Castle Hill School
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Attendance Data
2023-2024 Academic Year
November

Cumulative Attendance
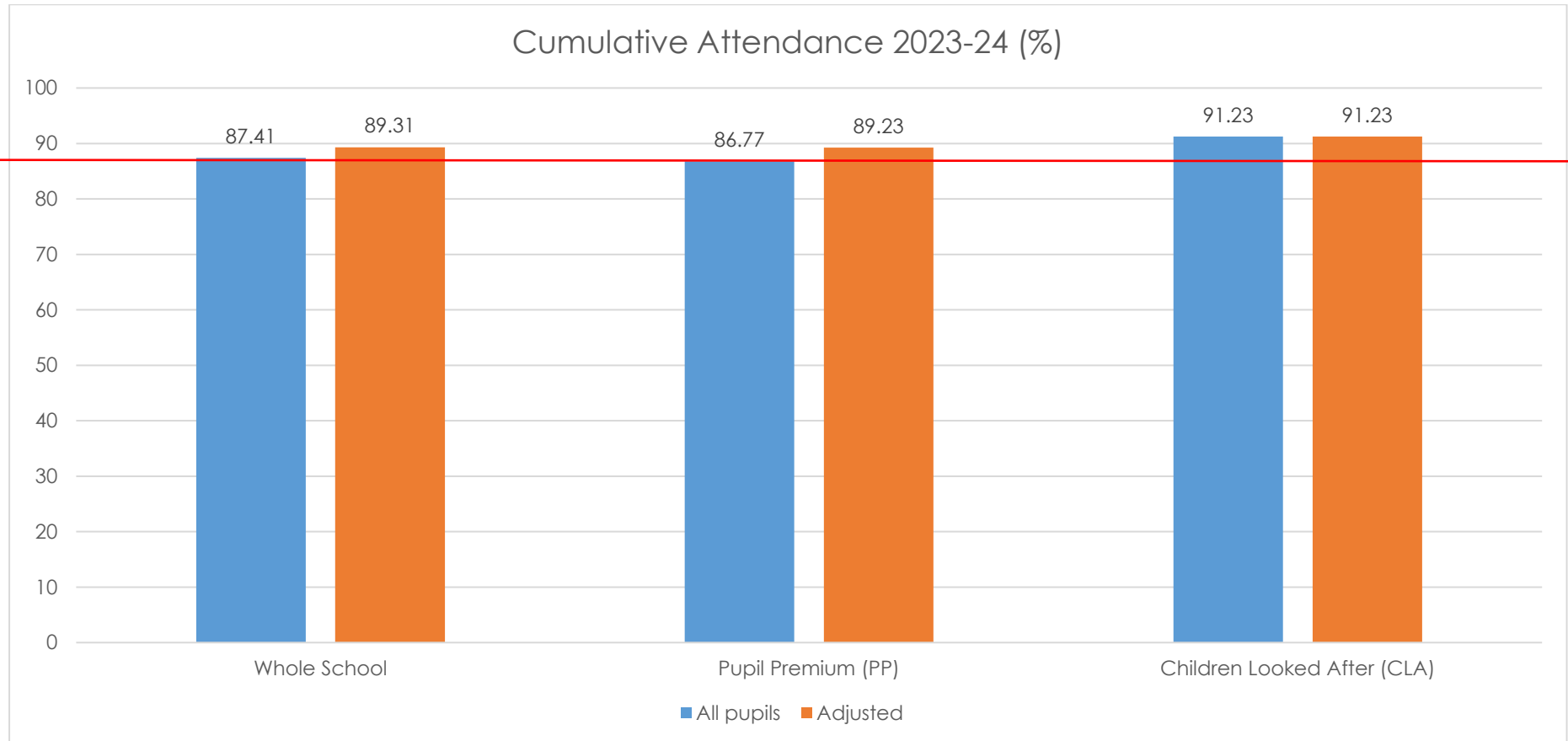
Cumulative Attendance 2023-24 (%)

