

Gloucestershire Children in Care achieving their full potential conference

12th November 2025

School Attendance in Gloucestershire

Andrea Jordan – Education Inclusion Lead with strategic oversight for attendance

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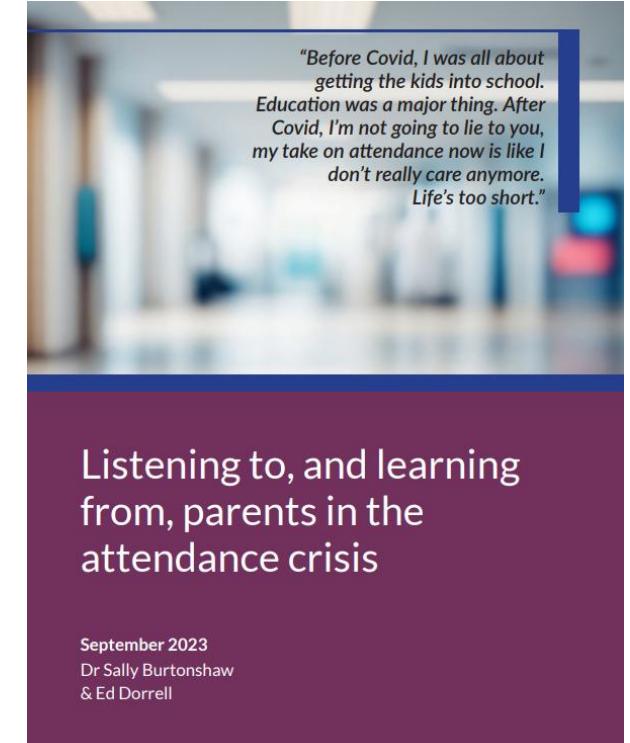
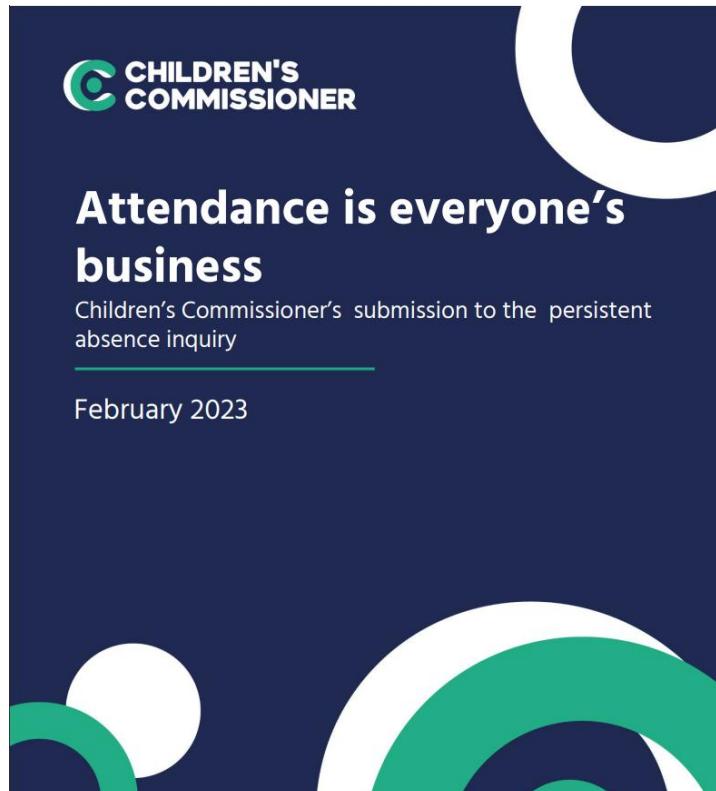


Working together to improve school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

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Gloucestershire Primary school absence compared to National



Absent Rates, and the percentage of pupils who are classified as Persistent or Severe Absentees in Primary schools in Gloucestershire, are lower than the national equivalents

