Castle Hill School

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Attendance Data
2025-2026 Academic Year
November

Cumulative Attendance
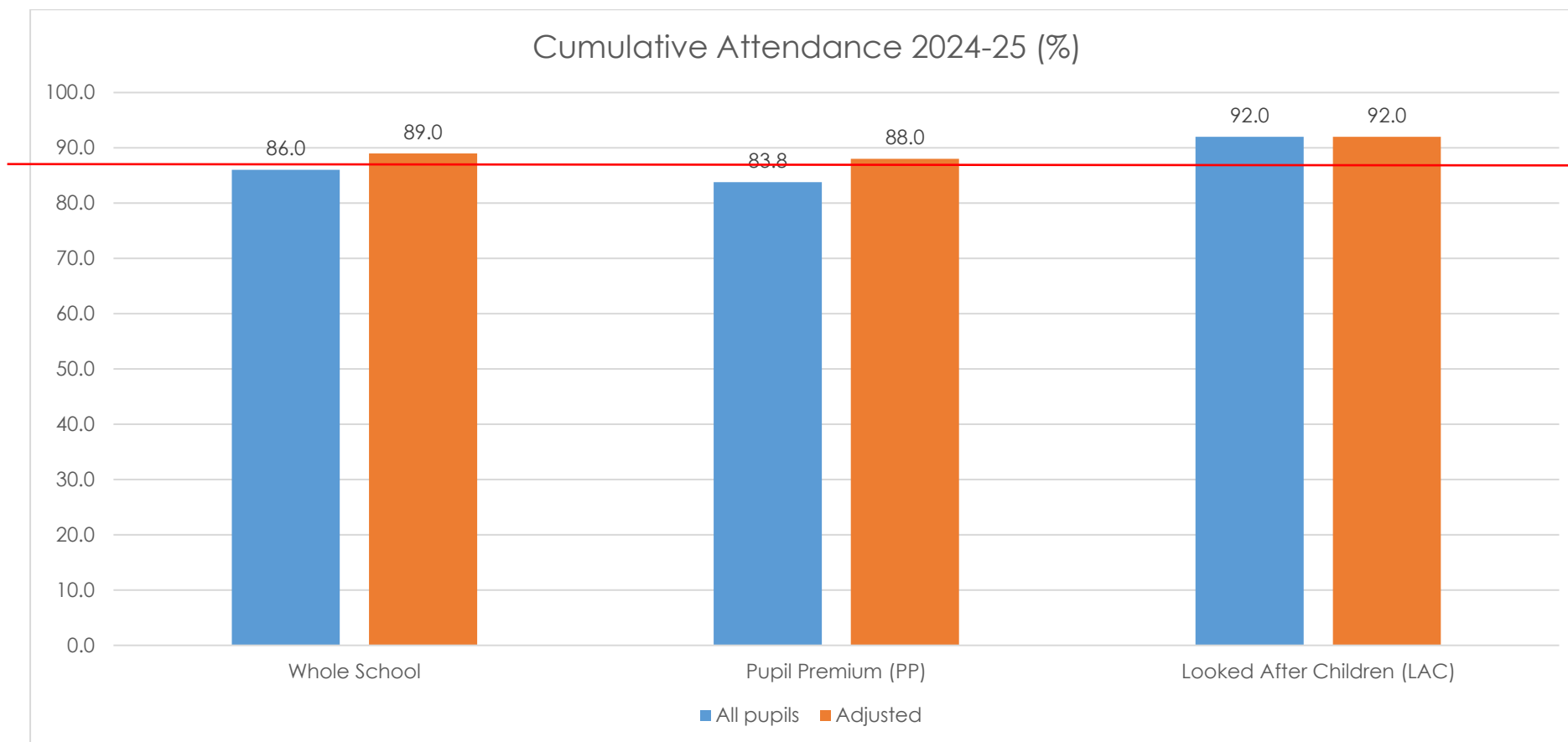
Cumulative Attendance 2024-25 (%)

	Whole School	Pupil Premium (PP)	Looked After Children (LAC)
All pupils	86.0	83.8	92.0
Adjusted	89.0	88.0	92.0

