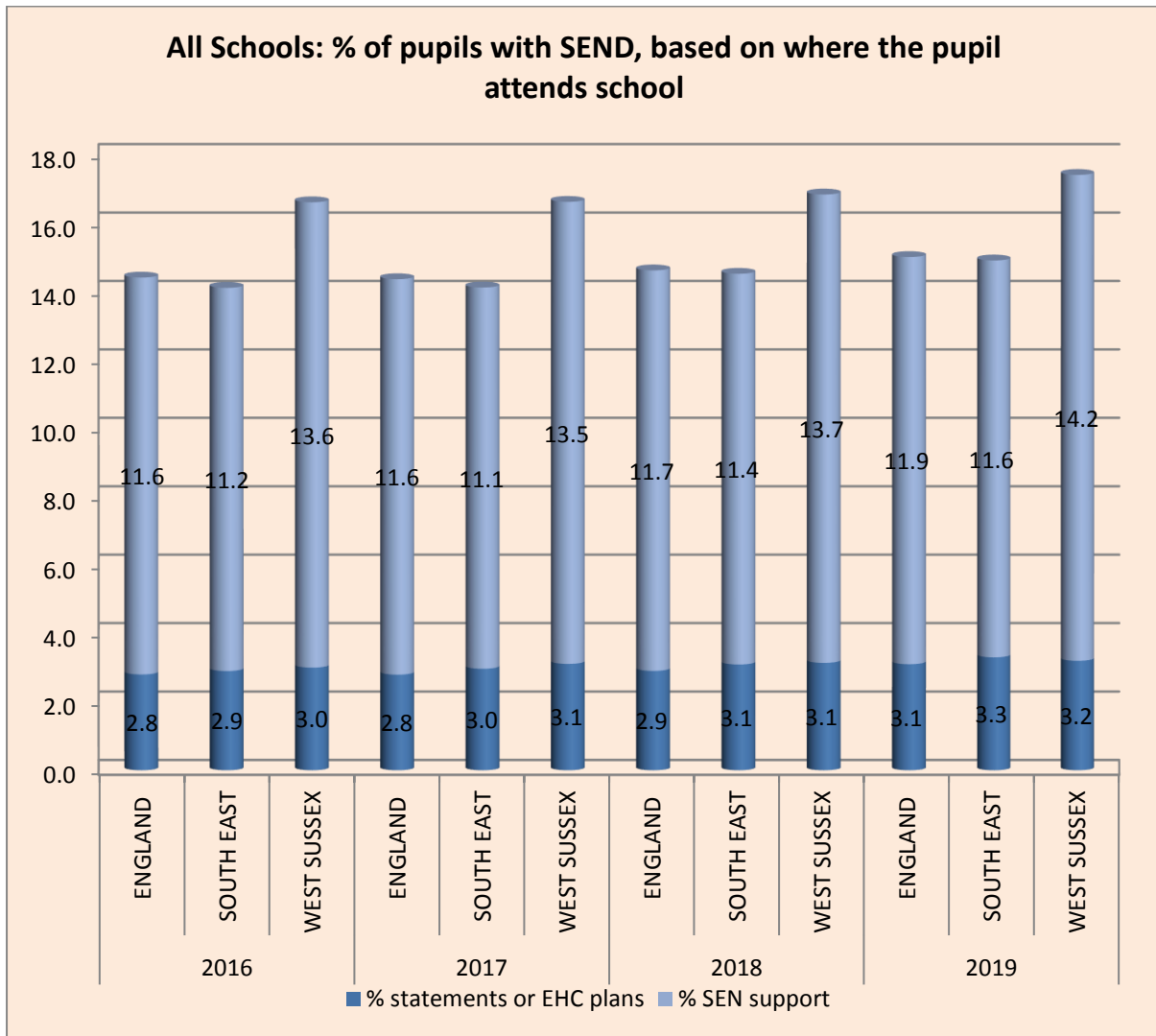


### Appendix 3: Data Context

The current picture of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in West Sussex is as follows.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england-january-2019>

