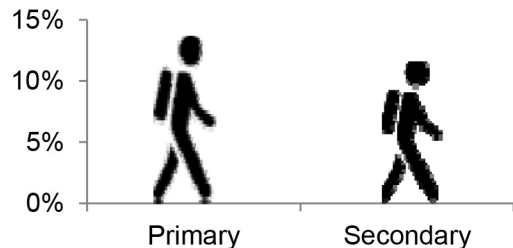


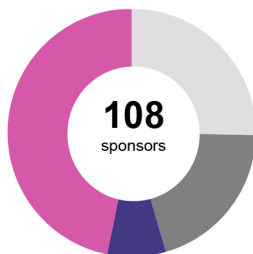
**South-Central England & North-West London has a high degree of academisation but a challenge may be caused by a high forecasted increase in pupil numbers**

1. The region has a comparatively high proportion of academies: in the majority of Local Authorities between 25 & 50% of schools are academies, although there is only one LA where more than 50% of schools are academies.
2. Nationally, one of the highest numbers of sponsors operate in South-Central England. Of these, the proportion not ready to take on new schools is the lowest & the proportion likely to be able to take on new schools immediately is the highest.
3. The challenge posed by coasting schools & schools below the floor standard is relatively low at both primary & secondary level.
4. A significant challenge may be caused by one of the highest forecasted increases in pupil numbers in both primary & secondary schools.

**Forecasted pupil numbers show some of the highest increases in the country; 14% in primary schools & 12% in secondary schools by 2018/19**



**A high number of sponsors operate in the region & 47% of them are likely to be able to take on new schools immediately**



- Not ready
- Possible but concerns
- Good candidates, but new challenges
- High potential

336

Secondary academies

72%

Of secondary schools are academies

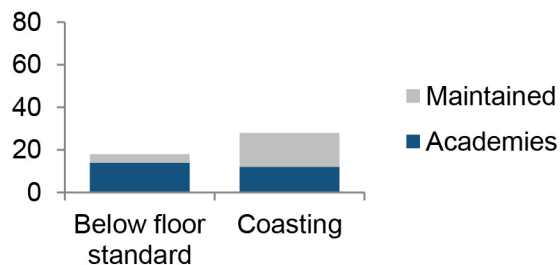
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Primary academies

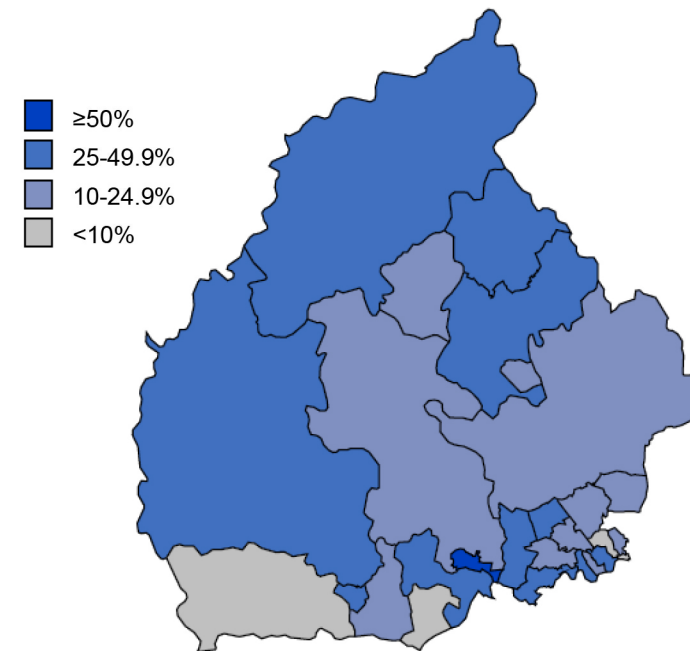
16%

Of primary schools are academies

**South-Central has the lowest number of secondary schools that are coasting or below the floor standard...**



**The level of academisation varies by Local Authority; there are two LAs where less than 10% of schools are academies whilst in one LA over 50% of schools are academies**



**...& one of the lowest number of primary schools that are coasting or below the floor standard**

