

SATS RESULTS SUCCESS FOR TEESSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Redcar & Cleveland schools performed among the best in the country. There were also improvements in Middlesbrough and Stockton

More children on Teesside are reaching the standards expected of them in the three Rs by the time they leave primary school, new figures show.

The results of this year's national curriculum tests - known as Sats - show improvements across all three council areas in the proportion of 11-year-olds gaining at least a Level 4 - the standard expected of the age group, in the basics.

Schools in Redcar & Cleveland achieved some of the best performance in the country, with 83% of pupils achieving a Level 4 in reading, writing and maths.

The figure, up from 80% in 2013, was one of the highest in England and well above the average for England of 78%.

The results also revealed further improvement in Middlesbrough primary schools, with 77% achieving Level 4, a big jump from just 72% two years ago.

Performance in Stockton schools was also above the national average at 80%, up from 78% a year ago.

The data also revealed the proportion of pupils making the expected progress between Key Stage 1 (ages 5-7), and Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11) was the joint highest in the country in Redcar & Cleveland at 94%.

Performance in both Stockton and Middlesbrough was also above the 89% average for England at 92%.

About 5,000 11-year-olds across Teesside took the tests.

School Reform Minister Nick Gibb welcomed the improvement in results, and said the Government had set "unashamedly high expectations" for all children.



Mr Gibb said that around 80,000 more children were reaching Level 4 in reading, writing and maths, than five years ago, allowing them to start secondary school secure in the basics and able to move on to more complex subjects.

"It means in the long term these children stand a far better chance of winning a place at university, gaining an apprenticeship and securing good jobs," he said.

Joan Guy, Redcar & Cleveland Council's cabinet member for children's services and education, said the borough's results highlighted the "superb work" being done in primary schools.

"They are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our teachers, support workers, governors and parents as well as the children themselves," she said.

Councillor Jan Brunton, Middlesbrough Council's executive member for education congratulated the children who are now getting ready to start secondary school.

"Our target now is to continue to improve and work towards reaching attainment levels higher than the national average."