

## ASCL survey reveals rising tide of pupil poverty

All percentages out of 407 respondents

Have you seen an increase in the extent of pupil poverty over the past few years in terms of either the number of pupils affected, or a more severe level of disadvantage, or both?	%	Number
No	3.93%	16
Yes. Increase in the number of pupils affected	19.66%	80
Yes. Disadvantage at a more severe level	5.41%	22
Yes. Both an increase in the number of pupils affected and disadvantage at a more severe level	71.01%	289

Do you provide any of the following types of additional support to pupils suffering from high levels of disadvantage? (Please tick all the options that apply)	%	Number
Breakfast clubs	75.18%	306
Food banks or food parcels for pupils/ families	42.51%	173
Washing clothing for pupils	47.42%	193
Providing items of clothing for pupils	91.40%	372
Providing sanitary products for pupils	71.50%	291

Have there been cutbacks in local authority support for vulnerable families and young people in your area over the past few years?	%	Number
Yes	91.65%	373
No	0.98%	4
Don't know	7.37%	30

Have you experienced difficulty in accessing local mental health services for pupils who need specialist treatment over the past few years?	%	Number
Yes	98.28%	400
No	0.74%	3
Don't know	0.98%	4

Have you seen increased demand for in-school mental health support?	%	Number
Yes	99.51%	405
No	0.49%	2

Since 2015, have you had to cut spending because your budget has fallen in real terms and/ or because of additional cost pressures?	%	Number
Severe cuts	59.71%	243
Some cuts	39.56%	161
No cuts	0.74%	3