 | 80 | 80 |
| Writing | 76 | 79 | 79 | 73 | 74 | 73 | 75 | 76 | 75 | 74 | 76 | 75 |
| Numeracy | 83 | 85 | 85 | 75 | 78 | 77 | 77 | 78 | 77 | 78 | 80 | 79 |

WDC ACEL Secondary Attainment in 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24

| NATIONAL Stage/Level | S3 Third Level | | | S3 Fourth Level | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------------|-------|--------|
| | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24* | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24* |
| Literacy | 82 | 87 | 92 | 44 | 55 | 61 |
| Listening & Talking | 89 | 90 | 94 | 61 | 70 | 71 |
| Reading | 87 | 88 | 93 | 55 | 61 | 67 |
| Writing | 85 | 87 | 92 | 49 | 58 | 64 |
| Numeracy | 88 | 88 | 85 | 50 | 58 | 58 |

2023/24 WDC Attainment compared to WDC Attainment in 2021/22 and 2022/23

- Percentage of primary pupils (P1, P4, P7 combined) achieving appropriate level remained **stable** for reading, writing and numeracy in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23.
- ACEL achievement has **increased** for P7 in reading or remained **stable** across P4 and P7, however, achievement for P1 in listening and talking and reading **decreased** by 2 %.
- Percentage of secondary pupils achieving Third Level+ and above **increased** for literacy by 5 % in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23, while numeracy achievement **decreased** by 3 %.
- Percentage of secondary pupils achieving Fourth Level **increased** for literacy by 6 % in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23, but remained **the same** for numeracy.

Attainment of the most deprived primary pupils from 2022/23 to 2023/24

- For WDC, the percentage of 2023/24 Quintile 1 primary pupils (P1, P4, P7 combined) achieving the level has remained stable for the **most** deprived pupils, with no change for literacy (68 %) or a slight decrease of 1 % for numeracy (75 %).
- For Scotland, the percentage of 2023/24 primary pupils (P1, P4, P7 combined) achieving the level has **remained stable** for the **most** deprived pupils for literacy (64 %) and numeracy (72 %).
- Achievement in WDC is **greater** than Scotland for our **most** deprived primary pupils in literacy and numeracy, except for P4 numeracy where achievement is the **same** as Scotland.

Attainment of the most deprived secondary pupils from 2022/23 to 2023/24

- For WDC, the percentage of 2023/24 Quintile 1 secondary pupils (Third Level+) achieving the level has **increased** for the **most** deprived pupils by 10 % for literacy (92 %) and has **remained stable** for numeracy (82 %).
- For Scotland, the percentage of 2023/24 secondary pupils (Third Level+) achieving the level has **increased** for the **most** deprived pupils by 1 % for literacy (82 %) and numeracy (84 %).
- Achievement in WDC is **greater** than Scotland for our **most** deprived secondary pupils in literacy but **less** than Scotland for numeracy.

ACEL achievement attainment gaps for West Dunbartonshire in primary in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23 between Quintile 1 and least deprived pupils in Quintile 5.

| <u>WDC - Gap over time</u> Quintile 1 - Quintile 5 | Literacy (% difference) | | | Numeracy (% difference) | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24* | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24* |
| Stage/Level | | | | | | |
| P1, P4 and P7 combined | 18.8 | 11.5 | 12.9 | 17.6 | 13.9 | 12.3 |

Change in attainment gap from 2021/22 and 2022/23 to 2023/24

- Attainment gap data has been published for primary pupils (P1, P4 and P7 combined) which shows for WDC that the gap in literacy had **decreased** from 18.8pp to 11.5pp, but **increased** slightly to 12.9pp in 2023/24, and the gap in numeracy has continued to **decrease** from 17.6pp to 13.9pp to 12.3pp in 2023/24.
- The decrease in attainment gap for WDC is greater than the decrease in gap nationally as for primary pupils the gap in literacy continued to **decrease** from 21.3pp to 20.5pp to 20.2pp in 2023/24, while the gap in numeracy **decreased** from 17.8pp to 17.0pp but **increased** to 17.4pp in 2023/24.