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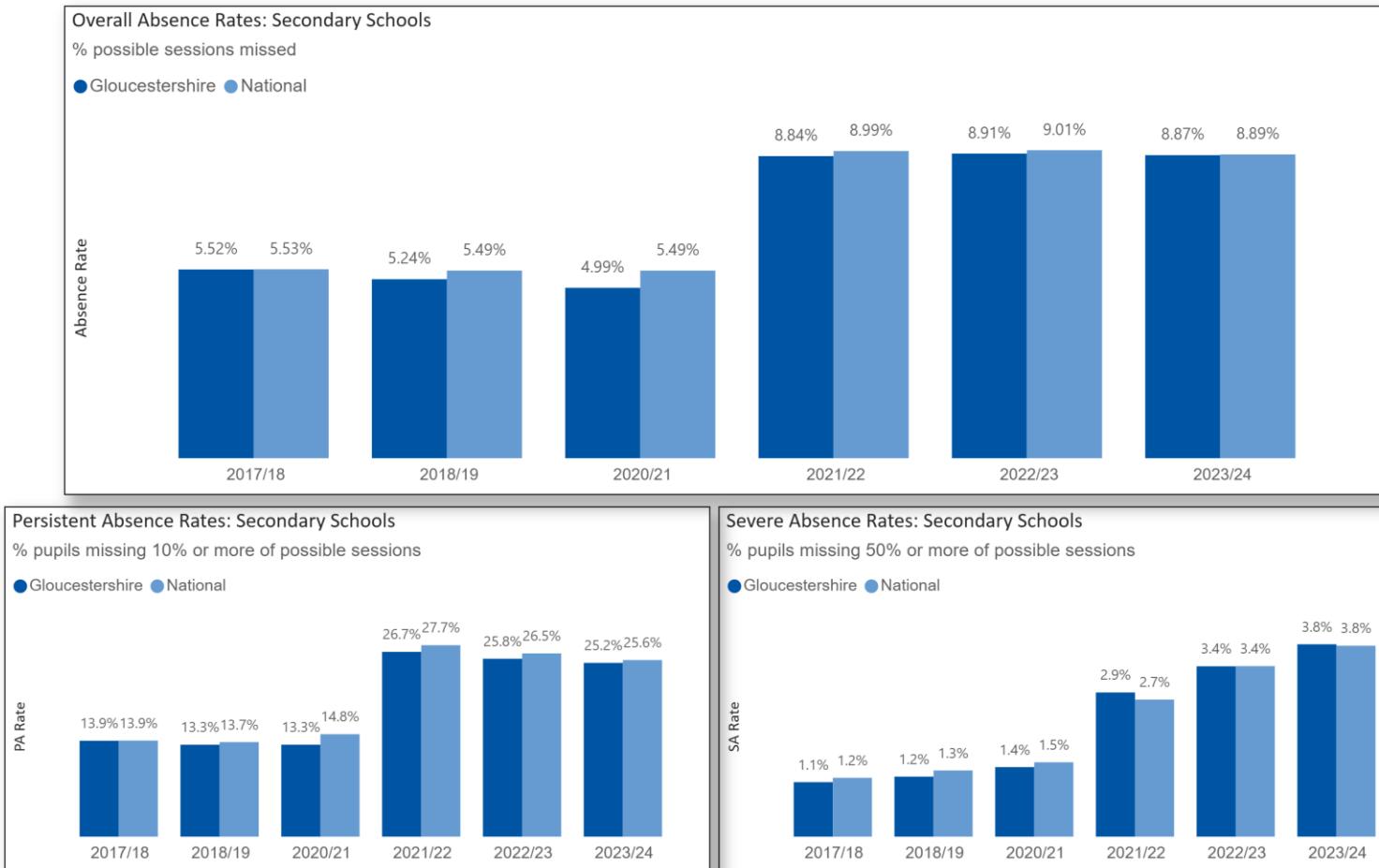
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Secondary schools in Gloucestershire perform better than nationally for overall absence rates and persistent absence rates.

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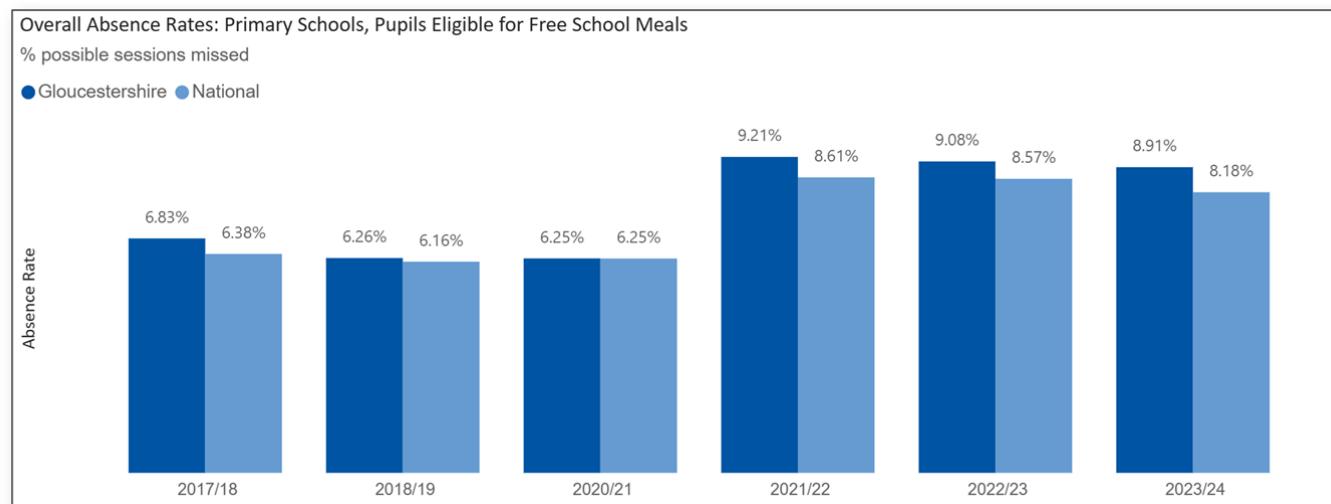
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Gloucestershire Primary FSM gaps compared to National

