

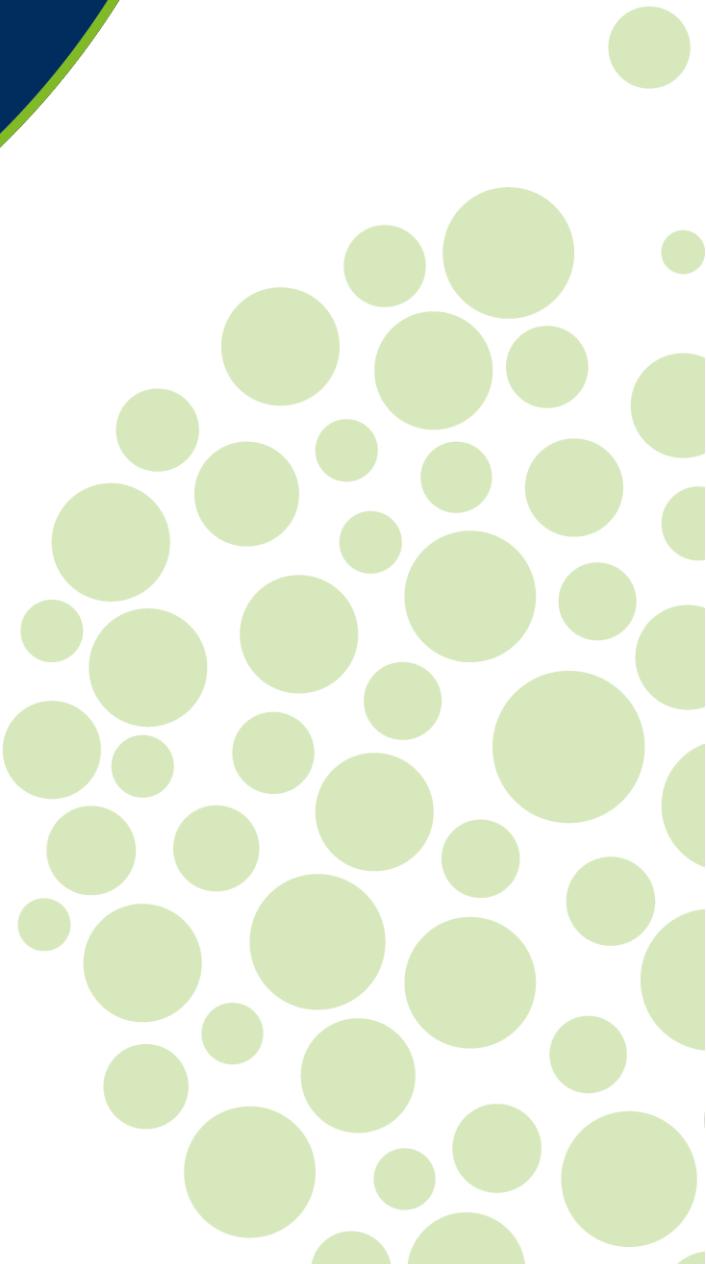
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1. About The School Health Research Network (SHRN)

The School Health Research Network (SHRN) is a policy-practice-research partnership between Welsh Government, Public Health Wales, and Cardiff University established in 2013. SHRN aims to improve young people's health and well-being in Wales by working with schools in both primary and secondary education to generate and use good quality evidence for health and well-being improvement. This includes student and school-level surveys, capturing key health and well-being metrics. These metrics are referenced in over 30 national policies and strategies, including the Whole-School Approach to Mental Health and Well-being (2021) and Estyn's Healthy and Happy Report (2019).

SHRN's expansion into primary schools in 2024 followed a programme of feasibility work undertaken between 2021 and 2023, including the earlier SEQ pilot survey completed by 123 primary schools, which is available on our [website](http://www.shrn.org.uk). This SEQ groundwork provided the evidence and practical learning that informed and supported the successful scale-up to 511 participating schools in 2024.

SHRN aims to improve children and young people's health and well-being by:

- Providing robust health and well-being data to schools, and national and regional stakeholders ([https://www.shrn.org.uk/national-data](http://www.shrn.org.uk/national-data)).
- Working with policymakers and practitioners from health, education, and social care to coproduce high quality, school-based health and well-being research for Wales.
- Generating new research evidence on how best to improve children's and young people's health and well-being in the school setting.
- Helping schools, and those who support schools, to understand health research evidence and how it can be used in health and well-being improvement (www.shrn.org.uk/schools-using-data).