■ All pupils ■ Adjusted

Adjusted refers to those pupils who are off school for significant periods of time (70% in a given period) due to reasons relating to their health condition(s). Medical appointments and general health absences are included.
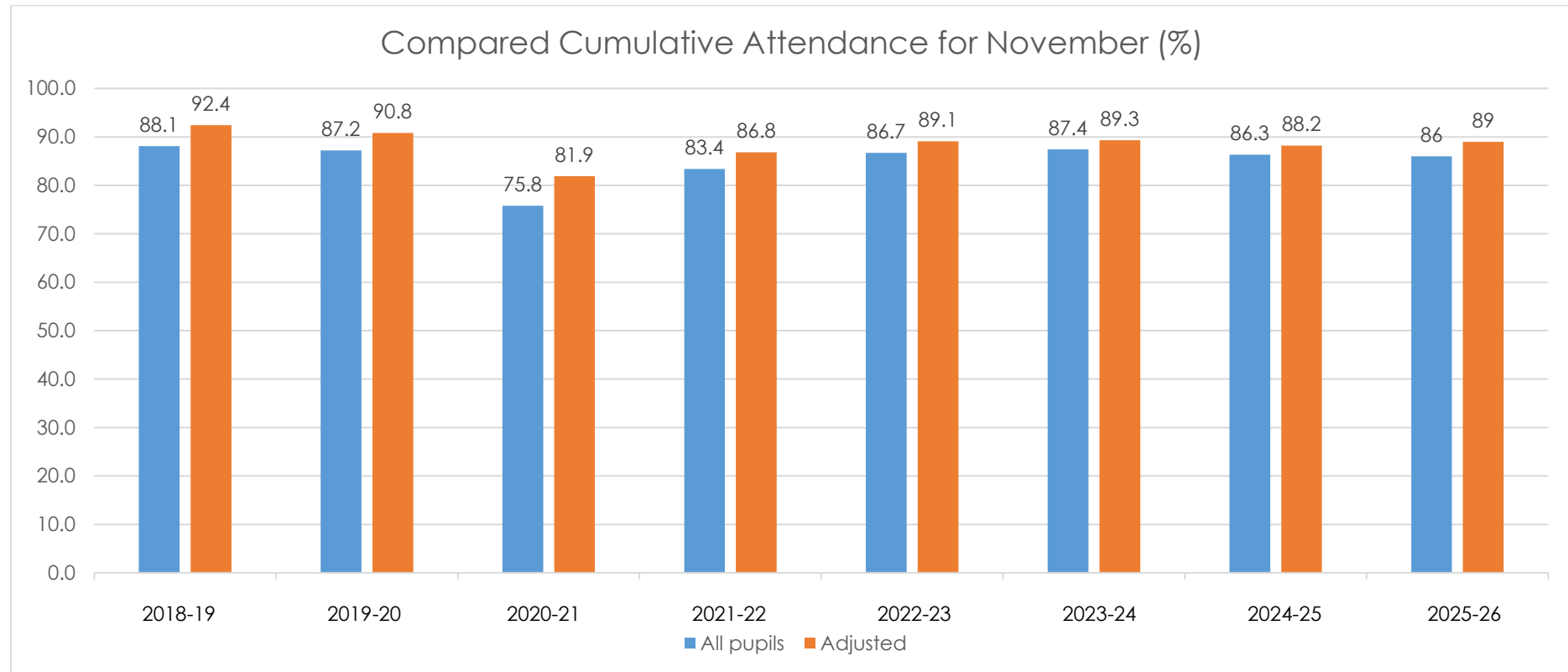
Analysis of cumulative attendance:
The red line indicates the national DfE statistic data for attendance for all state-funded Special Schools for the 2024-25 academic year (87.1%). The data was taken from Government statistics.

The cumulative whole school attendance is just below the DfE statistic, being 86% as opposed to 87.1%. Once the data is adjusted to take into consideration pupils with long-term absences due to their medical needs, the attendance is higher than the statistic, rising to 89%. During the academic year so far, five pupils' attendance fell below 30% due to complex health needs or transportation challenges. These pupils have all been offered educational support either through home learning or outreach.

