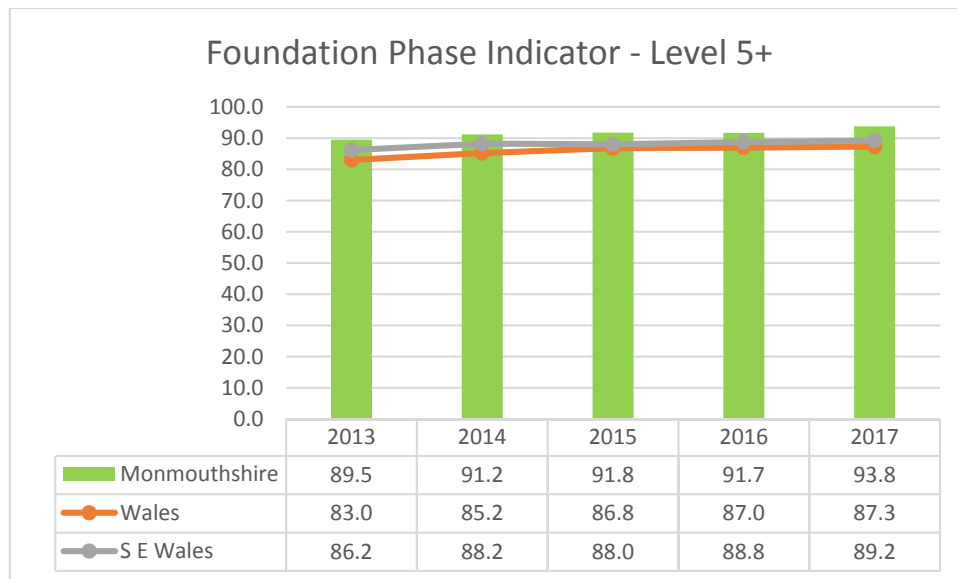


## Foundation Phase – Foundation Phase Indicator

Cohort = 905 (increase of 3 pupils compared to 2016).

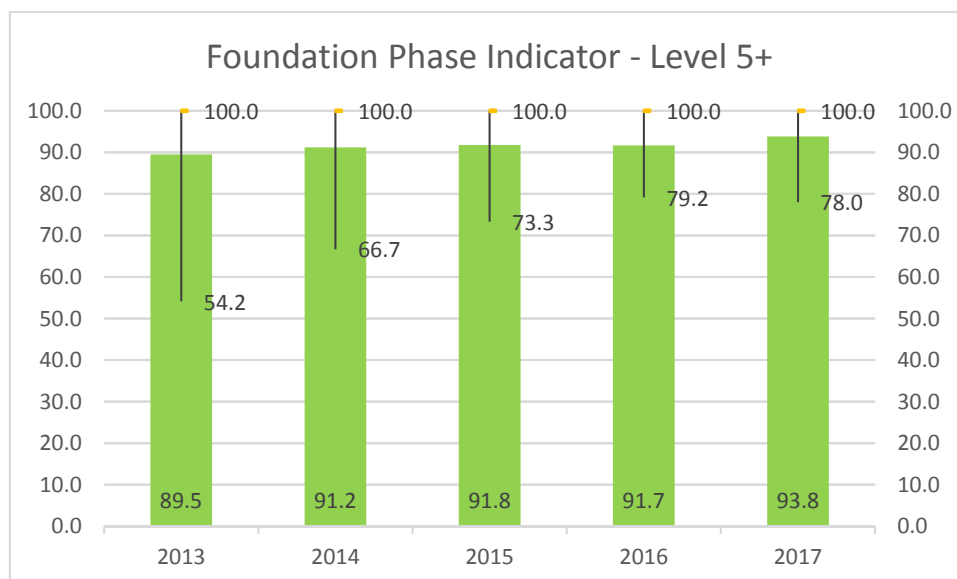


Monmouthshire's score at the expected level rose by 2.1 percentage points (pp) in 2017 to 93.8%, this means that 849 of the 905 pupils achieved the benchmark (compared to 827 of 902 in 2016).

Both the Wales and South East Wales averages rose ever so slightly, both by under 0.5pp. The Welsh average increased by 0.3pp to 87.3%, this emulates the small increase between 2015 and 2016 also. The South East Wales average saw a 0.4pp rise over the same period.

The gap between the average of Monmouthshire to Wales and South East Wales widened in 2017, due to the Monmouthshire average increasing at a by a larger amount. Comparing Monmouthshire to the Welsh average, the gap has increased from 4.7 to 6.5 – level with 2013 as the widest the gap has been in 5 years. The gap to South East Wales is slightly narrower at 4.6, the widest it has been in the past 5 years.

