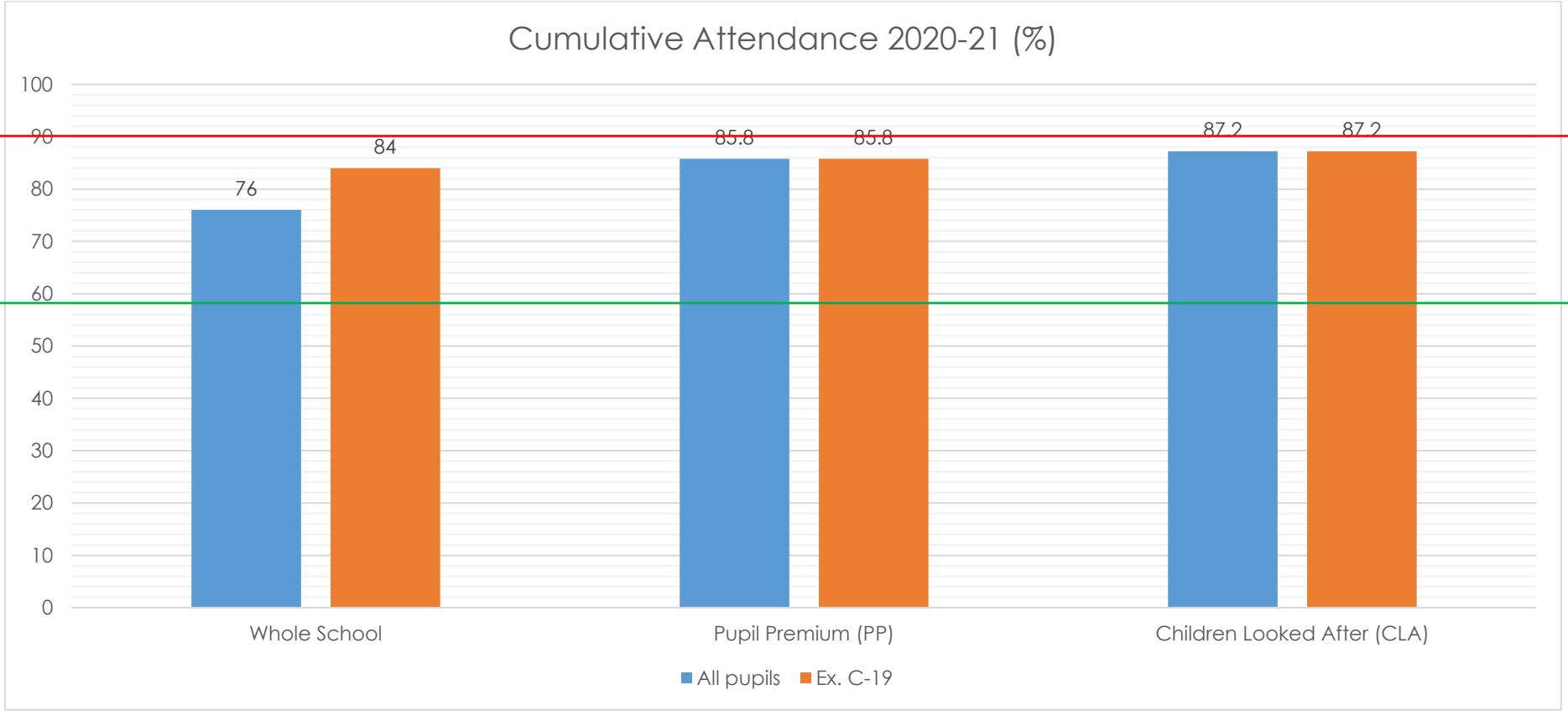
Castle Hill School

Attendance Data

2020-2021 Academic Year

May

Cumulative Attendance



Analysis of cumulative attendance:

The coloured horizontal lines represent a range of attendance for our benchmarking purposes. The red line indicates the 2017-18 national DfE statistic data for attendance for all Special Schools (89.8%). This statistic shows attendance during normal operating times and is not indicative of attendance during a pandemic. The green line shows approximate average attendance for Special Schools within the Local Authority during the 2020-21 academic year up to 29/04/21 (58%). The data was taken from Kirklees Attendance Monitoring.