Absence for FSM Not eligible and FSM eligible pupils in Primary schools in England and Gloucestershire between 2017/18 and 2023/24

Overall absence rate		2017/18	2018/19	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Gloucestershire	FSM Not eligible	3.8%	3.6%	2.7%	5.5%	4.9%	4.7%
	FSM eligible	6.7%	6.2%	6.1%	9.1%	9.0%	8.8%
	Difference	-2.9%	-2.6%	-3.4%	-3.6%	-4.1%	-4.1%
National	FSM Not eligible	3.8%	3.6%	2.9%	5.5%	5.0%	4.6%
	FSM eligible	6.3%	6.0%	6.1%	8.5%	8.5%	8.1%
	Difference	-2.5%	-2.4%	-3.2%	-3.0%	-3.5%	-3.5%



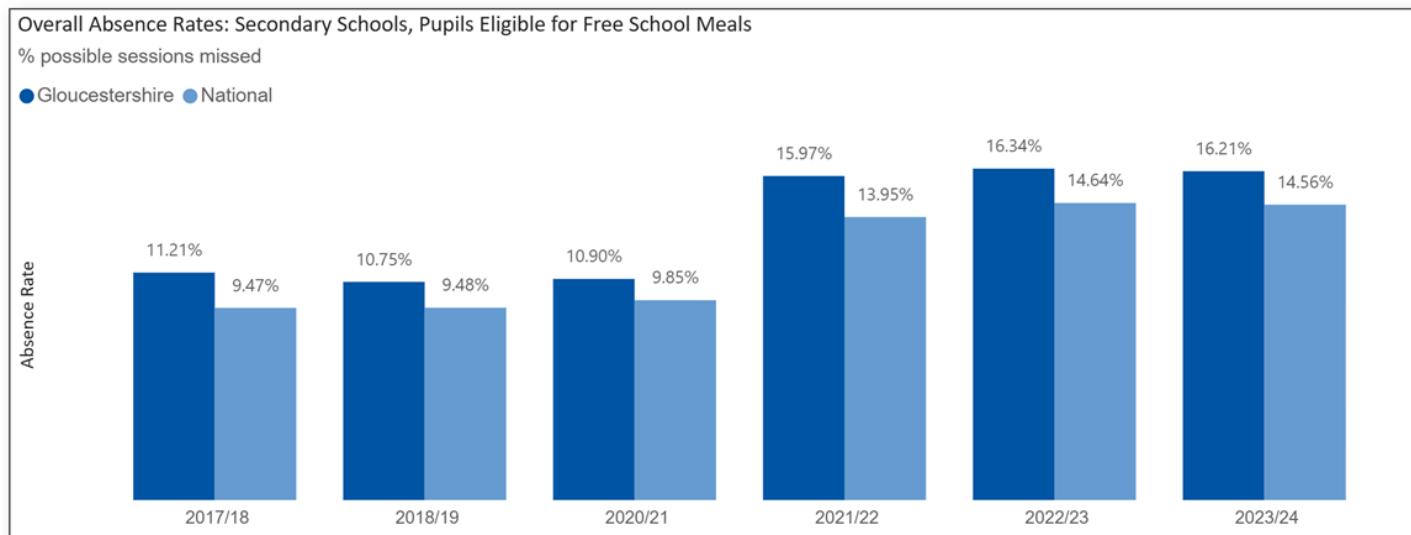
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	FSM eligible	10.9%	10.3%	10.6%	15.7%	16.0%	15.8%
	Difference	-5.8%	-5.6%	-6.5%	-8.1%	-8.5%	-8.5%
National	FSM Not eligible	5.0%	4.8%	4.5%	7.6%	7.3%	7.1%
	FSM eligible	9.2%	9.2%	9.6%	13.8%	14.4%	14.3%
	Difference	-4.2%	-4.4%	-5.1%	-6.2%	-7.1%	-7.2%