In terms of local authority rankings, Monmouthshire are in 1<sup>st</sup> place for the second consecutive year.



The graph above shows the Monmouthshire average (green bars), alongside the range of scores of the 30 primary schools within the county.

Despite the overall Monmouthshire score increasing, the range of scores for the primary schools widened – due to the score of the lowest performing school dropping by 1.2 percentage points (pp) in 2017. Monmouthshire had schools achieving 100% in each of the previous 5 years, with the gap between the highest performing school and the lowest performing school closing by over 20pp over the 5 year period since 2013.

8 of the 30 schools (26.6%) had all of their pupils achieve the Foundation Phase Indicator, compared to 5 schools achieved the same feat in 2016. 3 schools achieved 100% in both 2016 and 2017.

16 schools (53.3%) bettered their 2016 score in 2017, with 4 schools achieving an equal score over the same period, with 3 of those 4 schools achieving the aforementioned 100%.

21 schools (70.0%) achieved their target set for 2017, with 10 of those 21 achieving scores above their set target.

### **Clusters**

The following graphs show the performance of the school clusters for the Foundation Phase Indicator over the past 5 years.

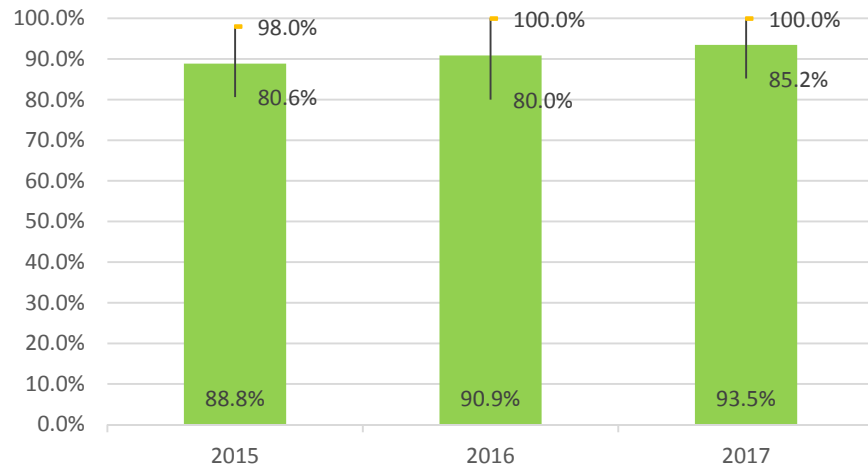
As can be seen in Key Stage 2, Chepstow, the smallest cluster have the highest score for 2017. Their score of 96.1% is 1.9 percentage points (pp) higher than the next best performing in Abergavenny. The Caldicot and Monmouth clusters are in the bottom half of the 4 clusters in terms of performance, with scores of 93.5% and 91.9% respectively.

The scores are more widespread this year, with a gap of 4.2pp between the top and worst performing. Whereas 3 schools were separated by just 0.3pp in 2016 and the gap from top to bottom was 1.9pp.

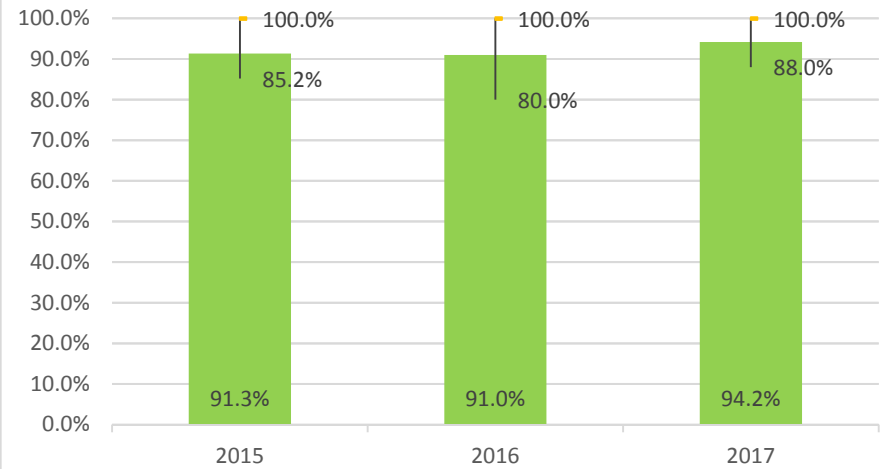
Comparing to the year previous (2016), Monmouth are the only cluster to have seen a drop in performance, a drop of 1.9pp. Chepstow made the biggest amount of progress, with a 4.9pp gain on 2016's score. Abergavenny improved by 3.2pp, while Caldicot's score increased by 2.6pp.

