



## Progress of Pupils at Parkside Middle School

We are proud of the outstanding progress that pupils make in all year groups at Parkside Middle School. Please see below for further evidence.

It is important to remember that as a middle school, the progress pupils make must be judged from the time they join the school in Year 5 to when they leave in Year 8. There is a problem nationally with how the DfE judges middle schools as the only national comparator they use is based on progress from KS1 (end of Year 2) to KS2 (end of Year 6). This is not a fair way of judging pupils' progress in a middle school and is something the National Middle Schools Forum has been challenging the DfE about for many years. The reason the DfE's judgement of progress in middle schools is unfair is because 50% of the progress measure they use relates to Years 3 and 4 when pupils are NOT attending middle school. It also takes no account of the progress pupils make in Years 7 and 8 (KS3). Ofsted are aware of this issue and the need to judge middle schools from entry to exit.

### Progress scores in Middle Schools at end of KS2 (2017-2019)

	Parkside Middle School			National Middle Schools			Difference		
	Read	Write	Maths	Read	Write	Maths	Read	Write	Maths
2017	-0.8	+3.6	-0.5	-1.1	-1.7	-1.9	<b>+0.3</b>	<b>+5.3</b>	<b>+1.4</b>
2018	+0.1	+3.4	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	-1.7	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>+4.4</b>	<b>+0.8</b>
2019	+0.1	+2.7	+0.1	-1.2	-1.1	-1.5	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>+3.8</b>	<b>+1.6</b>

The table above however shows that in Reading, Writing and Maths, Parkside Middle School **significantly outperforms** the National Middle School average in each of the last three years.