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Cliff Gould, Ofsted's head of secondary education, said: 'The way some recent commentators have defined institutional racism certainly applies to many schools. 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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Schools can and must make a difference,' he added.

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Many schools particularly primary schools were happy to rely on general impressions about pupils, rather than collecting data which would help raise achievement. On average children at specialist colleges were taught for an extra hour per week, Mr Tomlinson added.

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Girls from minority ethnic groups generally do better than boys. Class differences Black Caribbean pupils make a sound start in primary schools, but their performance shows a marked decline at secondary level.

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It can alienate rather than include. We cannot afford to ignore them.

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The findings come a month after the government announced plans in its White Paper to increase the number of specialist schools from 700 currently to 1,500 by 2005. But teachers will interpret the term 'institutional racism' as an attack on them. Although most schools have equal opportunities policies, few have clear procedures for monitoring implementation, and their impact on practice is limited.

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The majority of specialist secondary schools in England are failing in one of their key commitments - to share their knowledge and expertise with other schools and their local community, the education watchdog, Ofsted, reports. 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. Schools with successful strategies for countering racial stereotyping reported a tangible impact on pupils' confidence and self-esteem.

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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. Better results But the overall picture of the specialist schools programme was encouraging, with four fifths of schools meeting the aims of the scheme, the chief inspector, Mike Tomlinson, insisted.

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