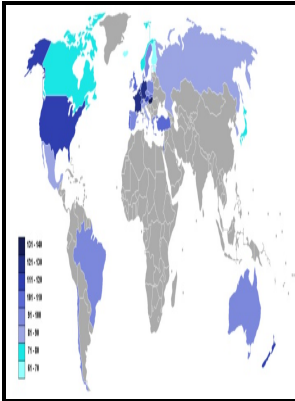


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The performance of Indian, Chinese and other Asian pupils was significantly higher than the 47 per cent averaged by white pupils.

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Few schools review their curricular and pastoral strategies to ensure they are sensitive to ethnic pupils. On average children at specialist colleges were taught for an extra hour per week, Mr Tomlinson added. Click to find out more about our partners.

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Schools can and must make a difference,' he added.

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And the average percentage of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds was similar to the national average at 12.

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These schools had to seek renewal of their status every four years and those that failed to prove they were sharing expertise could lose it, she said. Charles Clarke, the schools minister, published figures showing that the proportion of black and Pakistani pupils getting at least five good GCSEs increased from 23 per cent in 1996 to 29 per cent in 1998.

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Schools with successful strategies for countering racial stereotyping reported a tangible impact on pupils' confidence and self-esteem. Instead of a

'futile argument' about how to describe the problems faced by some ethnic minorities in schools, there should be more effort to improve standards of achievement, education department sources said.

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Ofsted's report, Raising the Attainment of Minority Ethnic Pupils, based on inspections of 48 schools in 25 local education authorities, criticised schools and the authorities for not helping ethnic minority pupils, and failing to monitor their progress. Although most schools have equal opportunities policies, few have clear procedures for monitoring implementation, and their impact on practice is limited. The performance of Bangladeshi and Pakistani pupils in the early years remains depressed.

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Ministers found the language of Ofsted's comments extremely unhelpful. Gypsy traveller children are most at risk in the education system. We need to be very careful how language is used.

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