

What does the Data tell Us?

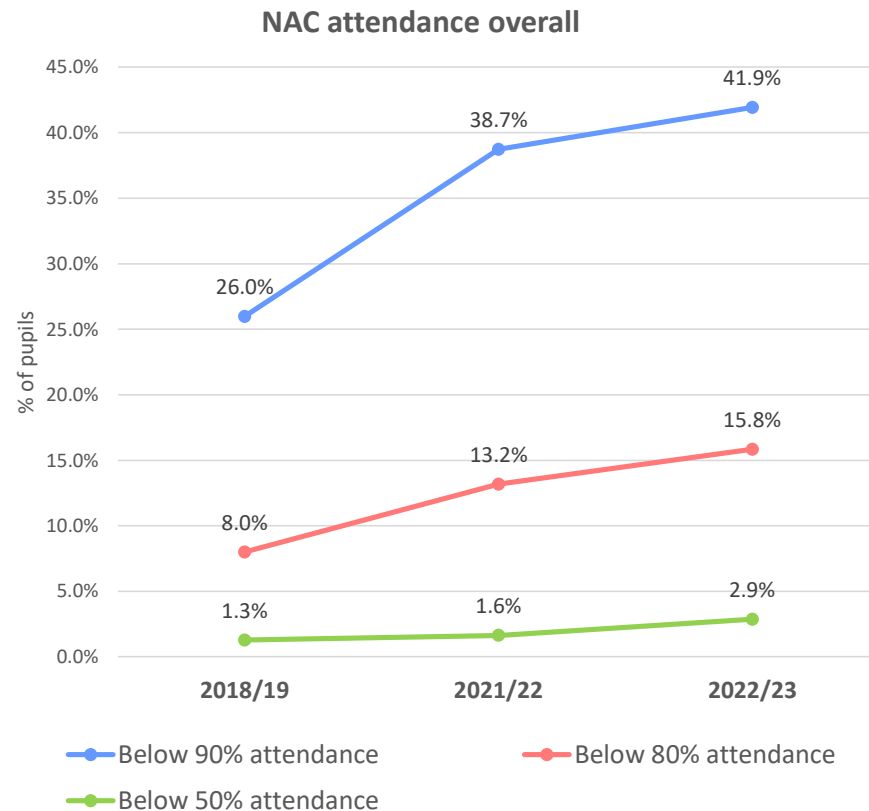
Attendance Statistics

NAC 2018/19, 2021/22 and 2022/23

NAC attendance across years

- The proportion of pupils who struggled to attend school (i.e., had below 90%, 80% or 50% attendance) increased between 2018/19, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- The proportion of pupils with below 80% and 50% attendance almost doubled between 2018/19 (pre-Covid) and 2022/23 (post-Covid).

*Below 90% attendance = 1 day missed per fortnight
Below 80% attendance = 1 day missed per week
Below 50% attendance = 2.5 days missed per week*

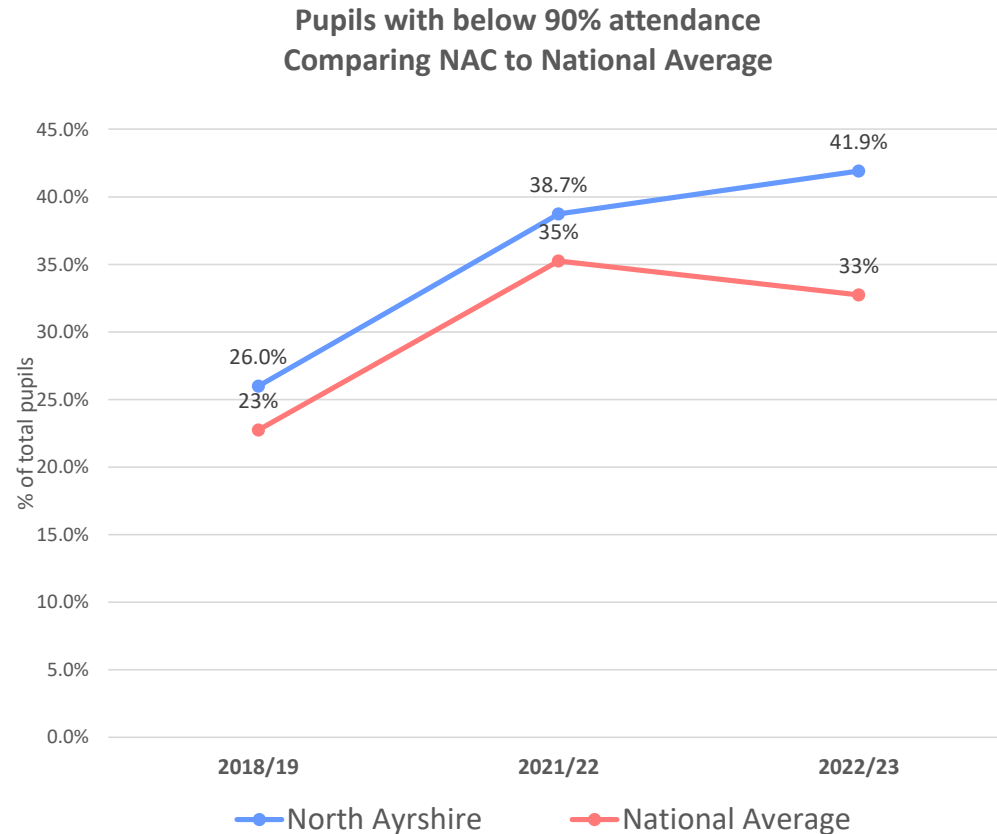


Comparing NAC with the national picture

Year	Pupil Numbers	Attendance Rate	Under 90% NAC	National under 90%
2018/19	18516	92.13%	4667 (25%)	141,502 (21%)
2021/22	18278	89.44%	7078 (39%)	
2022/23	18169	88.78%	7171 (39%)	210,672 (32%)

National average sourced from the Commission on School Reform (2023)