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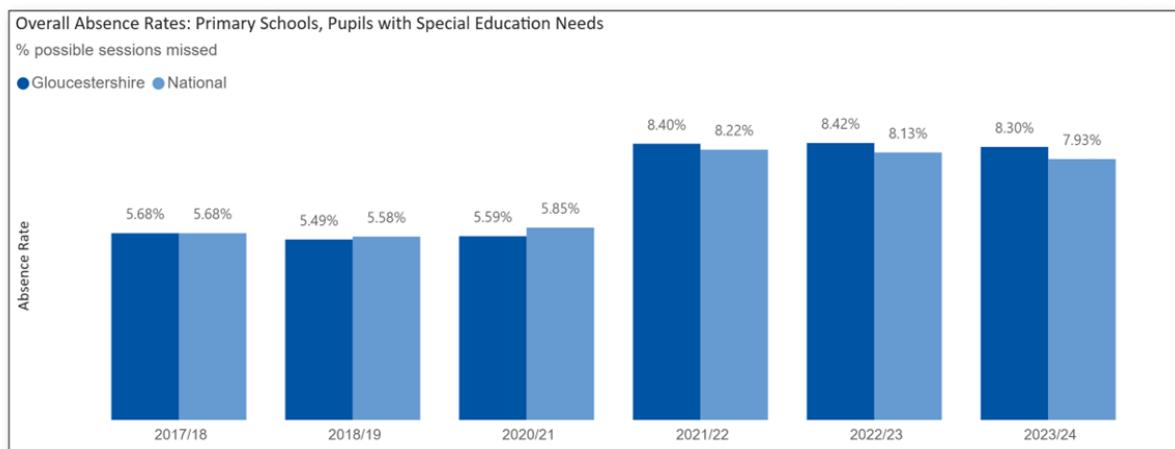
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Gaps in Gloucestershire Secondary School absence rates for eligible / non-eligible pupils are wider than national

Gloucestershire Primary SEN gaps compared to National

Absence for SEN and Non SEN pupils in Primary schools in England and Gloucestershire between 2017/18 and 2023/24

Overall absence rate		2017/18	2018/19	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Gloucestershire	SEN (EHCP or Support)	5.7%	5.5%	5.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.3%
	No Identified SEN	3.8%	3.6%	2.7%	5.7%	5.0%	4.8%
	Difference	1.9%	1.9%	2.8%	2.7%	3.4%	3.5%
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	No Identified SEN	3.9%	3.7%	3.2%	5.9%	5.4%	5.0%
	Difference	1.8%	1.8%	2.6%	2.3%	2.7%	2.9%



Pupils who have some identified special education need miss more school than pupils with no identified SEN

The gap in Gloucestershire Primary School Absence rates follows the same pattern as national but is wider

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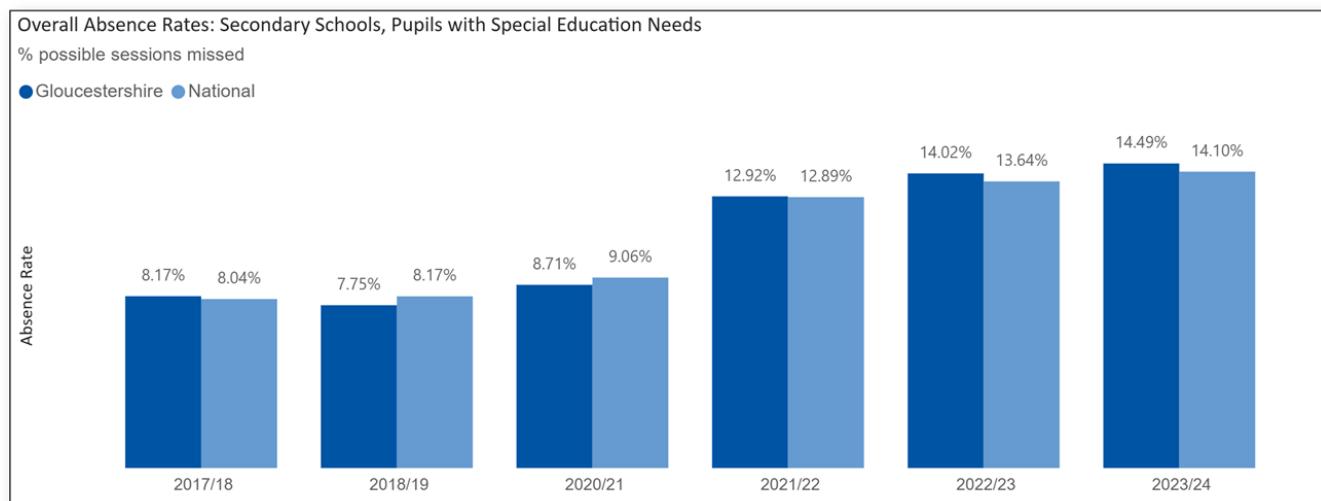


