Why Closing the Word Gap Matters

HOW DOES THE WORD GAP AFFECT PUPILS' LIFE CHANCES?

IT AFFECTS...

UNDERSTANDING
86% of primary teachers & 80% of secondary teachers say affected pupils will struggle to understand national test papers.

BEHAVIOUR
56% primary
65% secondary

SELF-ESTEEM
86% primary
80% secondary

ATTENDANCE
22% primary
34% secondary

RESULTS IN NATIONAL TESTS
82% primary
79% secondary

PERFORMANCE ACROSS THE SECONDARY CURRICULUM
91% English
90% History
86% Geography
78% Religious Studies

GETTING WORK AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL
58% secondary

LONG TERM EDUCATION: MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT
74% primary
82% secondary

ALL SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS
Over 43% of all teachers surveyed said the word gap is a general problem.

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