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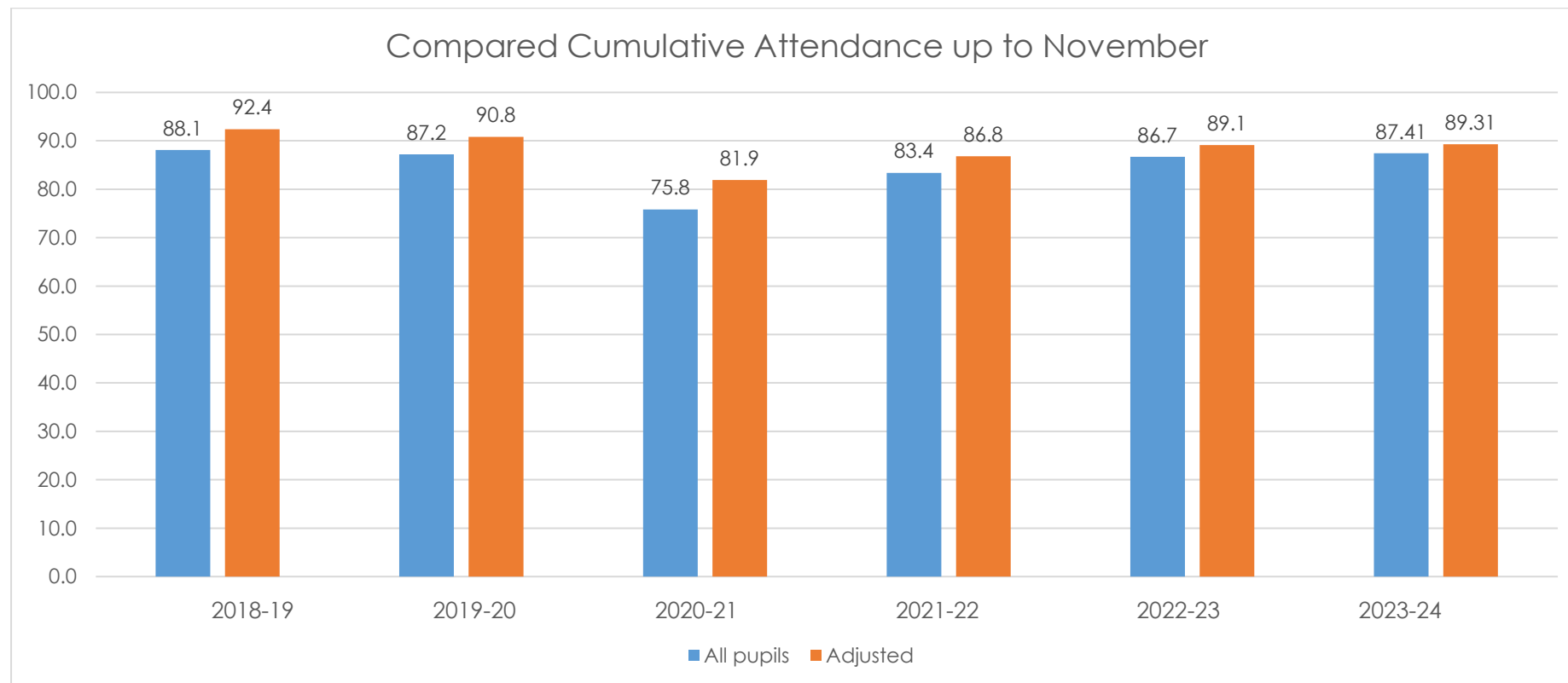
Analysis of cumulative attendance:
The red line indicates the national DfE statistic data for attendance for all state-funded Special Schools for the 2022-23 academic year (86.9%). The data was taken from Government statistics.

The cumulative whole school attendance is slightly higher than the DfE statistic, being 87.4% compared to 86.9%. Once the data is adjusted to take into consideration pupils with long-term absences due to their medical needs, the attendance is approx. 1.5% higher than the statistic, rising to 89.3%. During the month of November, five pupils' attendance fell below 30% due to complex health needs. These pupils have all been offered educational support either through home learning or outreach.
Headline: Cumulative attendance for all pupils is slightly higher than the national DfE statistic.