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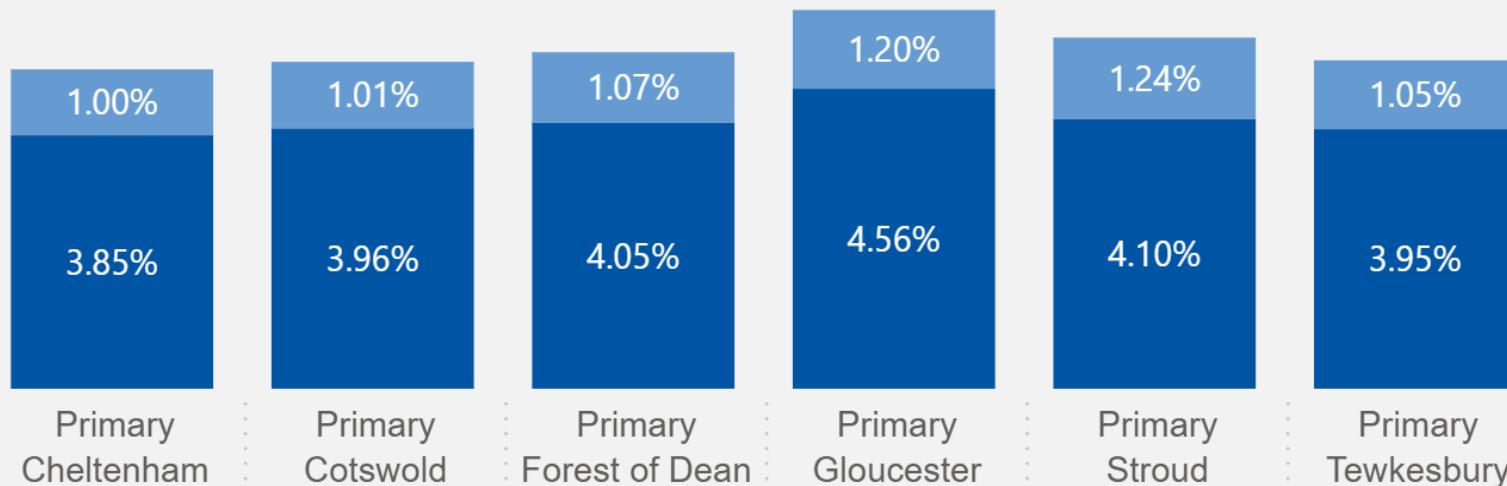
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Provisional Primary Data 2024/25

Absent Rates (% possible sessions missed) by Base Type and District

● Authorised Absence Rate ● Unauthorised Absence Rate

Percentage of possible sessions missed



All Gloucestershire Primary School rates:

Overall = 5.2%
Unauthorised = 1.1%
Authorised = 4.1%

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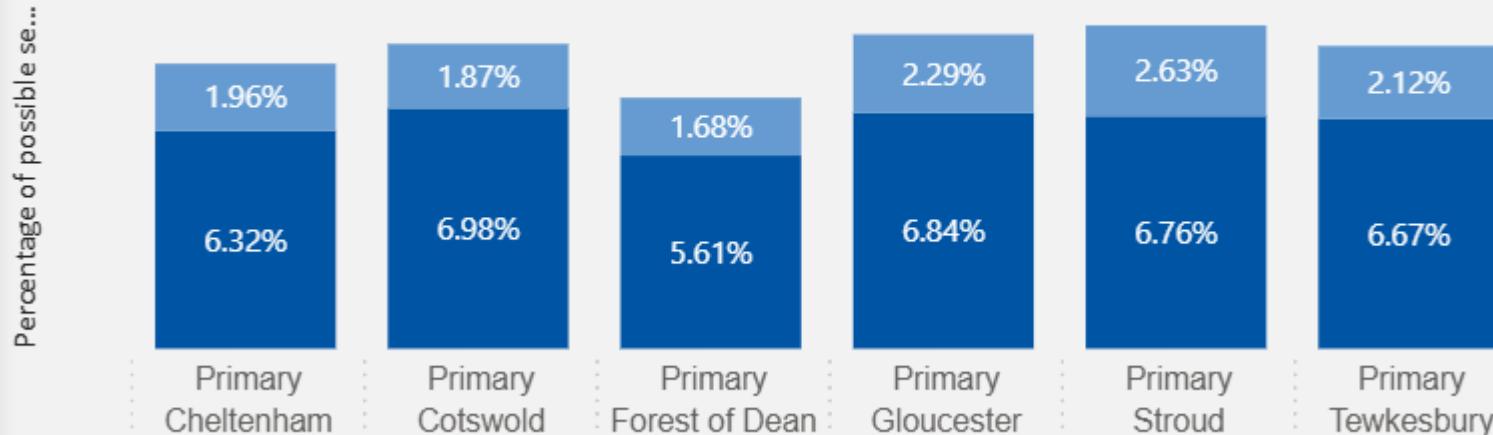
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Provisional Primary FSM data 2024/25