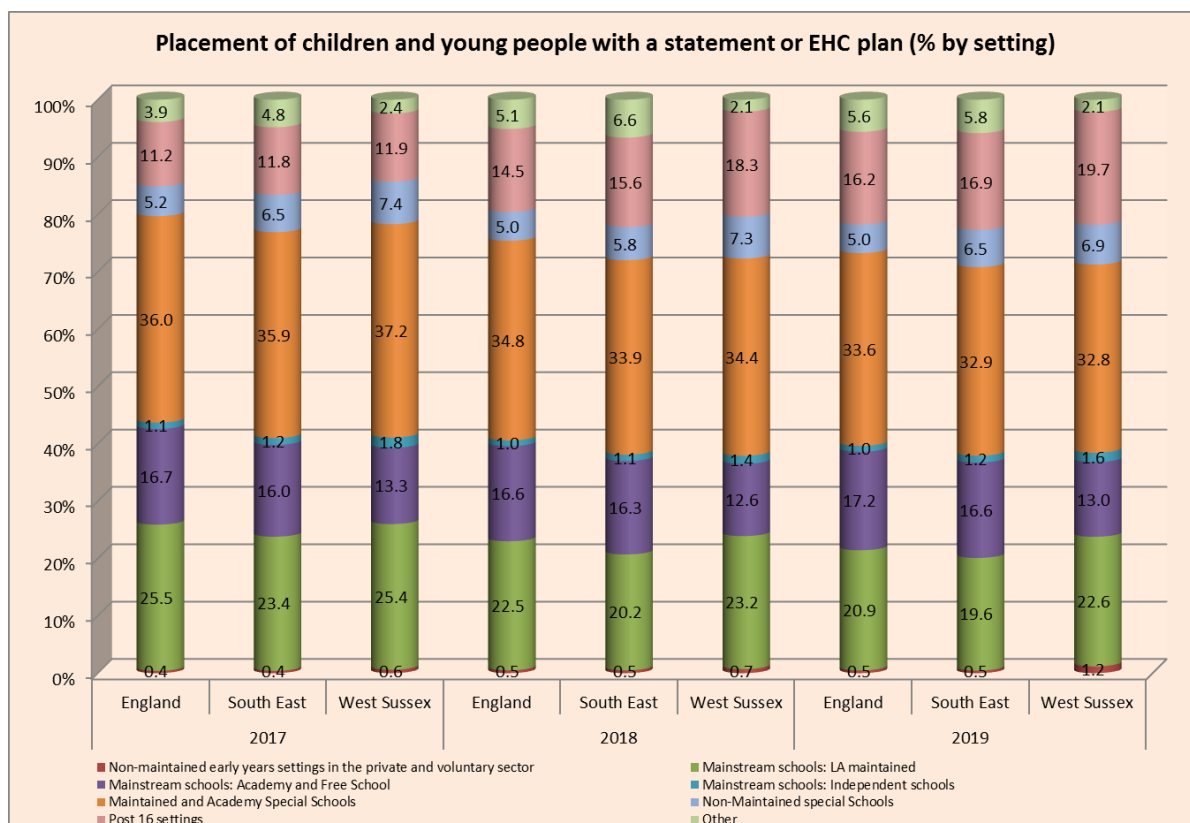
**Notes**

(1) Includes all academies including free schools, state-funded and non-maintained special schools, middle schools as deemed, all-through schools, city technology colleges, university technology colleges, studio schools, direct grant nursery schools, pupil referral units and general hospital schools.

(2) Excludes 476 pupils in independent schools where headcount has been derived and SEN status is unknown - see methodology document for more information.

In West Sussex there is a higher than average number of pupils being identified as having SEND. It is essential that schools and settings are supported in accurately identifying and meeting the needs of all learners.

The SEND Strategy strives to raise parental confidence that their local school or setting is fully able to meet their child’s needs and prepares them for adult life.



In West Sussex there is a higher than average number of pupils with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) placed in the Independent and Non Maintained Sector Schools (INMSS), in particular those with social emotional mental health (SEMH) needs and Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC). The County Council are committed to supporting the development of local provision to meet these needs.

National data indicates that children requiring SEND Support are five times more likely to be excluded than their peers, with those with an EHCP also having a higher risk of exclusion than those without SEND. The County Council are committed to ensuring all children and young people have a high quality consistent educational experience.

For a more detailed view of national published West Sussex SEND data which has been benchmarked against other local authorities please see Local Government Associations LG Inform: [West Sussex SEND dashboard - LG Inform](#).