Comparing NAC with national average – below 90% attendance

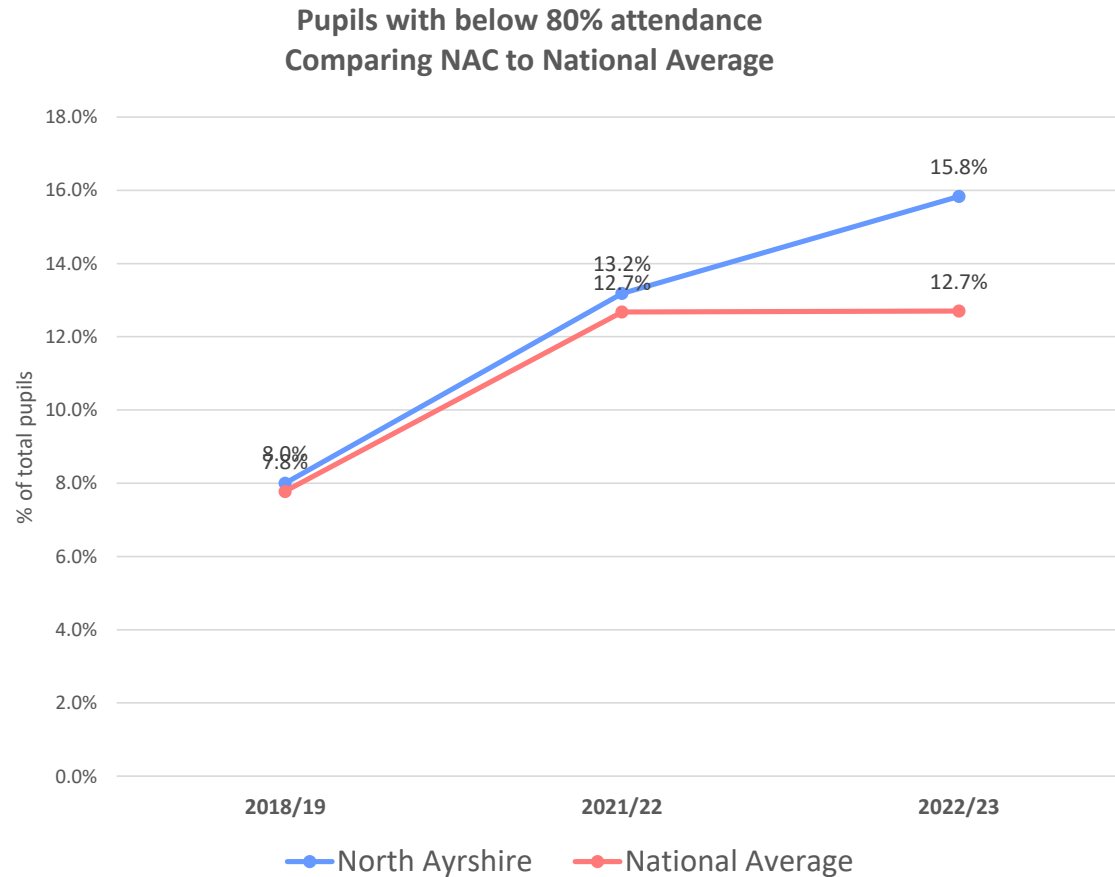


- North Ayrshire had higher proportions of pupils with below 90% attendance than the national average across all years.
- The proportion of pupils with below 90% attendance increased each year in North Ayrshire.
- Whereas the national average increased between 2018/19 and 2021/22 before falling slightly in 2022/23.

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National average sourced from the Commission on School Reform (2023)

Comparing NAC with national average – below 80% attendance



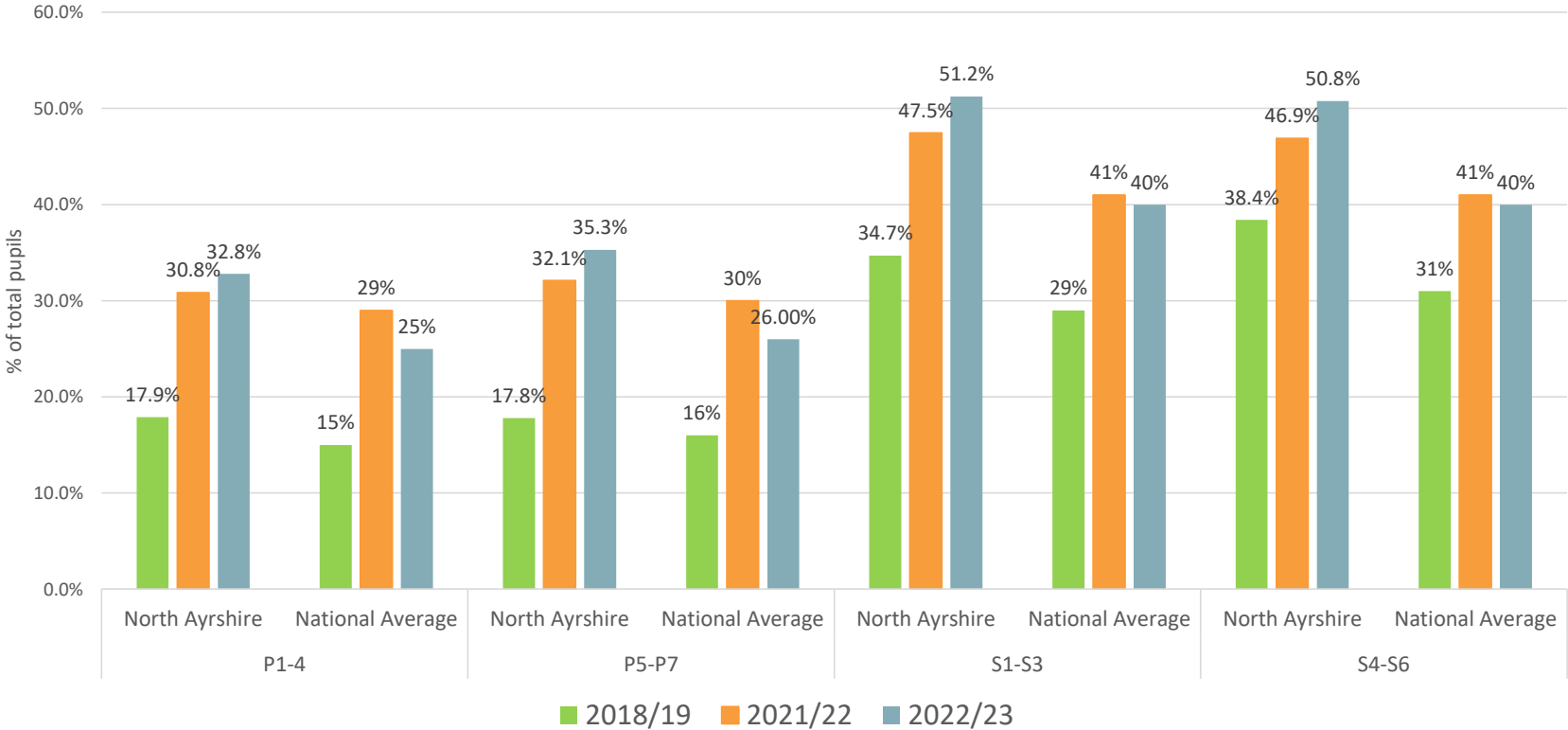
- In 2018/19, North Ayrshire had similar proportion of pupils with below 80% attendance to the national average (NAC: 8%/ National: 7.8%)
- The proportion of pupils with below 80% attendance has increased each year in North Ayrshire.
- Whereas nationally the proportion of pupils with below 80% attendance increased in 2021/22 before remaining steady in 2022/23.

