

# Pennyman Primary Academy

## Background Information



Pennyman Primary Academy is part of Tees Valley Education Trust. It is an academy for children aged between three and eleven. There are approximately 420 children on roll including a part time, 39 place nursery.

The academy is located in the community of Netherfields in East Middlesbrough. Its catchment area includes the local authority housing estates Netherfields and parts of Priestfields, and Thorntree. These are all areas of significant social and economic deprivation. The current school building was constructed in the 1970's when Pennyman was created from the amalgamation of two other schools. There has been significant and regular investment in the building so consequently the Pennyman community enjoy an excellent and engaging learning environment.

As well as our caring, aspirational children and the committed parents, community and staff, Pennyman is fortunate to be a part of Tees Valley Education Multi Academy Trust. This is an established, enthusiastic MAT with 5 academies across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. It serves areas of considerable disadvantage, which is why it places an equal emphasis on academic expectations and pastoral support.

Pennyman is an a-typical primary setting. Around 25% of children have Special Educational Needs, and the academy has 55 unit placements for children with physical, medical and learning needs. We have inclusive provision throughout the academy to support children with a range of needs. Some 50% of our pupils are eligible for free school meals, which is above the national average.



The academy consists of 3 phases: Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and SEND. Each year group is 2 form entry, with an admission number of 54 per year. Within each year group there are both Learning Support Assistants and Care Support Assistants in order to meet the varying needs of all our children.



At Pennyman Primary Academy we are dedicated to making a difference to the lives of the children in our care. We are incredibly proud of our achievements at Pennyman and the opportunities afforded to everyone within our academy.

*Miss K Morley*  
Executive Head Teacher

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Acting Head of Academy