**Foundation Phase Indicator - Clusters**

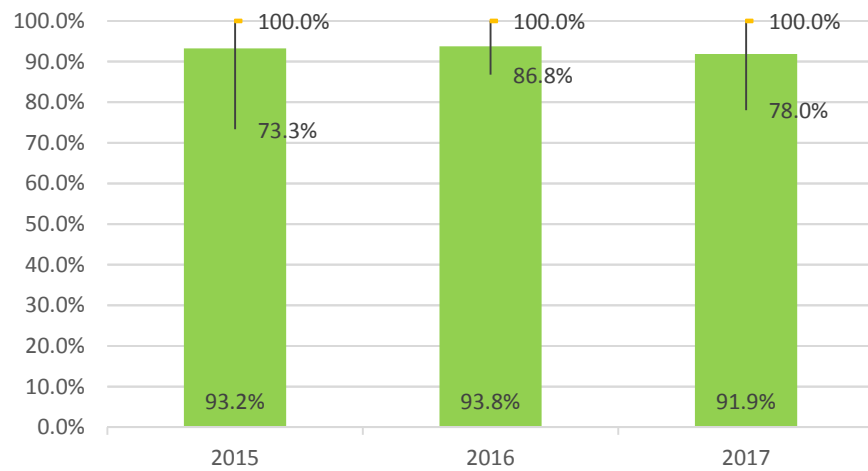
FPI - Caldicot - Level 5+



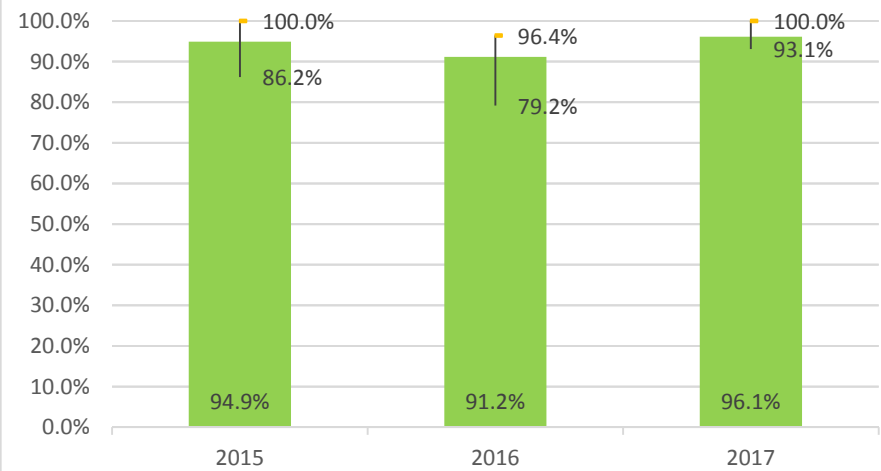
FPI - Abergavenny - Level 5+



FPI - Monmouth - Level 5+

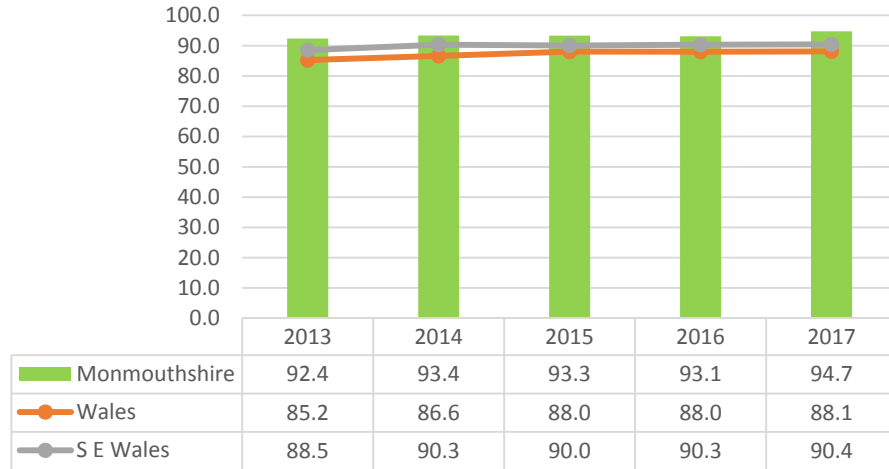


FPI - Chepstow - Level 5+



**Foundation Phase Language, Literacy & Communication - English**

LLC - English - Level 5+



The Monmouthshire score for 2017 is 94.7%, which equates to 806 of the 851 cohort achieving the benchmark.