Headline: Cumulative attendance for all pupils is comparable to the national DfE statistic.

Compared Cumulative Attendance

Compared Cumulative Attendance for November (%)

Year	All pupils	Adjusted
2018-19	88.1	92.4
2019-20	87.2	90.8
2020-21	75.8	81.9
2021-22	83.4	86.8
2022-23	86.7	89.1
2023-24	87.4	89.3
2024-25	86.3	88.2
2025-26	86	89

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Analysis against similar period for the last academic years:
The graph above shows the attendance for the last eight Novembers. It can be seen that attendance is comparable last year, and is on a comparable level to pre-pandemic years (The year 2020-21 was lower due to the pandemic and an increased range of factors upon attendance).

Headline: Attendance for November is comparable to the same period in both pre- and post-pandemic years.
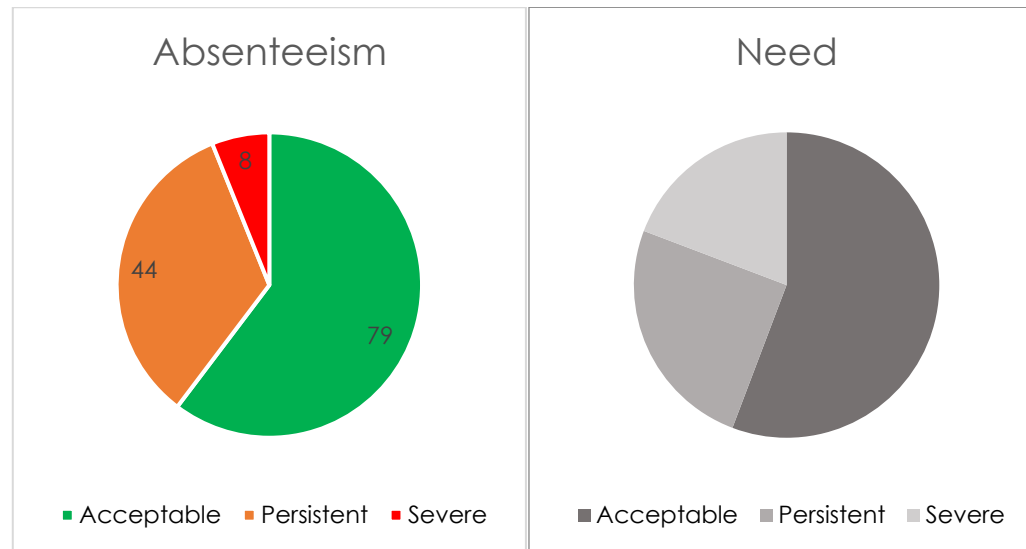
Persistent and Severe Absenteeism

