

# Canning Street Primary School



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## School Facilities

Our stunning school building is spacious, bright and airy. The premises provide excellent facilities and the innovative open-plan design supports our collaborative teaching approaches.

The school's facilities comprise:

### Early Years/Foundation Stage

- Clever Tots – Early Years childcare provision with enclosed outdoor play area
- Nursery Unit – (30 place FTE) with its own utility room and enclosed outdoor play area and garden.
- Reception Unit – large, open-plan teaching space for two classes with extensive shared areas and enclosed outdoor play area and garden.

### Key Stage 1 – Key Stage 2

- Open-plan teaching area arranged in spacious units (by year group) – each of which accommodates three classes with shared areas, cloakrooms, etc.

All classes have direct access to toilets and the outdoor play areas.

### Music/Drama Studio

Gymnasium (purpose-built) with changing rooms.

### Hall/Dining Room

ICT provision includes C Touch screens/Interactive Whiteboards in all classes and other areas/rooms. Class sets of iPads and laptops

Extensive outdoor areas include a field with allotment area, pond and gardens and a large playground with zoned/themed play areas, seating and a large, glazed, sheltered seating area. Glazed canopies cover the entrances to each classroom which provide sheltered space for outdoor teaching/learning.

The school benefits from a comprehensive security system which includes CCTV coverage and alarms.

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## **Local Profile**

Canning Street Primary School is situated in the inner-west of Newcastle and draws pupils from the three localities of Benwell, Elswick and West City.

This is a challenging area with very significant socio-economic deprivation – featuring many of the issues commonly associated with inner-city areas (e.g. high levels of poverty, poor health profile, high unemployment, high levels of crime and high numbers of lone-parent families).

The majority of the school's pupil-population live in Wards rated as being amongst the most deprived in England. Our pupils predominantly live in rented accommodation within very close range of the school. A high proportion of families are transient or temporary residents and this is reflected in the very high instances of mobility of pupils.

Despite these challenging circumstances, - our vibrant, modern school is seen as being at the heart of the local community and is often referred to as being “an oasis”.

The school serves a very diverse population comprising a wide range of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds.

This area of the city is well-served by a range of community support groups and services. The school works in close partnership with these groups and has excellent relationships with the Local Authority, voluntary and emergency services.

The school is close to local shops, parks and places of worship. There is an excellent Centre for Sports and a City Learning Centre for ICT within walking distance of the school. There is a local library within a few minutes walk of the school.

The school is close to Newcastle City Centre and its excellent social and cultural amenities. The area's very good road and transport links are easily accessible.

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