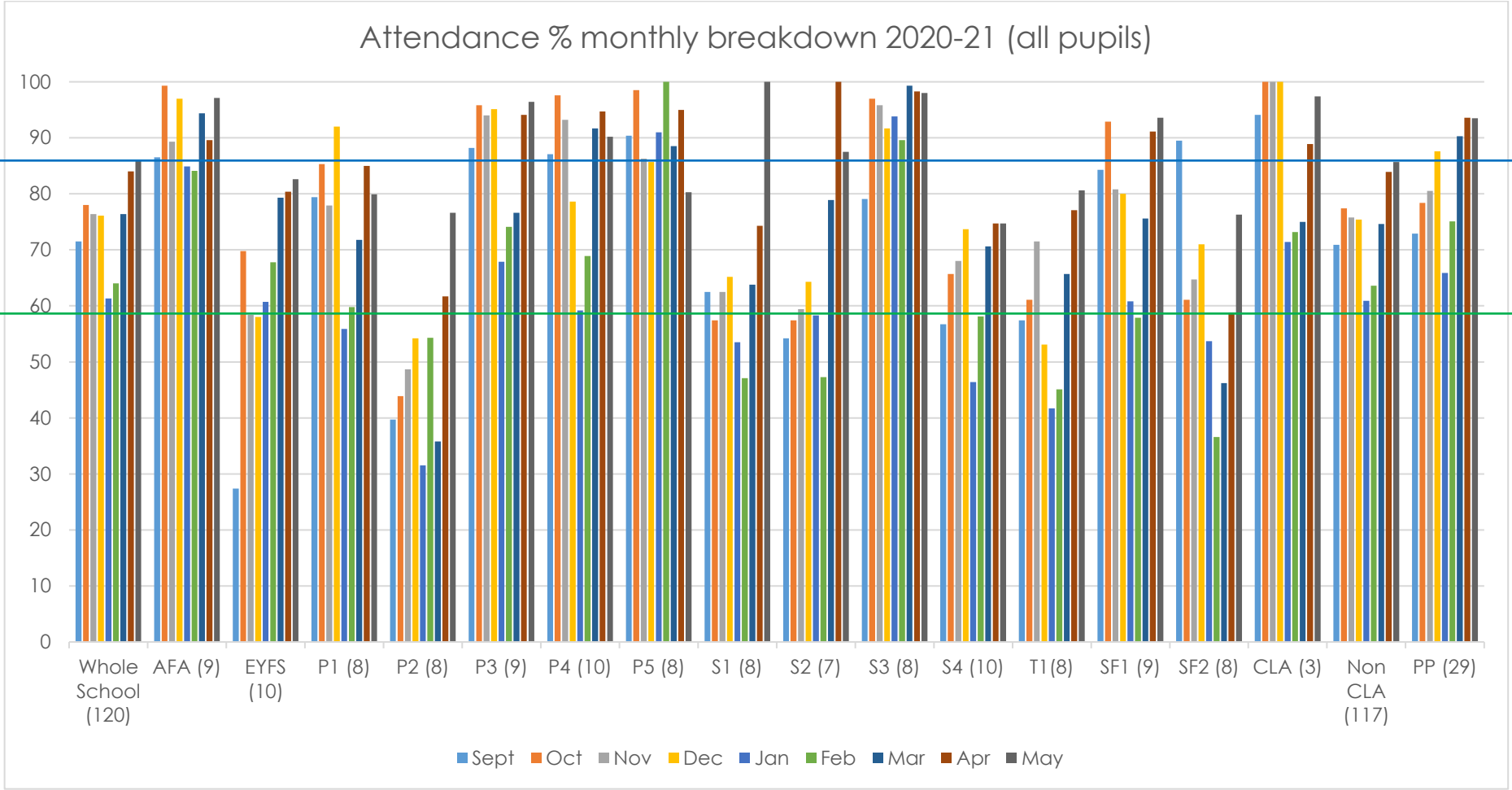
The above table includes a second series of columns, where 13 pupils who have been consistently kept off from school due to medical vulnerability or shielding, or through family choice due to COVID-19 are taken out of the whole school data. These pupils have all been offered educational input either through home learning, online learning, or outreach. Of these 13 pupils, 5 have now returned to school full time and a further 5 are transitioning back, receiving outreach, or attending when medically possible.