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per week*

National average sourced from the Commission on School Reform (2023)

Comparison with National Average– across stages

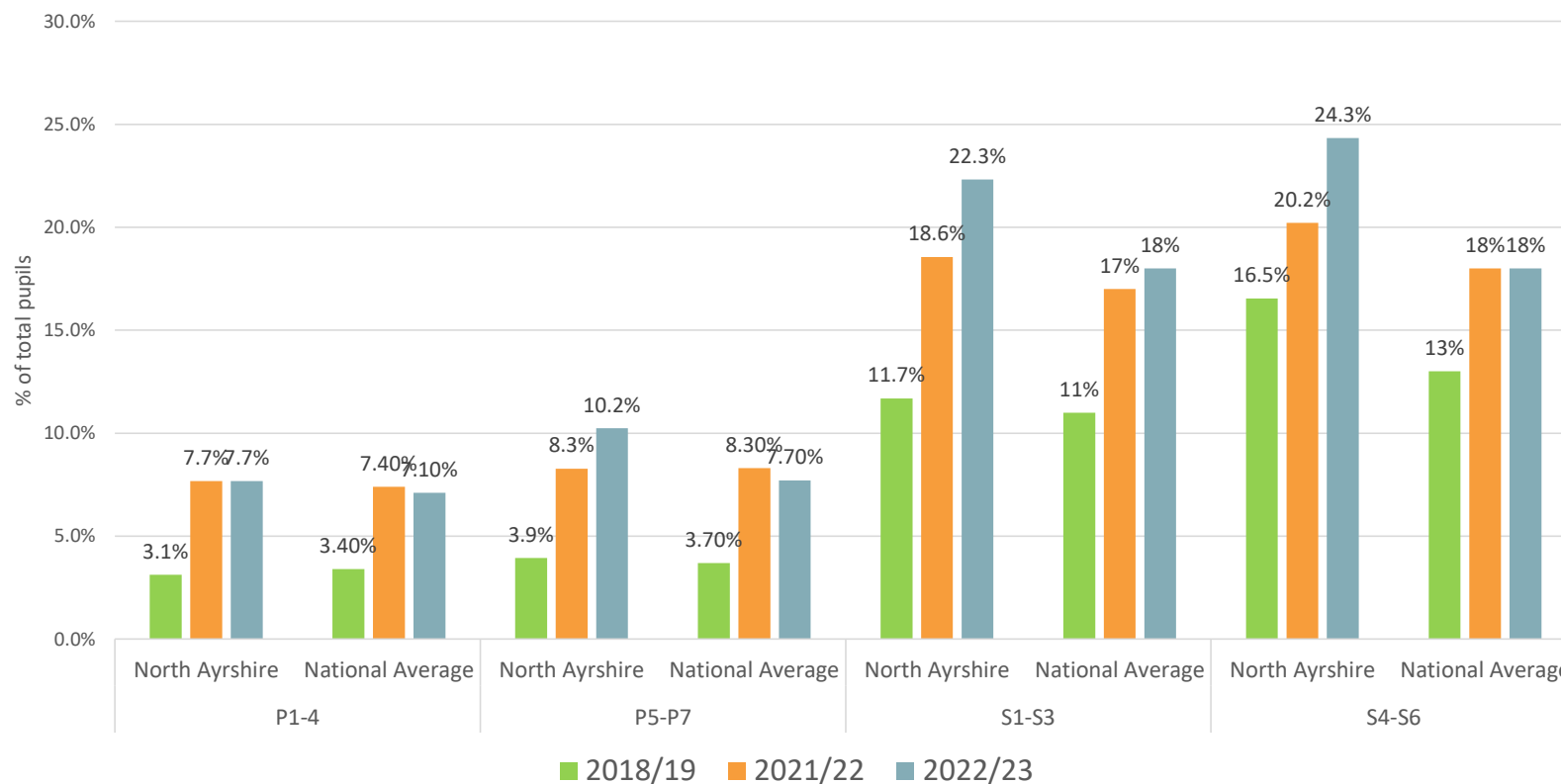
Pupils with below 90% attendance
Comparing NAC to national average across stages



LA average data sourced from the Commission on School Reform (2023)

Comparison with other Local Authorities – less than 80% attendance

**Pupils with below 80% attendance
Comparing NAC to national average**

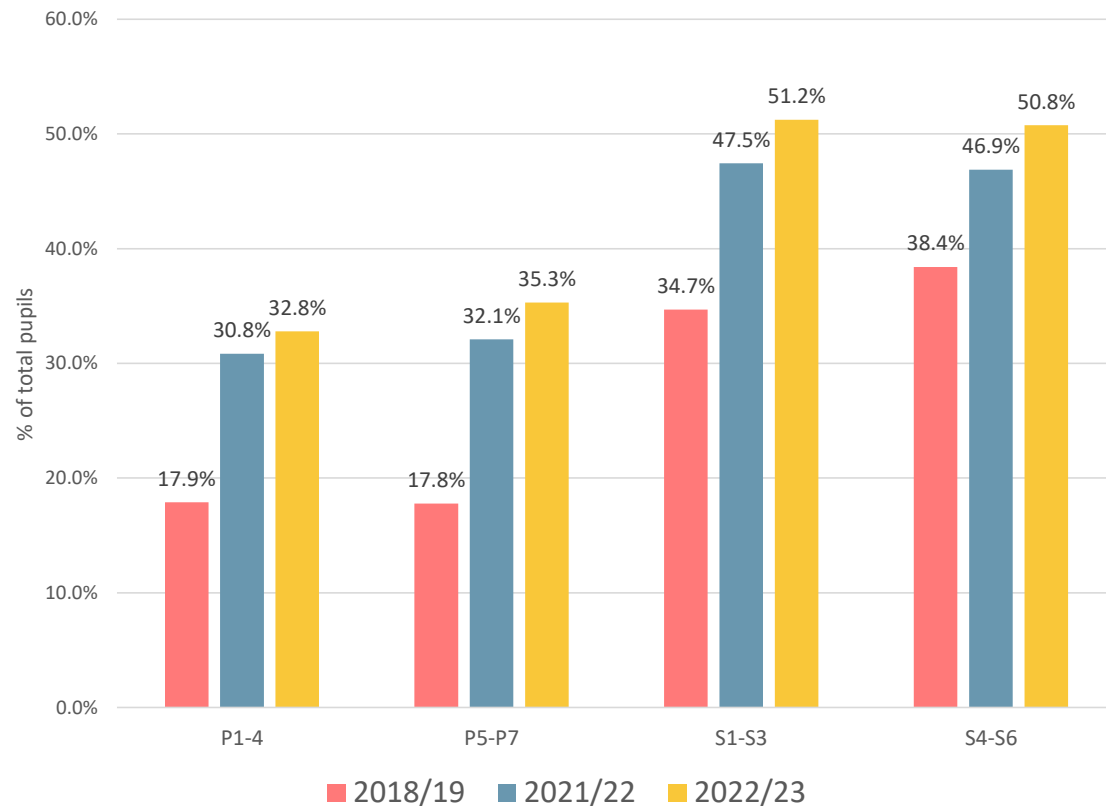


Attendance in NAC by stage – below 90% attendance

The proportion of pupils with below 90% attendance increased each year across all stages in North Ayrshire.