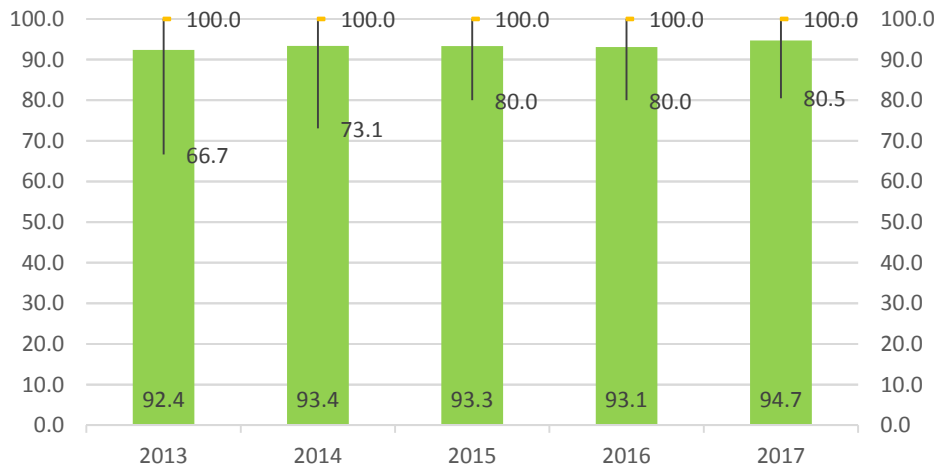
The score has increased compared to 2016 performance, by 1.6 percentage points (pp). This is the first year for at least 3 years where performance has risen compared to the previous year.

The Welsh average increased by 0.1pp to 88.1%, with Monmouthshire seeing a bigger increase, the gap between the 2 widened to 6.6pp.

As per the Welsh average, the South East Wales average increased by 0.1pp, to 90.4% in 2017. This also means the gap to the Monmouthshire average has increased to 4.3pp.

Monmouthshire have remained as the top ranking authority in Wales.

LLC - English - Level 5+



Over the past 5 years, Monmouthshire has had schools achieving 100% in each year. Over the past 3 years, the score of the lowest performing school as consistently been on or around the 80.0% mark – rising by 0.5pp in 2017 to 80.5%.

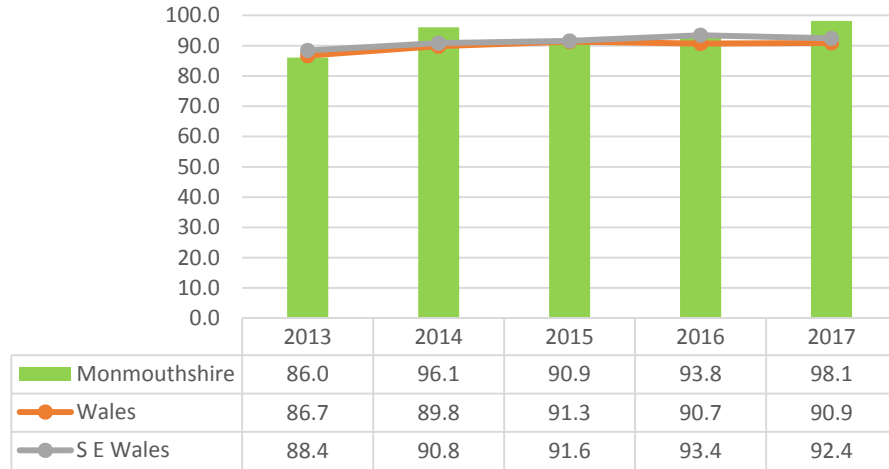
8 schools in 2017 achieved 100% at this benchmark, with 6 doing the same in 2016 – 3 schools achieved 100% in both years.

14 schools improved on their 2016 performance in 2017, with 10 schools seeing a decline in performance.

22 of the 28 schools hit or improved on their set target for English at the expected level.

**Foundation Phase Language, Literacy & Communication - Cymraeg**

LLC - Cymraeg - Level 5+



The Monmouthshire average for Welsh 1<sup>st</sup> Language for 2017 is 98.1%, with 53 of the 54 pupil cohort achieving the benchmark.