Headline: Cumulative attendance is above the average for Local Authority Special Schools by 18% for the 2020-21 academic year.

The whole school attendance is below the historical DfE statistic by approximately 14%. The reasons for this relate mainly, but not solely, to the COVID-19 pandemic. These reasons are many and nuanced, and include:

- There was a nationwide lockdown across the United Kingdom, which began on Tuesday 5th January (the second day of the Spring term) and continued through to March 5th. Although vulnerable children were encouraged to attend school, some families chose to keep their children at home during this period.
- New Government guidance was released during January that stated previously shielding children should shield again. Some affected families have successfully removed their children from the shielding list, but after a period of absence from school.

Monthly Attendance



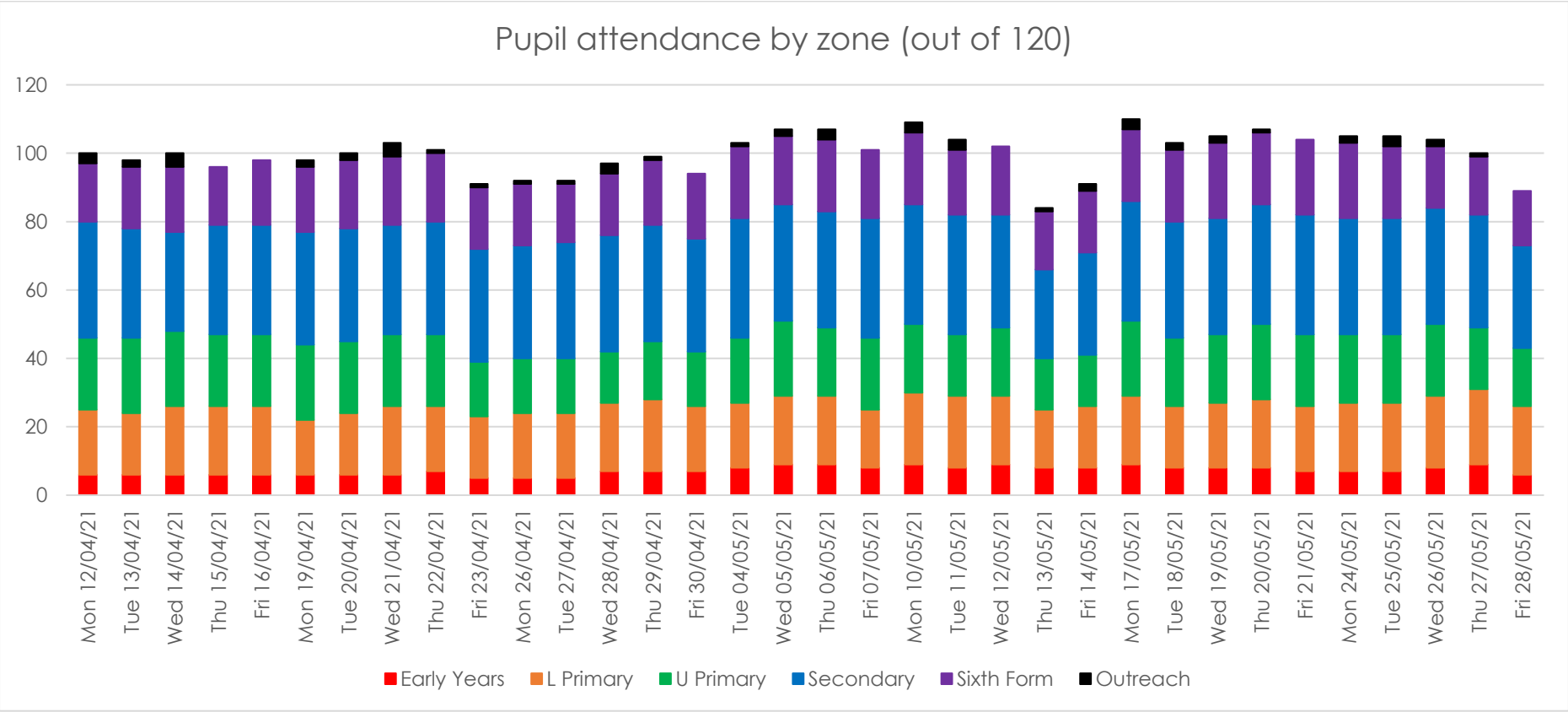
Analysis of monthly breakdown:

The coloured horizontal lines represent attendances locally and nationally during the third lockdown for our benchmarking purposes. The green line shows approximate average attendance for Special Schools within the Local Authority during the 2020-21 academic year up to 29/04/21 (58%). The blue line shows the attendance for Local Authority Special Schools on 29/04/21 (86%). The data was taken from Kirklees Attendance Monitoring.