Absent Rates (% possible sessions missed) by Base Type and District

● Authorised Absence Rate ● Unauthorised Absence Rate



All Gloucestershire Primary School **FSM-eligible** rates:

Overall = 8.7%

Unauthorised = 2.1%

Authorised = 6.6%

All Gloucestershire Primary School **Non FSM-eligible** rates:

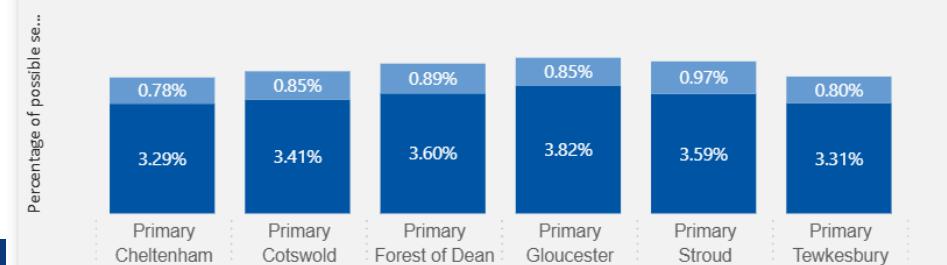
Overall = 4.4%

Unauthorised = 0.9%

Authorised = 3.5%

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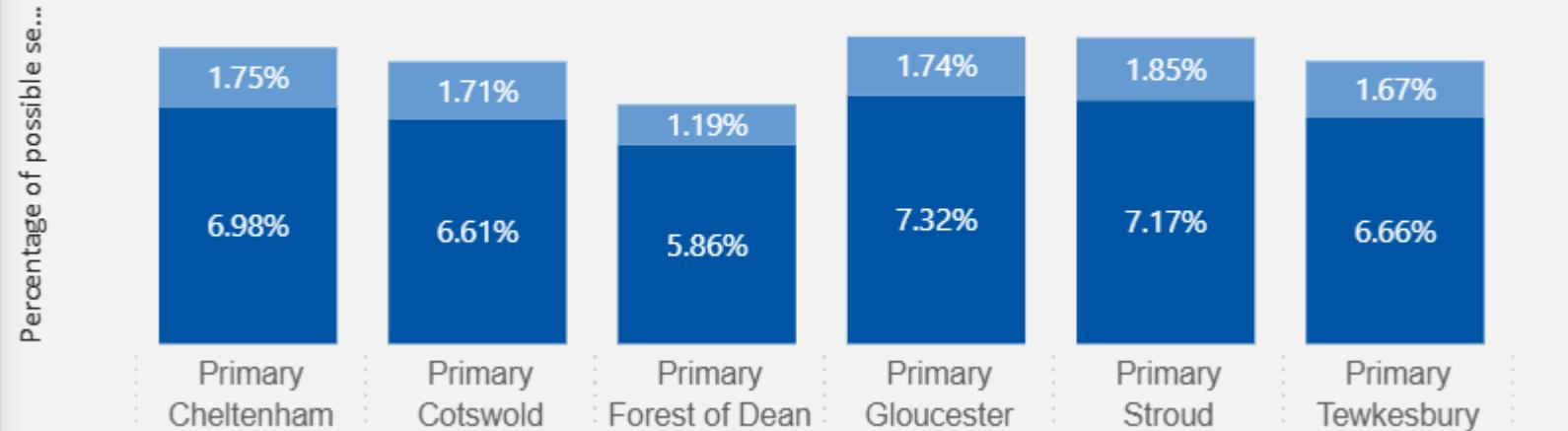
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Absent Rates (% possible sessions missed) by Base Type and District

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All Gloucestershire Primary School SEN rates:

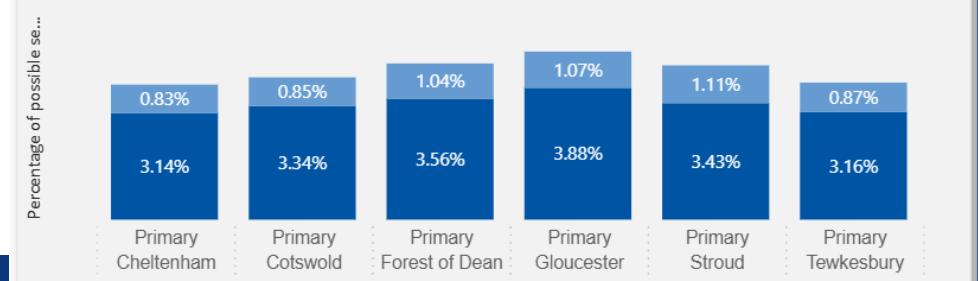
Overall = 8.5%
Unauthorised = 1.7%
Authorised = 6.9%

All Gloucestershire Primary School **No** SEN rates:

Overall = 4.4%
Unauthorised = 1.0%
Authorised = 3.5%

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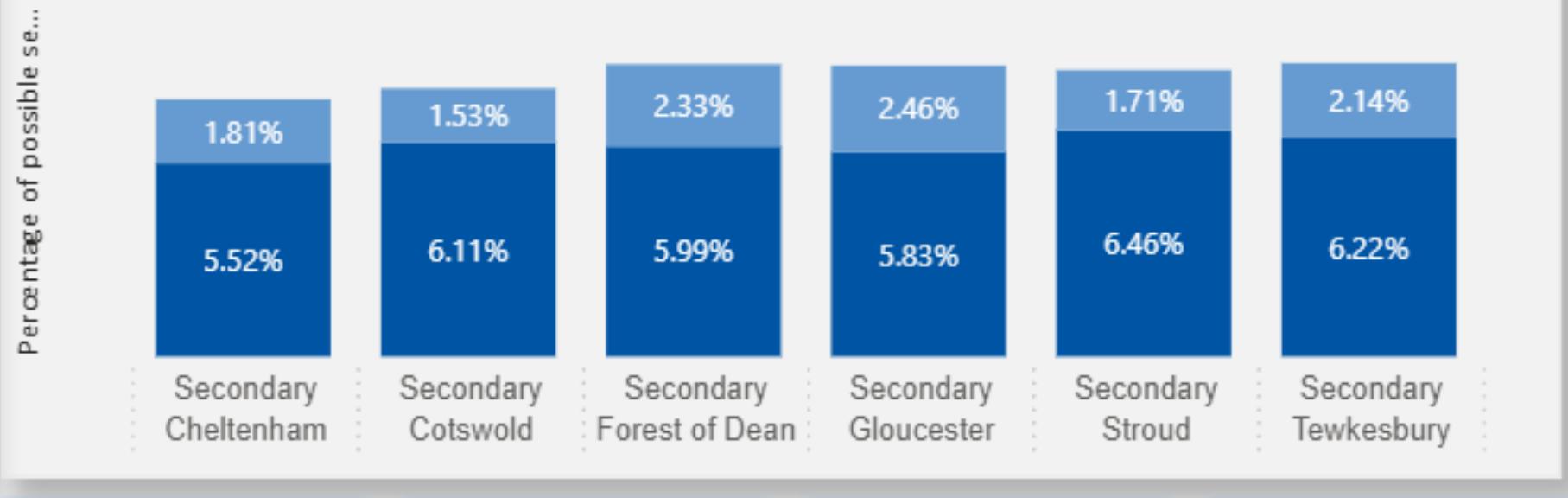
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Provisional Secondary data 2024/25

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All Gloucestershire Secondary School rates:

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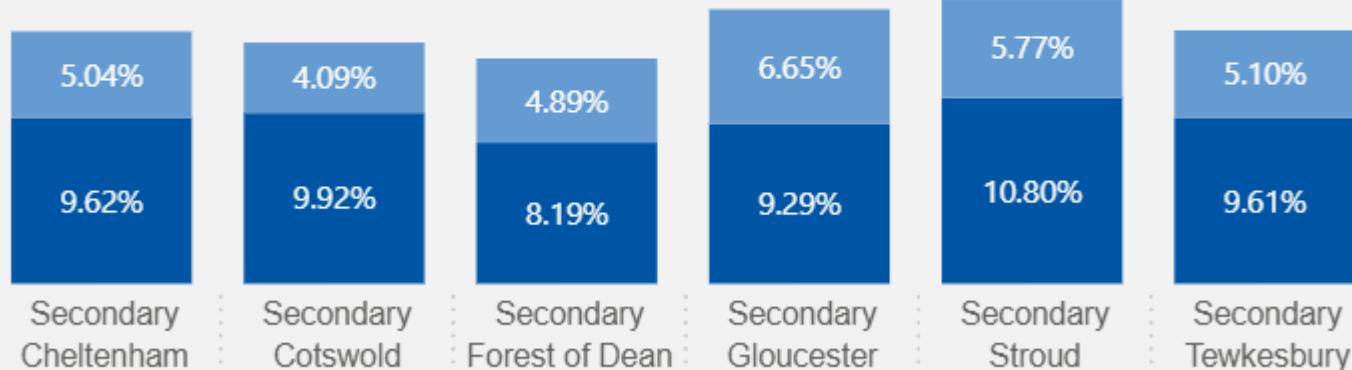


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Absent Rates (% possible sessions missed) by Base Type and District

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Percentage of possible sessions missed



All Gloucestershire Secondary School
FSM-eligible rates:

Overall = 15.0%
Unauthorised = 5.5%
Authorised = 9.5%

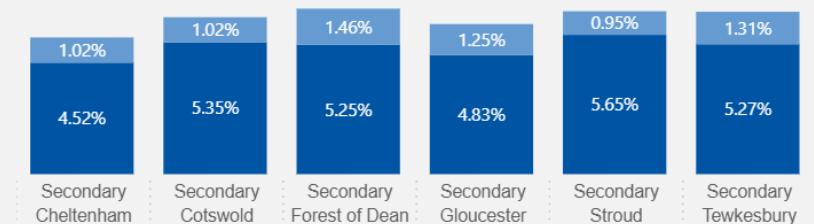
All Gloucestershire Secondary School
Non FSM-eligible rates:

Overall = 6.3%
Unauthorised = 1.2%
Authorised = 5.1%

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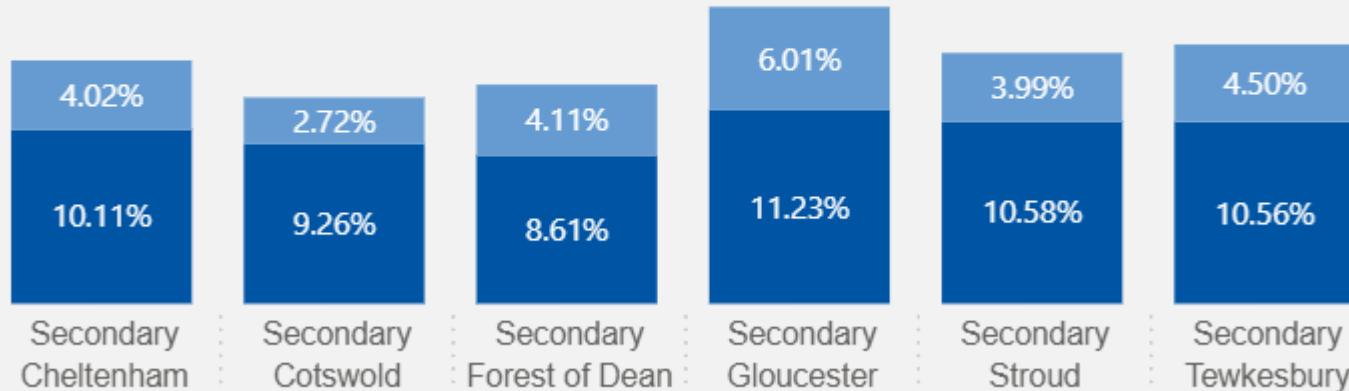
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Provisional Secondary SEN data 2024/25

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Percentage of possible sessions missed



All Gloucestershire Secondary School SEN rates:

Overall = 14.5%

Unauthorised = 4.3%

Authorised = 10.1%

All Gloucestershire Secondary School
No SEN rates:

Overall = 6.6%

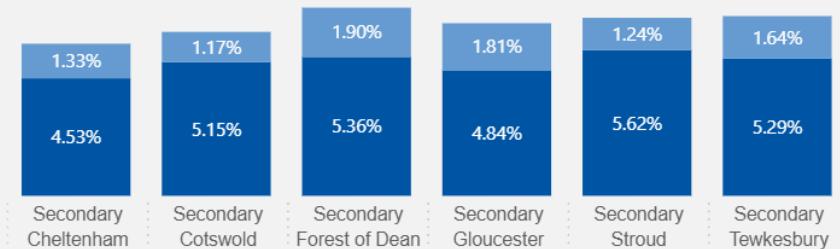
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