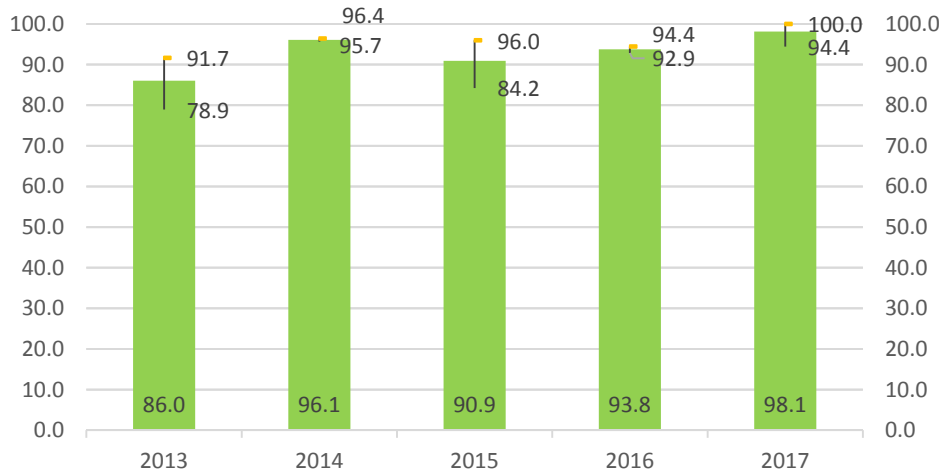
The score is an increase on 2016 performance, by 4.3 percentage points (pp).

The Welsh average increased by 0.2pp to 90.9%, with Monmouthshire having a bigger increase in performance, the gap between Wales and Monmouthshire has expanded to 7.2pp (3.1pp in 2016).

Despite Wales and Monmouthshire seeing increases, the South East Wales average dropped by 1.0pp from 2016 to 2017.

Monmouthshire rank 1<sup>st</sup> of 22 local authorities in Wales for this measure, having been 7<sup>th</sup> in 2016 and 16<sup>th</sup> in 2015.

LLC - Cymraeg - Level 5+



Monmouthshire's top performing school had a score of 100% for the first time in 5 years in 2017, with the lowest performing school matching the highest performance seen in 2016 with 94.4%.

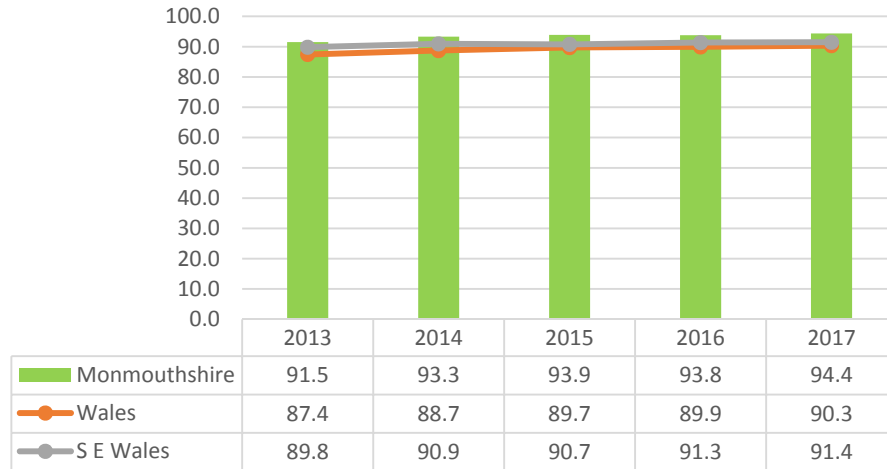
The gap between scores is 5.6, nearly 4 times as wide as the 1.5 gap seen in 2016. However 2013 and 2015 saw wider differences (12.8 and 11.8).

Both schools saw improved scores in 2017 compared to 2016.

2 of the 2 schools hit or improved on their target.

**Foundation Phase – Mathematical Development**

Mathematical Development - Level 5+



The Monmouthshire score for 2017 is 94.4%, which equates to 854 of the 905 cohort achieving the benchmark.