The above chart takes all pupils into account, and therefore includes pupils isolating due to medical vulnerability or shielding, or through family choice related to COVID-19. After a pronounced decrease in attendance in January due to the second lockdown and a change in

Government advice regarding shielding, attendance has steadily increased on a month by month basis, which has continued into May. This is due to the efforts to ensure all pupils return to school after the second lockdown and the associated community confidence as cases decline.
Headline: Whole school attendance has been consistently above the average for Local Authority Special Schools and in May has been the highest this academic year.

Daily Attendance

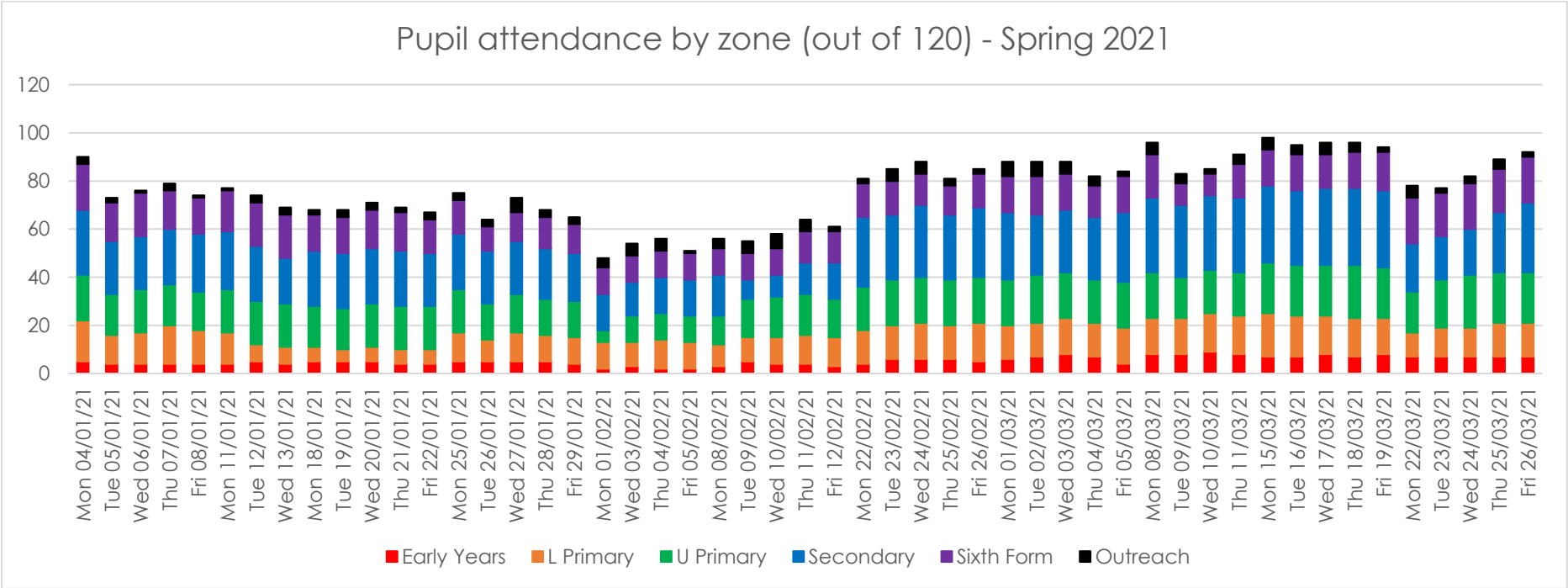


Analysis of zones:

The above graph shows attendance for each of the five school zones, and for the outreach offer. During April, the start of the Summer term, there has been comparatively less effect on attendance by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is currently at its highest level all academic year. As discussed previously, more families are confident in sending their children in to school. Those pupils that remain off are typically those who are most vulnerable and span all zones/phases. As pupils return, Outreach has focused on those most medically vulnerable, and the attendance here is affected by their physical wellbeing, with some sessions being cancelled due to ill-health and hospital stays.

