



School Information

South Wellfield First School is a two-from entry first school with a Nursery offering 36 full-time equivalent places. We are situated on the edge of Whitley Bay where the school is bordered by a housing estate and arable fields. The school shares a campus site with Wellfield Middle School. The vast majority of our children move on to this middle school where we have excellent links with their staff.



Most of our pupils live in the surrounding estate, which is comprised mainly of private housing. However, an increasing number of children come from outside the catchment area (49%). Whilst the school is in the St



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Mary's ward, only 23.9% of pupils live within the ward itself; 33.2% live in Monkseaton and 21.3% in Valley Ward, with a small percentage of children coming from each of the other seven wards within the borough. 1% of pupils live in the 20% most deprived areas nationally whereas 32% live in the 20% least deprived areas nationally. Mobility within school is very low with most pupils joining in Reception and staying with us until Year 4.



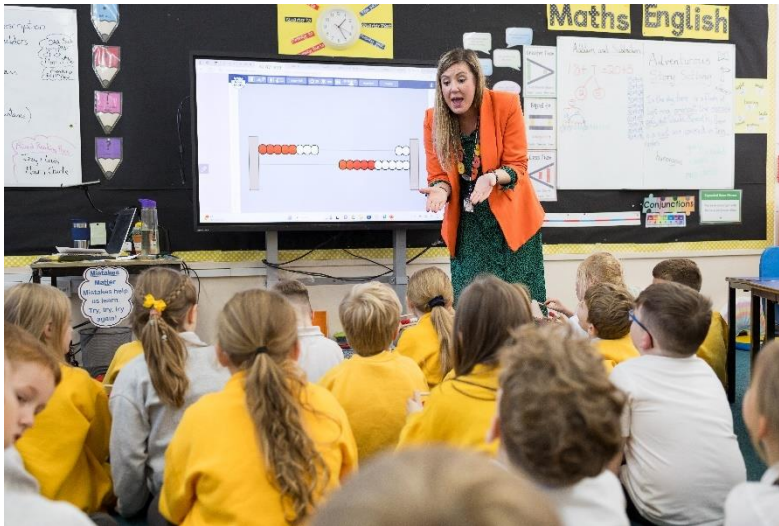
6.9% of our pupils are eligible for pupil premium but this includes children entitled to free school meals, post looked after children and service children. This is well below the national average, and we are focused in our use of the pupil premium spend to ensure individual children fulfil their full potential.

Attainment on entry to Nursery and Reception indicates that children are broadly in line with age related expectations, but we are seeing an increase in the number of children with speech and language needs. Children make good progress throughout KS1 and KS2 and achieve well in the Year 1 Phonics Screen and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. As we only

deliver half of the KS2 primary curriculum, we work closely with Wellfield Middle School to ensure our children are well prepared for the end of KS2 assessments.

Our school has recently started a fully flexible offer to Nursery where children can attend from anything between 15 to 32.5 hours. Feedback from families said that our traditional 15-hour offer was difficult to access due to work commitments. Our new offer therefore fits with the ever-changing needs of families in our catchment. We are always keen to work with our families.





Pupils love attending school and consequently, attendance is very good. For this academic year, it sits at 95.12%, which is almost 3% above the national average.

SWFS is part of the Whitley Bay Collaborative of schools whose aim is to work together to raise attainment, share good practice and widen the experiences of the children within our schools. We also participate in the Local Authority Schools Sports' programme, the SEN Network and Key Stage Moderation groups.

Our school has obtained the following awards: Healthy School (the first Primary/First School in the Borough to gain this award); Activemark in PE; Basic Skills; SFVS; Football Association Charter; Eco Schools, International School Award (Intermediate), Artsmark and School Games Gold Mark. We value the many enrichment opportunities school can offer and hope to develop more in the future.



Our excellent team of staff strive to give the pupils in their care the opportunity to achieve their full potential through their innovative approach to education and their hard work, in a caring, safe and stimulating environment. Staff work together in year group teams but their individual English and maths lessons are planned to meet the needs of their own class. Classes will focus on the same book but we are a school that trusts in its teachers and their knowledge of their class.

We pride ourselves on the strong links with the local community- churches, charities and businesses. We welcome families into school to support activities in the classroom, or help when classes go on visits out of school. Families are invited to attend a range of events throughout the year such as special assemblies, concerts, open evenings, fund raising events, coffee mornings and workshops.



Additional information about the school can be found on the school's website www.southwellfieldfs.org.uk or our Twitter page [@SouthWellfield](https://twitter.com/SouthWellfield) / Twitter