



## Spotlight report: school age (primary)



### Attainment

In 2021/22, 71.6% of children achieved a [good level of development](#) at the end of their foundation stage (age 5). This has been steady for the last few years and is better than regional (66.3%) and national averages (65.2%).

In 2020/21, 69% of key stage one children were [reading](#) to the expected standard, 70.6% were [writing](#) to the expected standard and 70% were at the expected standard in [maths](#). These are similar results to regional and national averages and have decreased slightly over the last few years. North Somerset children scored higher for achievement of the expected standard for [science](#) (82%) than regional and national averages.

In 2019/20, 64.7% of [key stage two children](#) met the expected standard for reading, writing and maths. This is similar to regional and national averages all of which have shown a steady improvement over the past few years. In terms of progress between KS1 and KS2, North Somerset children show a worse gap than regional averages.

### [Free school meals](#)

In 2018, 8.3% of primary school children received free school meals. This is lower than regional (11.4%) and national averages (13.7%)

However, levels of attainment for children who have free school meals is significantly lower than for their peers. Just 55.2% of FSM children achieved a good level of development at the end of their foundation stage.

### [Absence and exclusions](#)

In 2020/21, 7.6% of primary school children were persistent absentees, similar to regional and national averages.

The fixed term exclusion rate per 100 pupils for primary aged children in North Somerset was 1.16% in 2016/17 compared to 1.69% regionally and 1.37% nationally.

### Healthy lifestyles

In 2020/21, 23.3% of North Somerset [Reception aged children](#) were overweight or obese compared with 21.4% regionally and 22.3% nationally. By [Year 6](#) 32.8% of children were overweight or obese compared with 33.7% regionally and 37.8% nationally.

Comparison of overweight (including obese) children in Reception and Year 6 as of 2019/20



*Note, North Somerset data to be treated with caution due to changes in data collection due to Covid.*

### [Oral health](#)

13.9% of primary aged children have one or more decayed, missing or filled teeth in North Somerset based on the latest data (2018/19) compared to 20.4% regionally and 23.4% nationally. This is a significant reduction from 30% in 2011/12.

### [Hospital admissions](#)

As of 2020/21, North Somerset has a rate of 66.6 per 10,000 for hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (aged 0-14). This has remained fairly steady over the last few years but has dipped in the latest year and is now below the regional (92.7) and national (75.7) rates.

### [Children in care](#)

As of 2021, North Somerset has a rate of 49 per 10,000 for children in care (all ages). This has remained fairly steady over the last few years and is lower than regional and national averages.