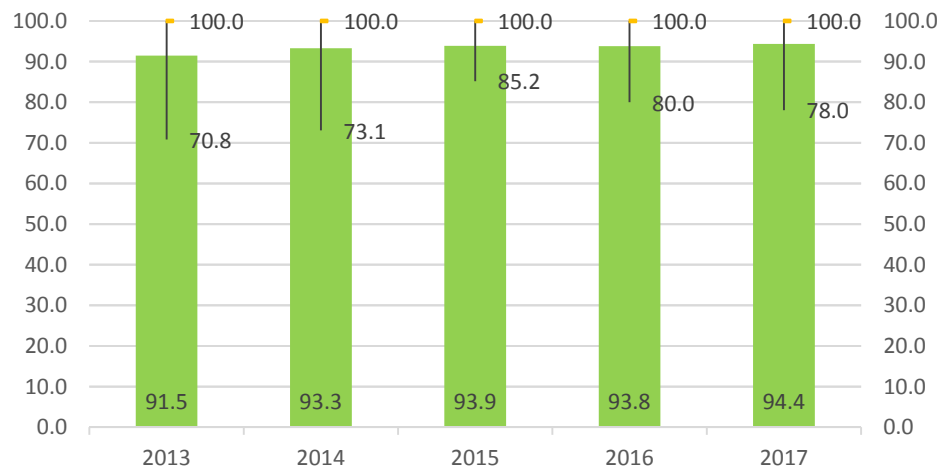
The score has increased by 0.6 percentage points (pp) from the previous year, to a 5 year high of 94.4%.

The Welsh average increased by 0.4pp to 90.3%, this has resulted in the gap between Monmouthshire and Welsh averages widening from 3.9 in 2016 to 4.1 in 2017.

As per the Welsh average, the South East Wales average increased by a small margin, from 91.3% to 91.4%. 3.0pp lower than Monmouthshire.

Monmouthshire have risen from 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> place in the local authority rankings.

Mathematical Development - Level 5+



The score of the lowest performing school has declined each year for the past 3 years. Despite Monmouthshire’s overall score improving in 2017, the range of scores achieved by primary schools widened to 22.0pp from 20.0pp in 2016.

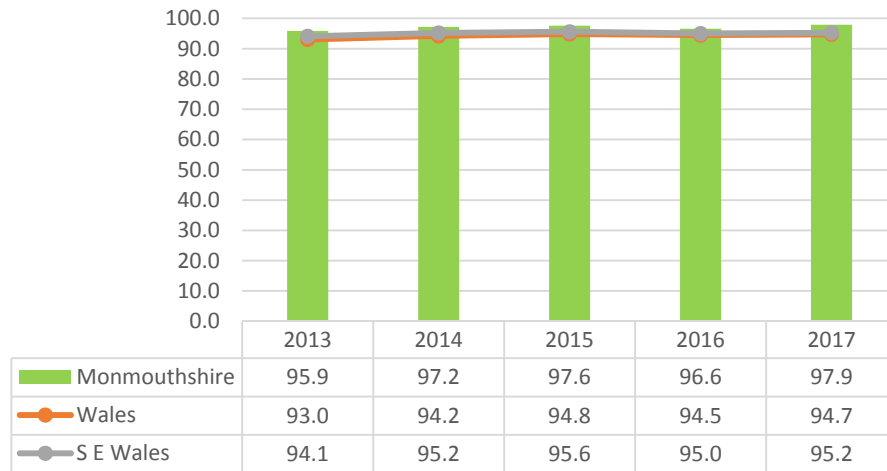
8 of 30 schools in 2017 achieved 100% at this benchmark, 1 more than the 7 achieving 100% in 2016 – with 3 schools achieving 100% in both years.

13 schools improved on their 2016 performance in 2017, with 12 schools seeing a decline in performance.

22 of the 30 schools hit or improved on their target.

**Foundation Phase – Personal & Social Development**

**Personal & Social Development - Level 5+**



The Monmouthshire average for Personal & Social Development for 2017 is 97.9%, with 886 of the 905 pupil cohort achieving the benchmark.