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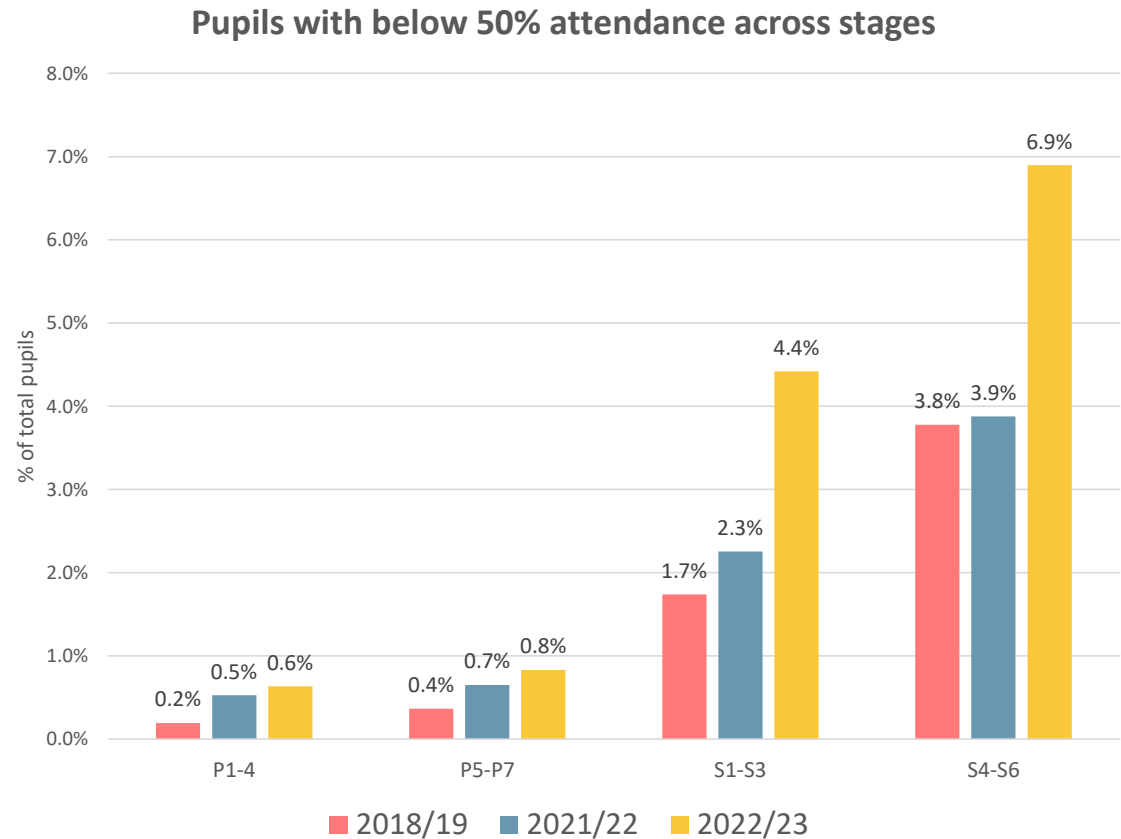
Pupils with below 90% attendance in NA across stages



Attendance in NAC by stage – below 50% attendance

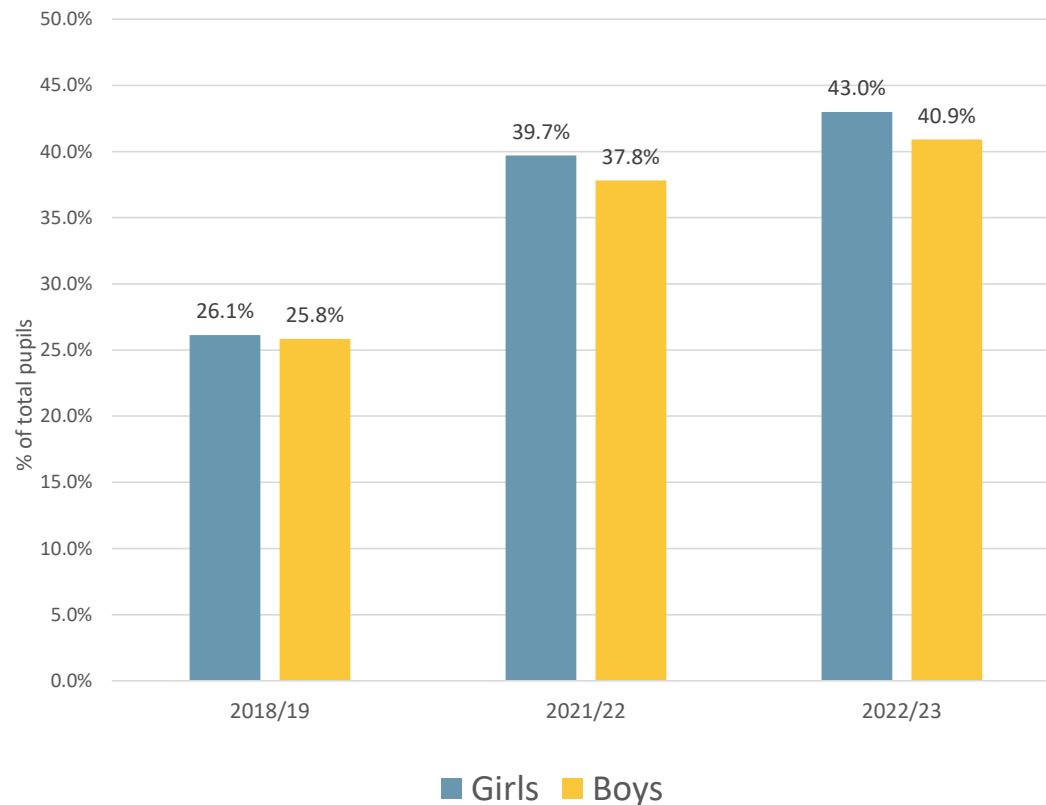
- The proportion of pupils with below 50% attendance has increased each year across all stages in North Ayrshire.
- There was a large increase in secondary pupils with below 50% attendance in 2022/23.

Below 80% attendance = 1 day missed per week



Attendance in NAC by gender – below 90%

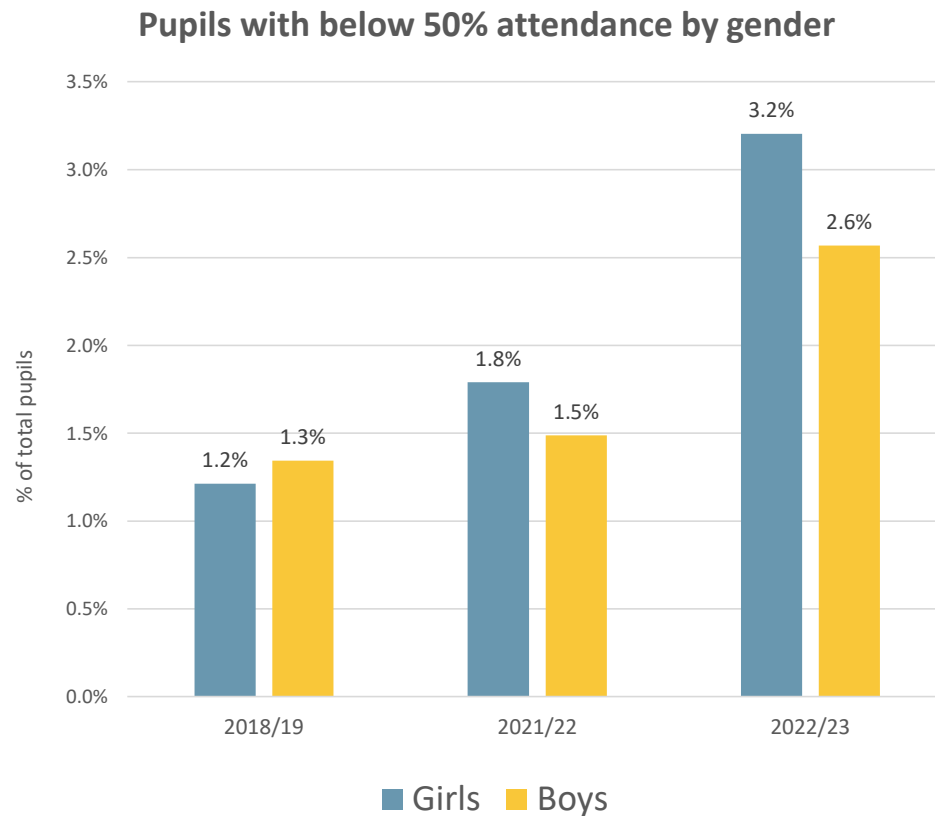
Pupils with below 90% attendance by gender