Compared Cumulative Attendance

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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
All pupils	88.1	87.2	75.8	83.4	86.7	87.41
Adjusted	92.4	90.8	81.9	86.8	89.1	89.31

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Analysis against similar period for the last academic years:
The graph above shows the cumulative attendance for the last six Novembers. It can be seen that attendance has increased slightly on last year, and has returned to a comparable level to pre-pandemic years.
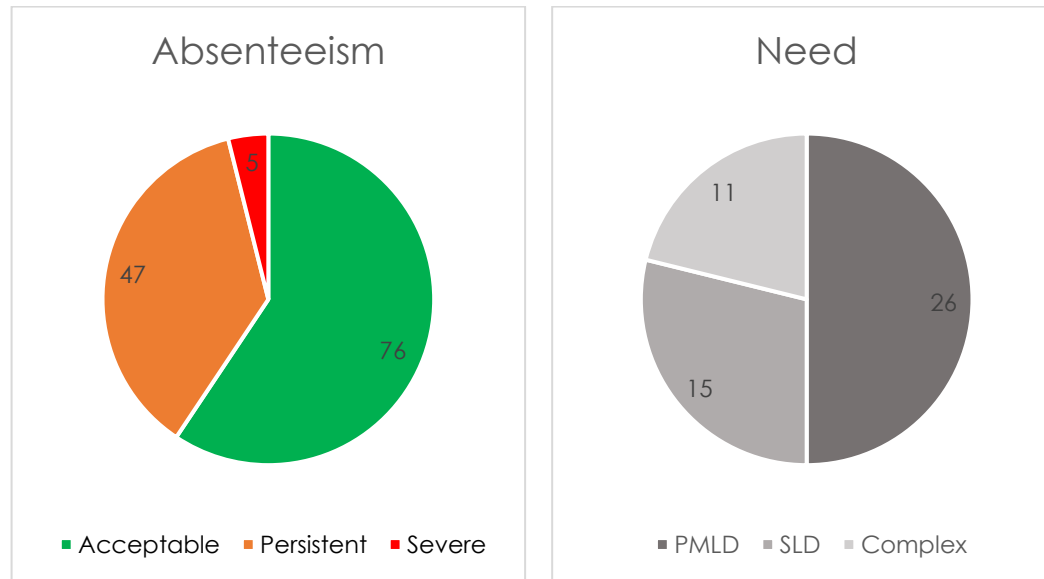**Headline: Attendance for November is comparable to the same period in pre-pandemic years.**