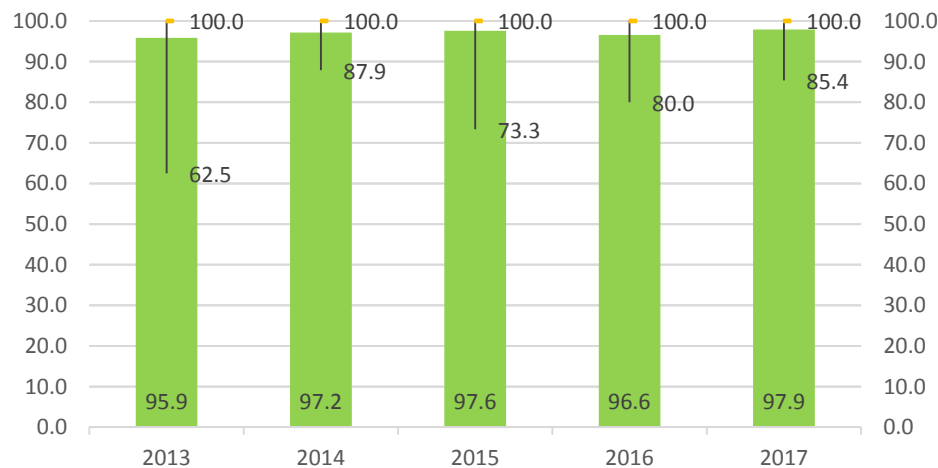
Like all other indicators at Foundation Phase, performance has increased compared to 2016 – by 1.3 percentage points in this case.

The Welsh average increased by 0.2pp to 94.7%, but is still 3.2pp below that of Monmouthshire.

The South East Wales also saw a slight increase from 2016 to 2017 – by 0.2pp. As per the Welsh average, Monmouthshire remain above its score, by 2.7pp – where it was 1.6 in 2016.

Monmouthshire jumped from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> of 22 in the local authority rankings. Having been 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2015.

**Personal & Social Development - Level 5+**



Similarly to Mathematical Development, the increased score of the lowest performing school and resulted in the gap between the best and worst scores reducing in 2017, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

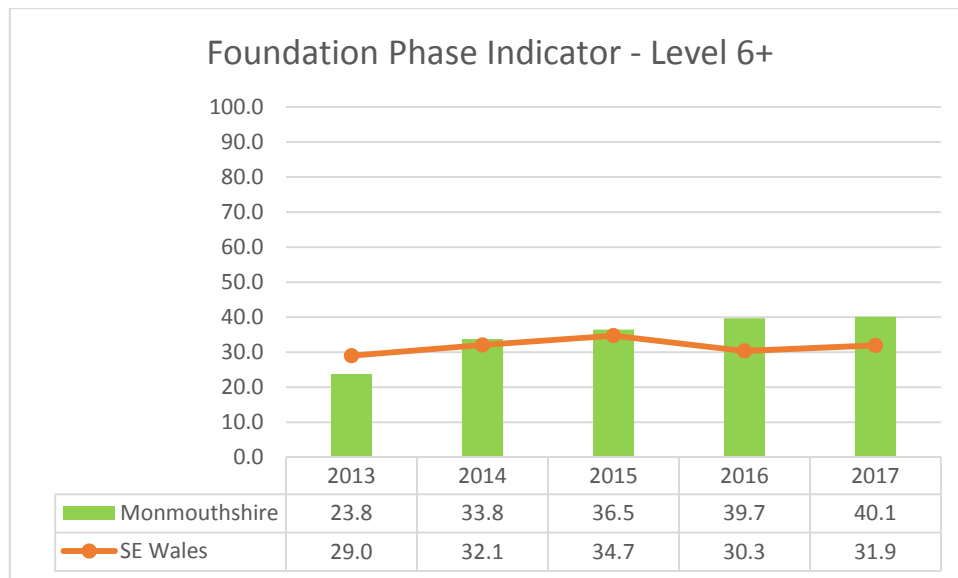
The gap between scores is 14.6, a drop compared to the 2016 figure of 20.0.

21 of 30 schools achieved 100% in 2017, compared to 14 in 2016. 13 schools achieved 100% both years.

11 schools improved on last year's score, with 4 seeing a decline compared to 2016.

26 schools hit or improved on their target for 2017.