- In 2018/19, girls and boys had similar rates of less than 90% attendance.
- In 2021/22 and 2022/23, more girls than boys had below 90% attendance.

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Attendance in NAC by gender – below 50%

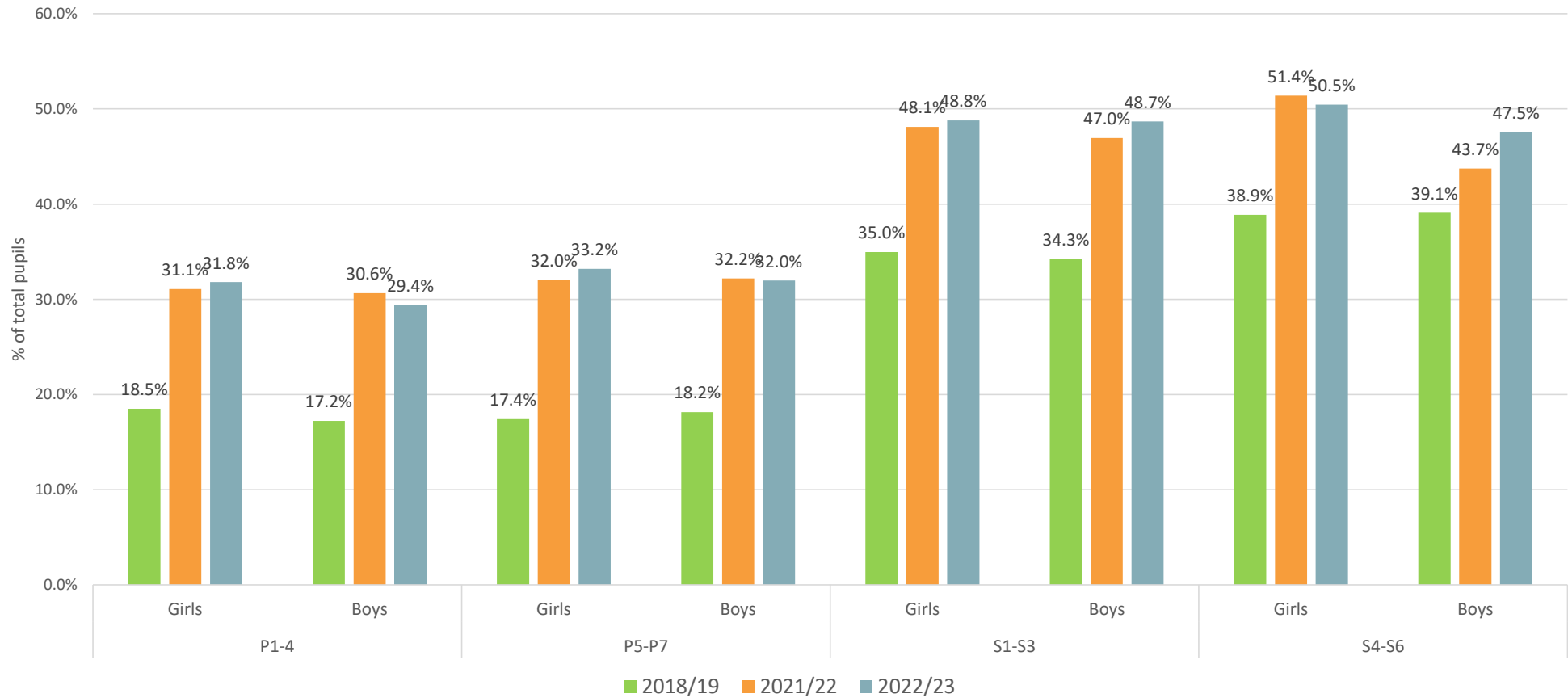


- In 2018/19, boys had higher rates of less than 50% attendance.
- In 2021/22 and 2022/23, more girls than boys had less than 50% attendance.

Below 50% attendance = 2.5 days missed per week

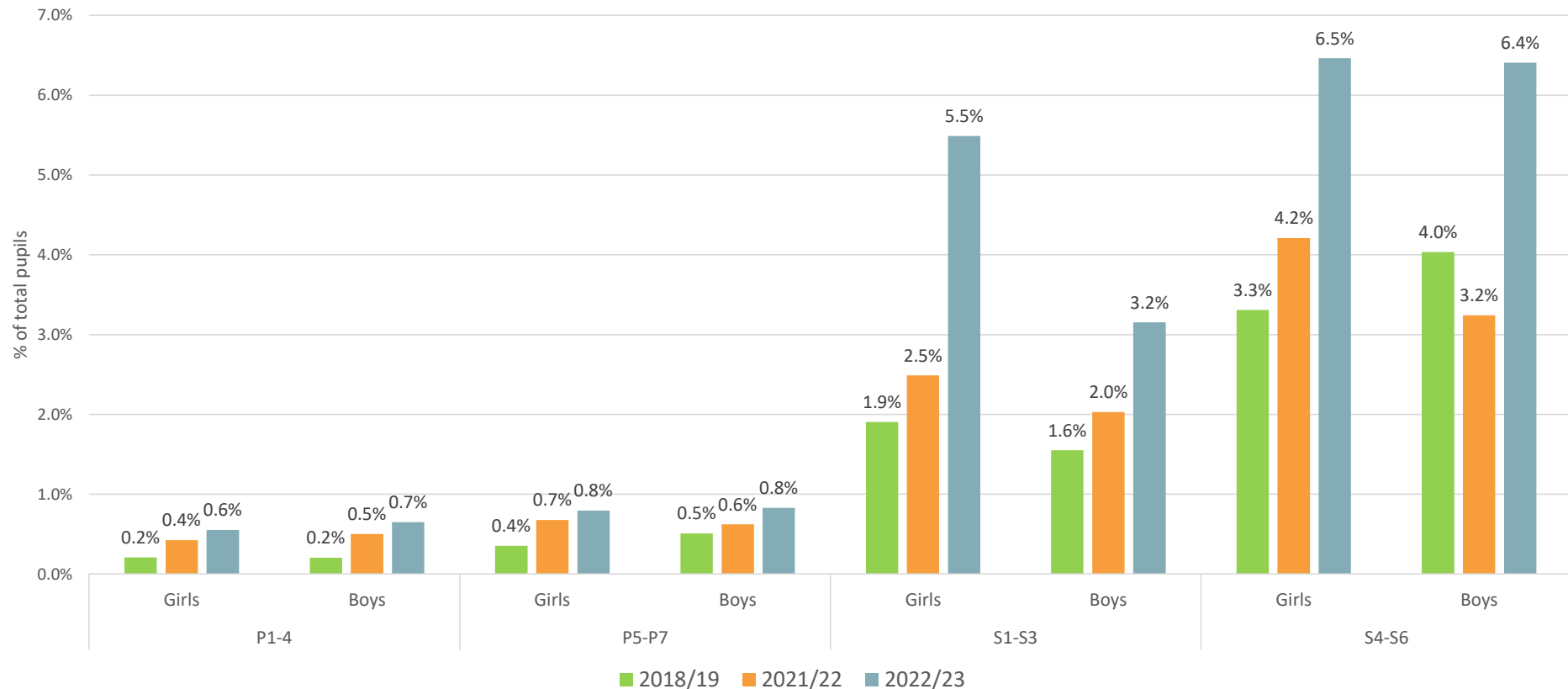
Attendance in NAC across stages by gender – below 90%