Persistent and Severe Absenteeism

A persistent absentee is one who has been off for 10%+ of their possible sessions. A severe absentee is off for 50%+.
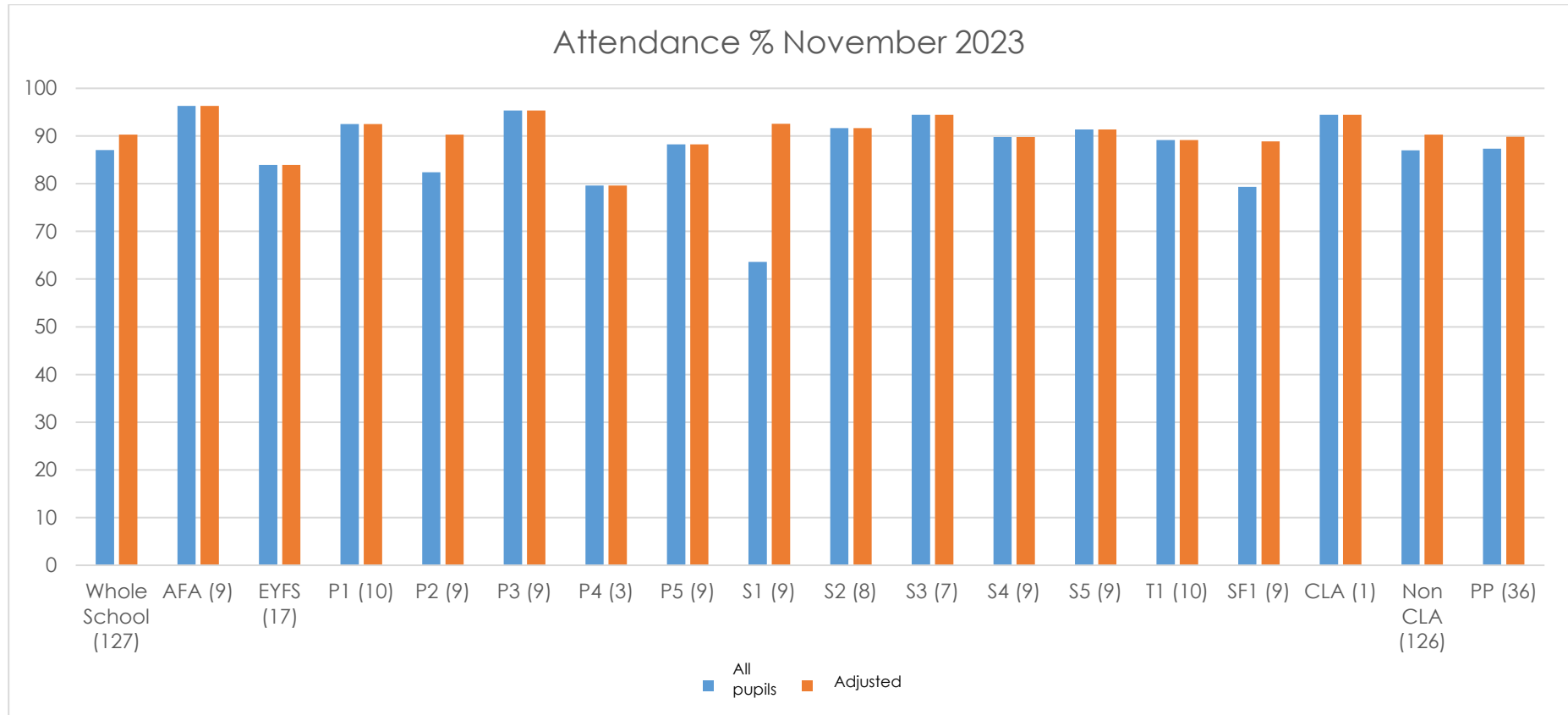
Due to the vulnerability of our student group to this date in the 2023-24 academic year, there are 47 persistent absentees (36.7% of the school cohort) and 5 severe absentees (3.9% of the school cohort). All severe absentees have profound and multiple learning disabilities, often with medical complications.

At Castle Hill we work collaboratively and persistently with families, agencies, and other professionals to improve attendance. We work hard to recognise the small improvements that are made. Long-Term Student Absence Risk Assessments are completed for severe absentees which includes information related to the student's presentation from their Bespoke Observation Schedule, potential risks arising from long-term absence, and the strategies to address these risks. Ongoing outreach visits support this process.

Headline: We work collaboratively and persistently with families and agencies to improve attendance.

Absenteeism

- Acceptable: 76
- Persistent: 47
- Severe: 5

Need

- PMLD: 26
- SLD: 15
- Complex: 11

Monthly Attendance

Attendance % November 2023

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Analysis of monthly attendance and compared monthly attendance (graphs overleaf):
Attendance as a whole school decreased in November from the previous month. Some classes have been affected by seasonal illnesses and some long-term absences due to medical conditions. The classes that have the lowest attendance tend to have more vulnerable pupils within their cohort (P2, S1, SF1), and those with the highest attendance tend to house the most robust (AFA, P3, P5, S2, S3, S4).

Headline: Attendance for November has decreased from the previous month but is in line with seasonal expectations.

Compared Monthly Attendance

Attendance % monthly breakdown 2023-24 (all pupils)

Attendance % monthly breakdown 2023-24 (adjusted)