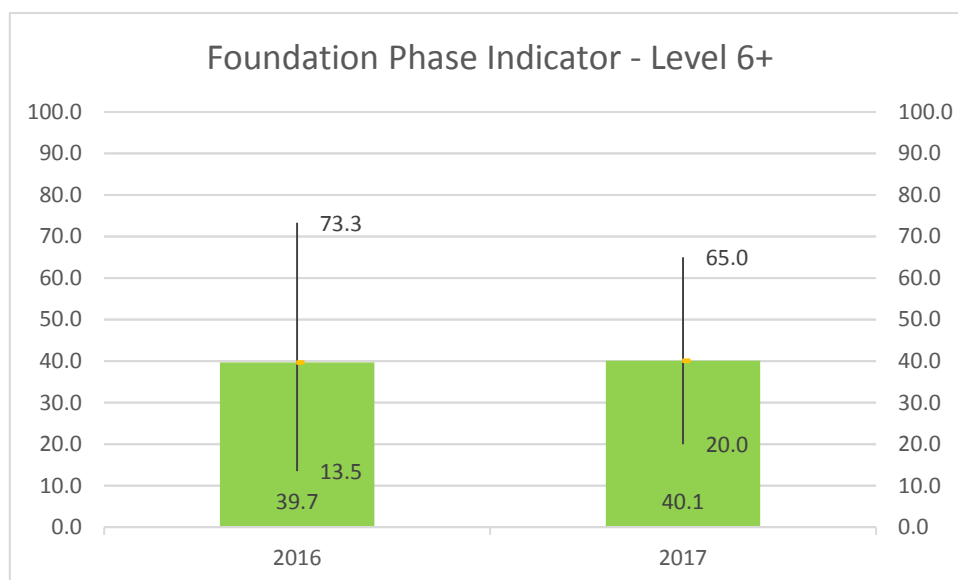
## Foundation Phase – Foundation Phase Indicator (Expected Level +1)



The percentage of Monmouthshire pupils achieving level 6+ rose for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row to 40.1% in 2017. 363 of the 905 achieved the benchmark.

2017 has seen a smaller rise compared to past years, with a 0.4 percentage point (pp) increase. Over the 5 year period, scores have risen by 16.3pp, and 3.6pp over a 3 year period.

Due to the South East Wales score increasing by a larger margin, the gap between it and the Monmouthshire score has decreased to 8.2 in 2017, having been 9.4 in 2016. Those are the widest the gap has been in the past 5 years.



This graph shows the range between the scores of the primary schools, alongside Monmouthshire's overall score. The score of Monmouthshire's best performing has declined to 65.0% from 73.3% in 2016, despite this the score of the worst performing school has increased by 6.5 percentage points.

16 of 30 schools saw scores increase from 2016, with 15 of 30 (50%) hitting or surpassing their target.



**Foundation Phase – Local Authority Rankings – Level 5+**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Foundation Phase Indicator</b>	<b>LLC - English</b>	<b>LLC - Welsh</b>	<b>Mathematical Development</b>	<b>Personal &amp; Social Development</b>
<b>1</b>	Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire
<b>2</b>	Vale of Glamorgan	Ceredigion	Blaenau Gwent	Vale of Glamorgan	Vale of Glamorgan
<b>3</b>	Ceredigion	Vale of Glamorgan	Vale of Glamorgan	Ceredigion	Flintshire
<b>4</b>	Powys	Torfaen	Powys	Bridgend	Ceredigion
<b>5</b>	Flintshire	Newport	Newport	Flintshire	Powys
<b>6</b>	Newport	Flintshire	Bridgend	Merthyr Tydfil	Bridgend
<b>7</b>	Bridgend	Wrexham	Flintshire	Powys	Gwynedd
<b>8</b>	Caerphilly	Bridgend	Swansea	Newport	Cardiff
<b>9</b>	Torfaen	Powys	Caerphilly	Caerphilly	Wrexham
<b>10</b>	Cardiff	Caerphilly	Merthyr Tydfil	Cardiff	Torfaen
<b>11</b>	Wrexham	Cardiff	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Wrexham	Caerphilly
<b>12</b>	Merthyr Tydfil	Merthyr Tydfil	Cardiff	Torfaen	Isle of Anglesey
<b>13</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Pembrokeshire	Ceredigion	Gwynedd	Merthyr Tydfil
<b>14</b>	Pembrokeshire	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Denbighshire	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Carmarthenshire
<b>15</b>	Gwynedd	Blaenau Gwent	Carmarthenshire	Blaenau Gwent	Swansea
<b>16</b>	Blaenau Gwent	Denbighshire	Isle of Anglesey	Carmarthenshire	Newport
<b>17</b>	Isle of Anglesey	Swansea	Neath Port Talbot	Pembrokeshire	Denbighshire
<b>18</b>	Carmarthenshire	Conwy	Wrexham	Isle of Anglesey	Conwy
<b>19</b>	Swansea	Isle of Anglesey	Gwynedd	Swansea	Blaenau Gwent
<b>20</b>	Denbighshire	Neath Port Talbot	Conwy	Denbighshire	Rhondda Cynon Taf
<b>21</b>	Conwy	Carmarthenshire	Pembrokeshire	Conwy	Pembrokeshire
<b>22</b>	Neath Port Talbot	Gwynedd	Torfaen	Neath Port Talbot	Neath Port Talbot