Pupils with below 90% attendance across stages by gender



Attendance in NAC across stages by gender – below 50%

Pupils with below 50% attendance across stages by gender

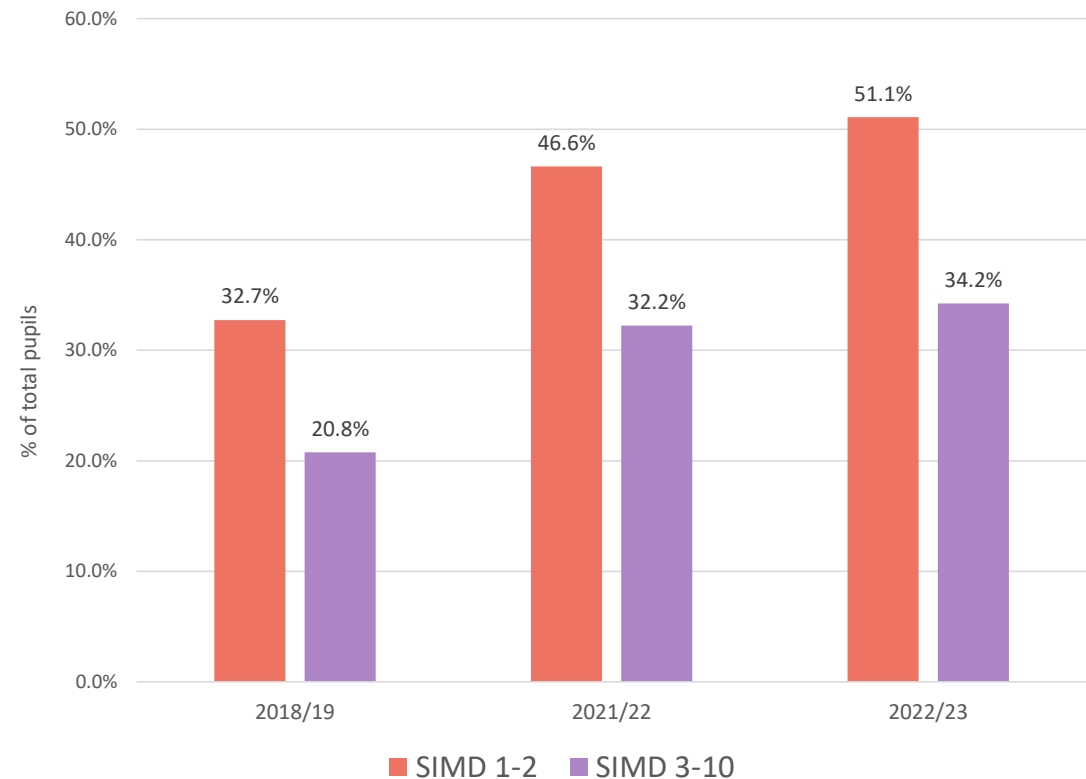


Attendance below 90% in NAC by SIMD

- Each year, **young people from areas of greater socioeconomic deprivation had higher rates of below 90% attendance** than young people from areas of lesser socioeconomic deprivation.
- **This rate has remained similar each year** – approx. **1.5 times** more young people from SIMD areas 1-2 had below 90% attendance than young people from SIMD areas 3-10 each year.

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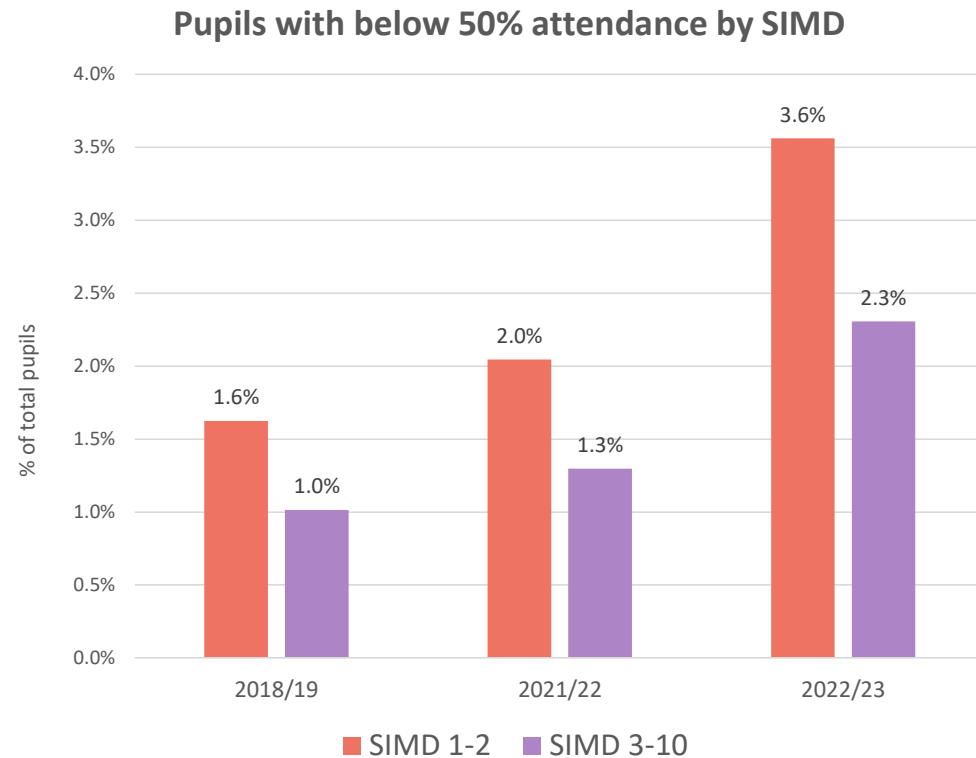
Pupils with below 90% attendance by SIMD



Attendance below 50% in NAC by SIMD

- Each year, **young people from areas of greater socioeconomic deprivation had higher rates of below 50% attendance** than young people from areas of lesser socioeconomic deprivation.
- **This rate has remained similar each year** – approx. **1.5 times** more young people from SIMD areas 1-2 had below 50% attendance than young people from SIMD areas 3-10 each year.