Headline: Attendance has been less affected by absence during the Summer term, therefore Outreach has been able to focus on those whom are most medically vulnerable.

The graphs below show attendance for the Autumn and Spring terms in comparison.


Pupil attendance by zone (out of 120) - Spring 2021
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
Mon 04/01/21
Tue 05/01/21
Wed 06/01/21
Thu 07/01/21
Fri 08/01/21
Mon 11/01/21
Tue 12/01/21
Wed 13/01/21
Mon 18/01/21
Tue 19/01/21
Wed 20/01/21
Thu 21/01/21
Fri 22/01/21
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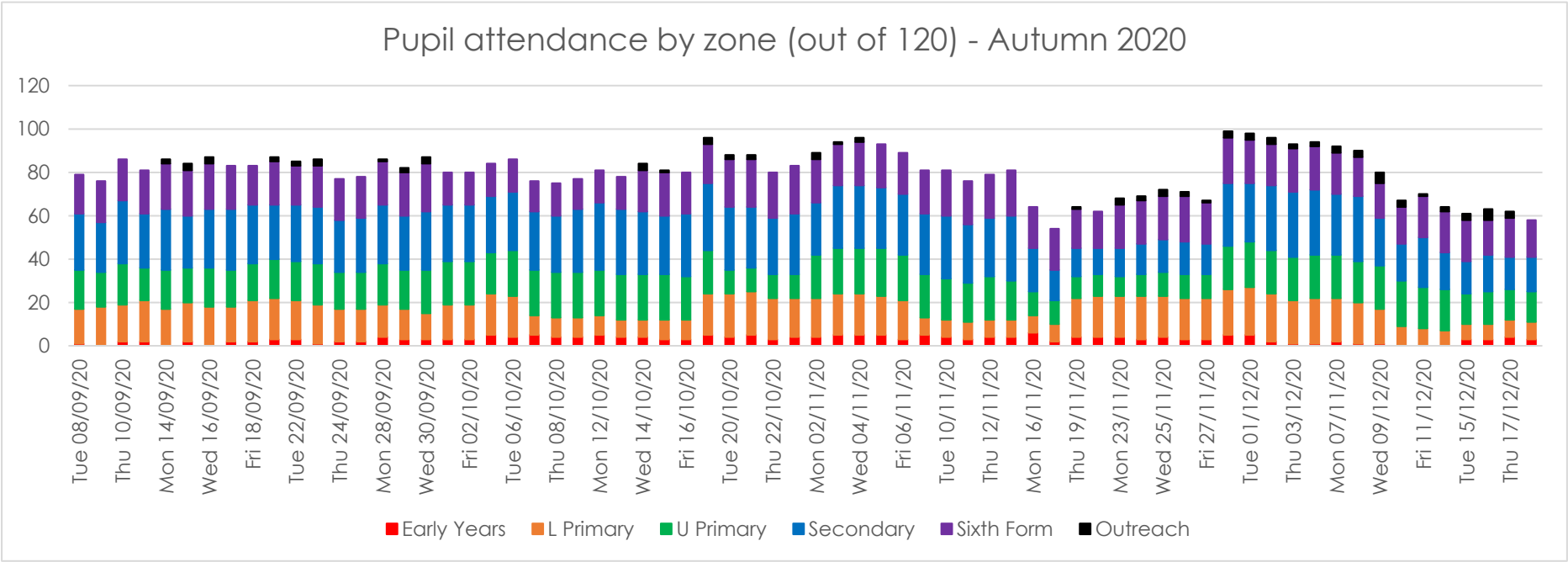
Secondary
Sixth Form
Outreach


Pupil attendance by zone (out of 120) - Autumn 2020
120
100
80
60
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20
0
Tue 08/09/20
Thu 10/09/20
Mon 14/09/20
Wed 16/09/20
Fri 18/09/20
Tue 22/09/20
Thu 24/09/20
Mon 28/09/20
Wed 30/09/20
Fri 02/10/20
Tue 06/10/20
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