A persistent absentee is one who has been off for 10%+ of their possible sessions. A severe absentee is off for 50%+.
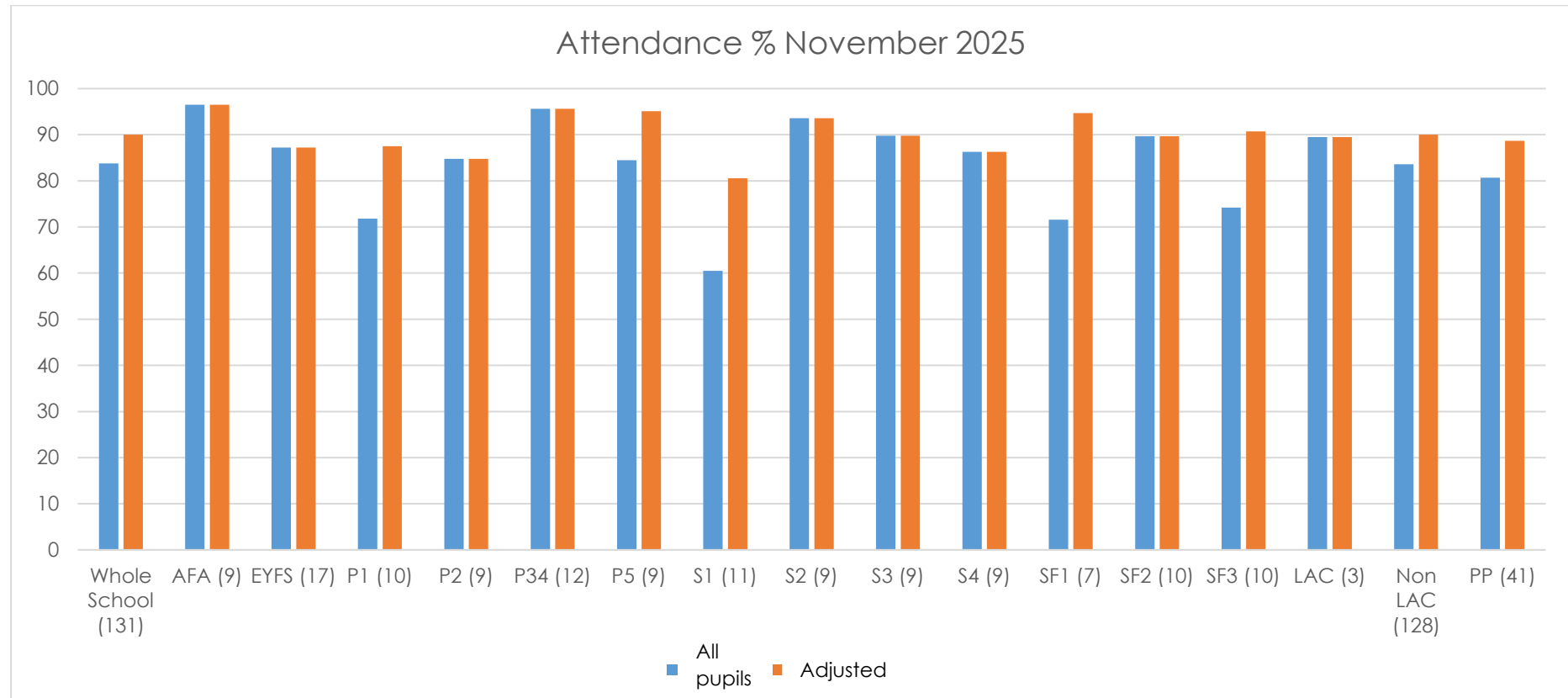
Due to the vulnerability of our student group to this date in the 2025-26 academic year, there are 44 persistent absentees (33.6% of the school cohort) and 8 severe absentees (6.1% of the school cohort).

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
- Persistent
- Severe

8
44
79

Need

- Acceptable
- Persistent
- Severe

Monthly Attendance

Attendance % November 2025

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Analysis of monthly attendance and compared monthly attendance (graphs overleaf):
Attendance as a whole school was slightly down from the previous month. Some classes have been affected by seasonal illnesses and some long-term absences due to medical conditions. There has also been a considerable amount of absence due to school transport routes not running and where parents have not been able to bring their children in on these occasions. The classes that have the lowest attendance tend to have more vulnerable pupils within their cohort and those with the highest attendance tend to house the most robust.

Headline: Attendance for November has decreased from the previous month due to seasonal illnesses and transport issues.

Compared Monthly Attendance

Attendance % monthly breakdown 2025-26 (all pupils)

Legend: Sept, Oct, Nov

Categories: Whole School (131), AFA (9), EYFS (17), P1 (10), P2 (9), P34 (12), P5 (9), S1 (11), S2 (9), S3 (9), S4 (9), SF1 (7), SF2 (10), SF3 (10), LAC (3), Non LAC (128), PP (41)

Attendance % monthly breakdown 2025-26 (adjusted)

Legend: Sept, Oct, Nov

Categories: Whole School (131), AFA (9), EYFS (17), P1 (10), P2 (9), P34 (12), P5 (9), S1 (11), S2 (9), S3 (9), S4 (9), SF1 (7), SF2 (10), SF3 (10), LAC (3), Non LAC (128), PP (41)