Below 50% attendance = 2.5 days missed per week

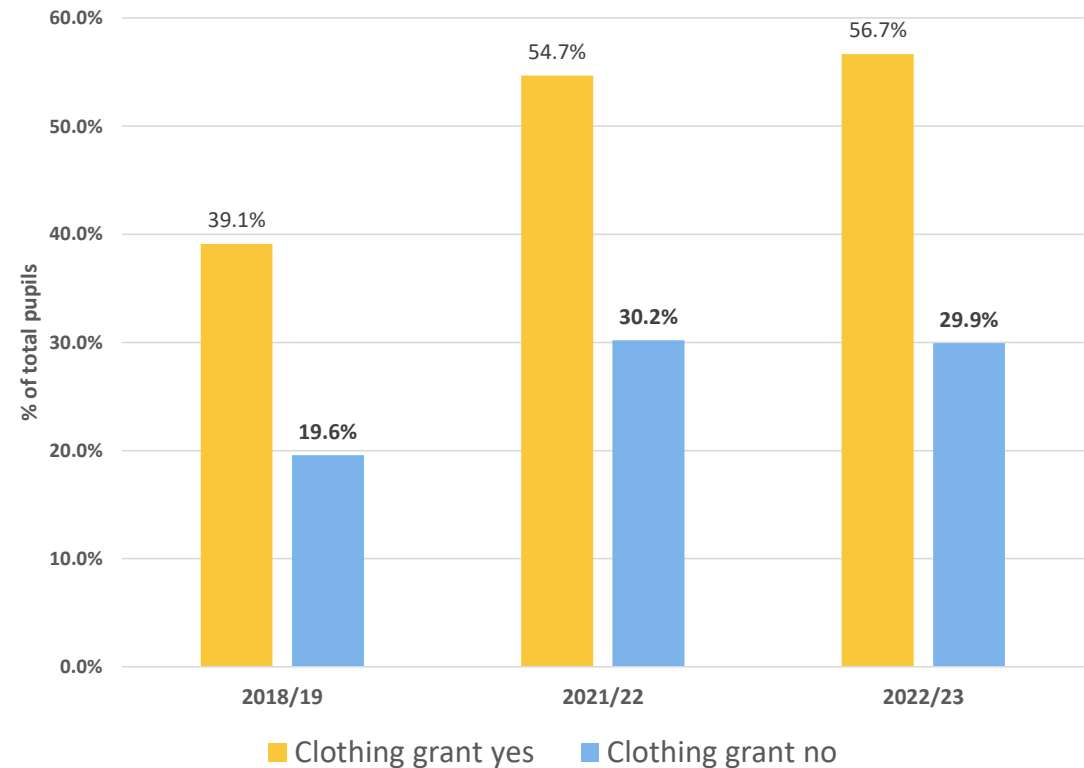


Attendance in NAC for pupils in receipt of clothing grant – below 90%

- Each year, **young people who had claimed the clothing grant had higher rates of below 90% attendance** than young people who had not claimed the clothing grant.
- **This rate has remained similar each year** – approx. **1.9 times** more young people who had claimed the clothing grant had below 90% attendance compared with young people who had not claimed the clothing grant.

Below 90% attendance = 1 day missed per fortnight

Pupils who have claimed clothing grant - 90% attendance



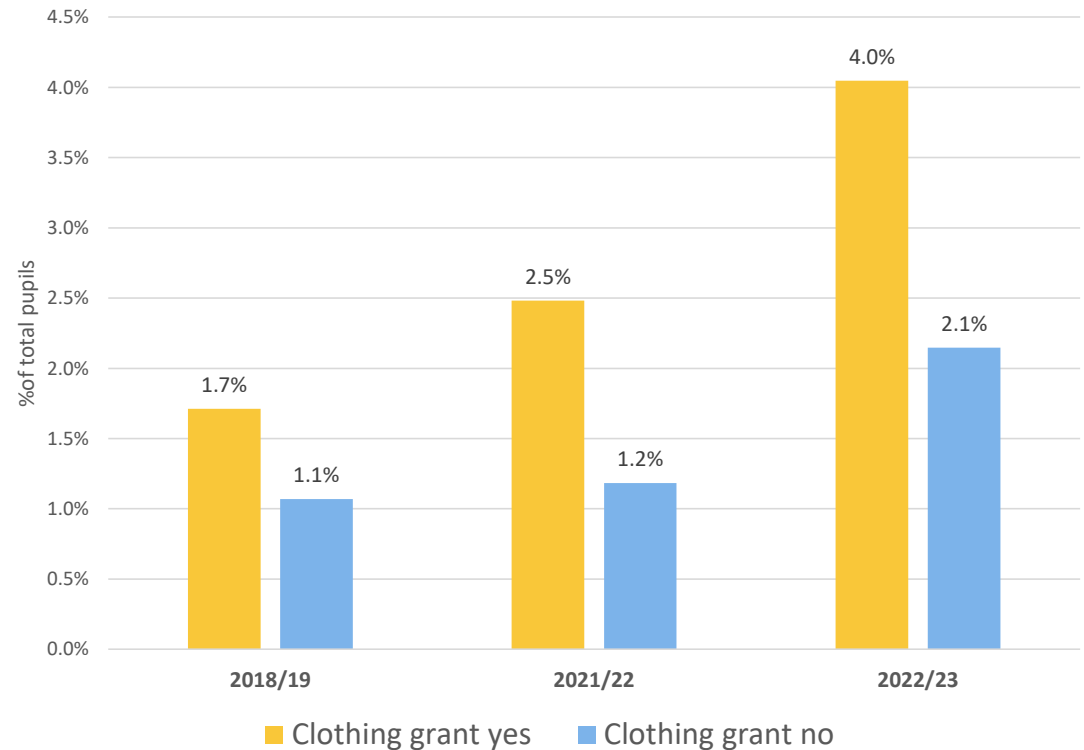
Attendance below 50% in NAC for pupils in receipt of clothing grant

- Each year, **young people who had claimed the clothing grant had higher rates of below 50% attendance** than young people who had not claimed the clothing grant.
- **This rate increased:**
 - 2018/19: 1.6 times more young people with clothing grant were absent 50% of the time compared to young people without clothing grant
 - 2021/22: 2.1 times more young people with clothing grant were absent 50%
 - 2022/23: 1.9 times more young people with clothing grant were absent 50%

The gap in attendance widened for young people in receipt of the clothing grant between 2018/19 and 2021/22 before narrowing slightly in 2022/23 but not to pre-Covid levels.

