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Britain's schools dubbed racist

Critics of the scheme say it creates a two-tier system of education, because specialist schools receive a £100,000 grant from the Department for Education, once they have raised £50,000 in sponsorship, as well as an extra £123 per pupil per year.

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Schools are good on paper, but not in practice. Gypsy traveller children are most at risk in the education system. There was evidence that some teachers, for example, had generally lower expectations of such pupils than they did of their white counterparts.

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Jim Rose, head of Ofsted's inspections, said that many schools had drawn up commendable equal opportunities policies, 'but their policy implementation is far weaker than their policy implementation. Schools with successful strategies for countering racial stereotyping reported a tangible impact on pupils' confidence and self-esteem. Teachers were often guilty of promoting racial stereotyping by using out-of-date teaching materials, such as old geography textbooks with potentially offensive material.'

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Head teachers will be told to monitor racist incidents more carefully, but ministers fear publication of the figures might unfairly penalise schools with a rigorous interpretation of this policy.

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Fewer than a quarter of the 25 education authorities surveyed had a clear strategy for raising attainment of minority ethnic groups. The performance of Indian, Chinese and other Asian pupils was significantly higher than the 47 per cent averaged by white pupils. But teachers will interpret the term 'institutional racism' as an attack on them.

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Analysis of GCSE results from 327 specialist schools showed that their pupils were achieving better grades than in comprehensives. Often these pupils do just as well as white pupils at primary school, but the decline tends to set in at secondary school. 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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