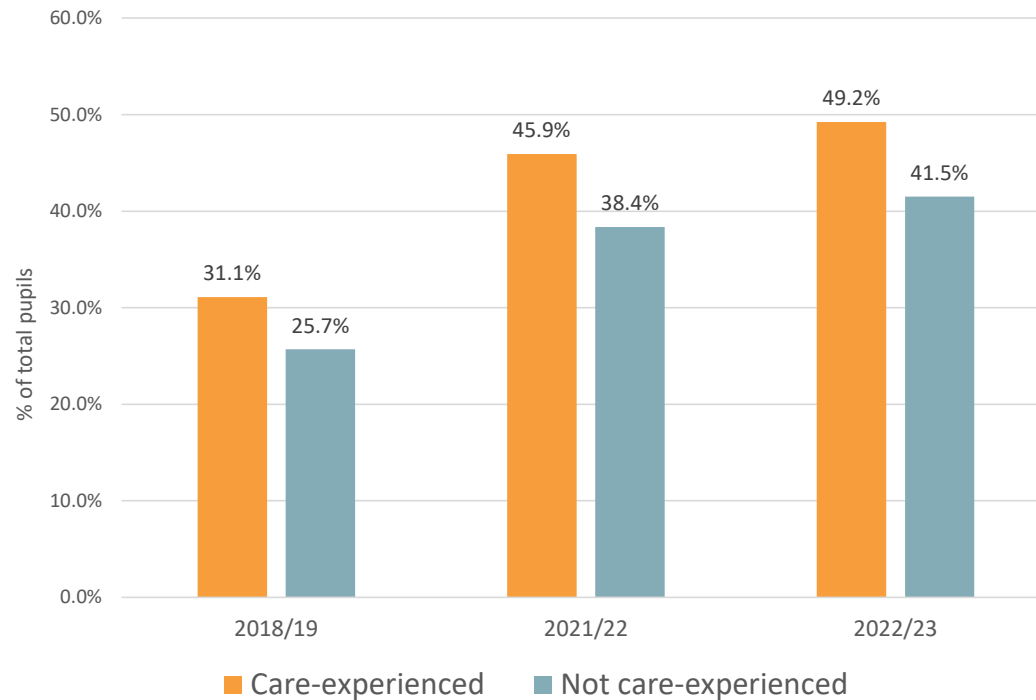
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Clothing grant - 50% attendance



Attendance in NAC for care-experienced young people – below 90%

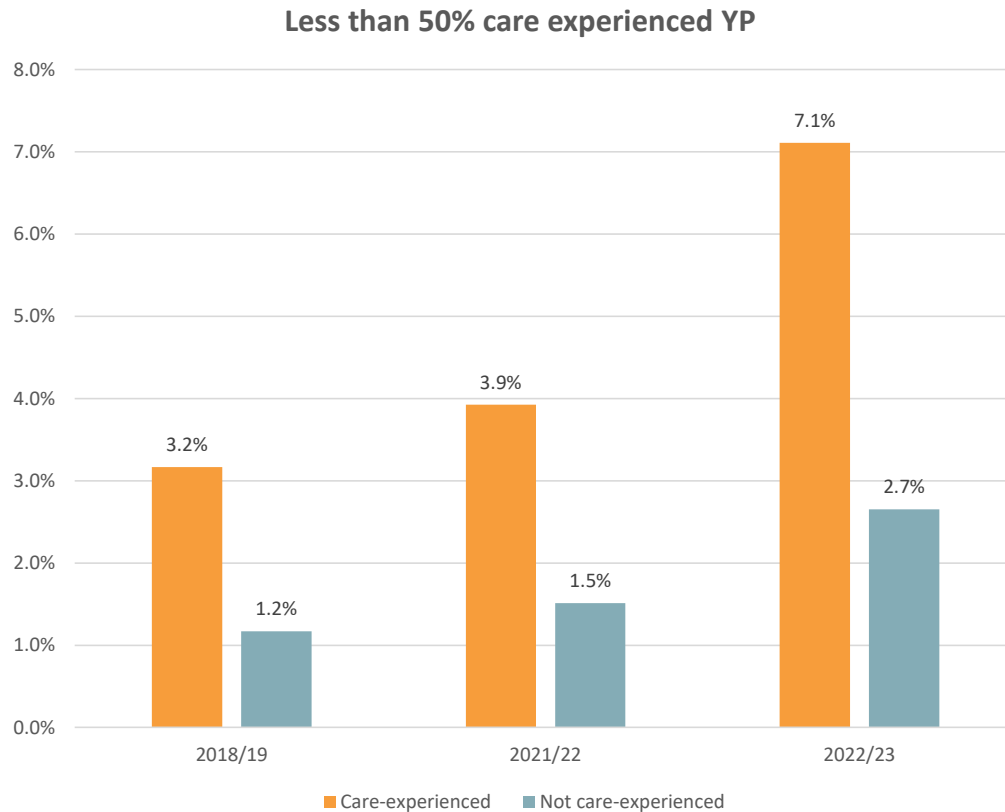
Pupils with below 90% attendance - care experienced YP



- Each year, **care experienced young people had higher rates of below 90% attendance** than not care experienced young people.
- **This rate has remained the same each year - 1.2 times** more care-experienced young people had below 90% attendance than not care experienced young people each year.

Below 90% attendance = 1 day missed per fortnight

Attendance in NAC for care-experienced young people – below 50%

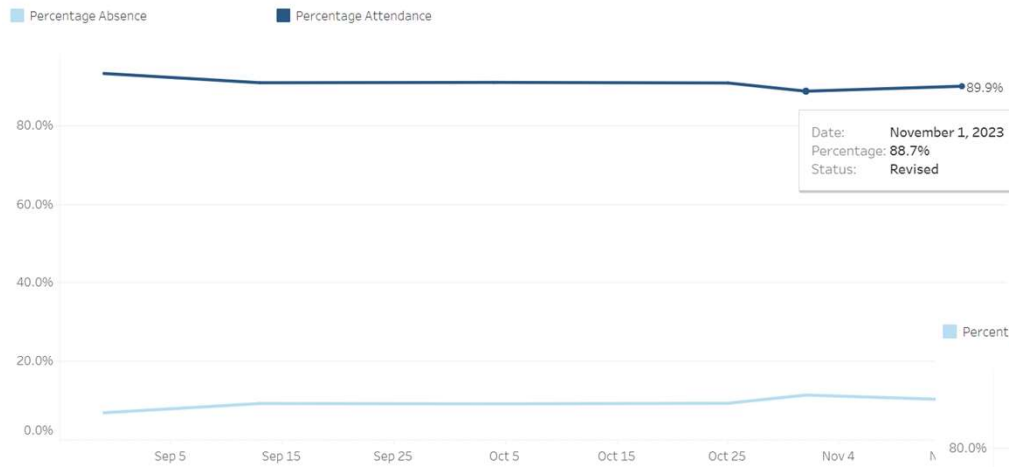


- Each year, **care experienced young people had higher rates of below 50% attendance** than not care experienced young people.
- **This rate has remained similar each year** - approx. **2.6 times** more care-experienced young people had below 50% attendance than not care experienced young people each year.

Below 50% attendance = 2.5 days missed per week

Weekly Data Snapshots

- Wednesdays – The Busiest Day!!!



Considerations

- Can we link attendance Data to Wellbeing information, PASS, SHINE?
- Health Behaviour in Schools Survey (2022)
- **The Headlines from the report highlight several challenges for Scotland's young people.**
- Happiness being at its lowest level since 1994
- Confidence at its lowest level since 1994 particularly among S2 and S4 girls.
- 1 in 5 young people say they feel lonely all or most of the time.
- A third of 13 -15-year-olds reporting moderate or severe anxiety.