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2. Introduction

The SHRN [School Environment Questionnaire \(SEQ\)](#) in primary schools is completed biennially by a member of the School Leadership Team (SLT) alongside The SHRN Student Health and Well-being (SHW) Survey, which is completed by learners.

This coordinated approach creates a unique and comprehensive dataset that allows for an in-depth exploration of the connections between school policies and practices, such as leadership, school ethos, environment, curriculum learning, and family and community engagement, and their impact on learner health and well-being outcomes.

The SEQ supports various key initiatives beyond assessing learner health and well-being. It informs policy development at both national and local levels, ensuring alignment with the needs of schools and learners, particularly in promoting a Whole School Approach to Emotional and Mental Well-being. Additionally, the SEQ serves as a monitoring tool for The Welsh Network of Health and Well-being Promoting Schools (WNHWPS) Programme (formerly known as The Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Scheme, WNHSS), guiding schools in their implementation and evaluation of their health and well-being initiatives. It guides resource allocation by identifying areas needing improvement, fosters collaboration among schools through local health and well-being initiatives, and facilitates self-evaluation, allowing schools to reflect on their practices and share innovative strategies across the SHRN network.

Overall, the SEQ is a comprehensive tool that enhances individual school practices, while contributing to broader educational and health objectives across Wales.

3. Data Collection and Sample

The SHRN SEQ was completed online by all primary schools that registered to participate in the 2024 SHRN Primary School Data Collection, which took place between 16 September and 20 December 2024. The SEQ was completed by a member of the school senior leadership team (SLT) or school appointed representative. The SEQ survey sample in 2024 consisted of 511 schools (including one independent school). These schools were located across all 22 local authorities in Wales. All questions on which the report findings are based can be found in the appendix.

Percentages presented in this report may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Responses of 'don't know' and 'not applicable' were excluded from percentage calculations.

Table 1: SEQ completion by local authority

Local Authority	Completed the SEQ in full (% of maintained primary schools)*
Blaenau Gwent	13 (68.4%)
Bridgend	29 (60.4%)
Caerphilly	38 (52.1%)
Cardiff	50 (50.5%)
Carmarthenshire	36 (38.3%)
Ceredigion	13 (36.1%)
Conwy	9 (17.6%)
Denbighshire	9 (20.5%)
Flintshire	9 (14.1%)
Gwynedd	15 (19.2%)
Isle of Anglesey	9 (22.5%)
Merthyr Tydfil	13 (68.4%)
Monmouthshire	27 (93.1%)
Neath Port Talbot	18 (34.0%)
Newport	30 (68.2%)
Pembrokeshire	29 (56.9%)
Powys	28 (38.9%)
Rhondda Cynon Taf	45 (48.9%)
Swansea	37 (48.1%)
Torfaen	19 (76.0%)
Vale of Glamorgan	24 (54.5%)
Wrexham	11 (19.0%)
Total	511 (42.2%)

*One independent school participated in the SEQ

4. Key Findings*

4.1 General Questions About You and Your School

Summary of Findings

- The most frequently selected senior management/leadership team priority was learner emotional and mental well-being (87%). Staff health and well-being (58%) and learner, educational attainment (56%) were also frequently selected priorities (see Figure 1).
- Over four fifths (85%) of schools reported that they were members of the WNHWPS Programme (see Figure 2).
- Of these schools, nearly three quarters (72%) had completed a self-evaluation, while about two-thirds (65–66%) had engaged with or participated in events facilitated by their local WNHWPS team. Approximately 64% indicated that they had developed an action plan, while half (50%) said their local WNHWPS team had signposted them to further resources and expertise to support their health and well-being priorities (see Figure 3).
- Four out of five schools (79%), who were members of WNHWPS, said that their membership in the programme was important to them.
- Schools rely on health and well-being data to inform their policies and practices, with at least four out of ten schools reporting that they use data from their own learner surveys (74%), staff surveys (63%), and parent/carer surveys (62%), as well as from the SHRN (47%) and Estyn surveys (42%) (see Figure 5).
- Within these schools, the top three users of health and well-being data are: the senior management/leadership team (96%); class teachers (69%); the well-being pastoral care team; and Healthy School Coordinator (both 61%) (see Figure 6).
- The three most commonly reported uses for data were: identifying needs and setting health and well-being priorities (90%); developing the curriculum and understanding the needs of specific learner groups (both 75%); and measuring the impact of interventions to create a healthy school (64%) (see Figure 7).
- Introduction and implementation of Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPSF) is nearly universal in all year groups (see Figure 8).

*For all graphs, schools that selected 'don't know' and 'not applicable' have been excluded from the denominator.

Fig.1: Senior Management/Leadership Team Priorities

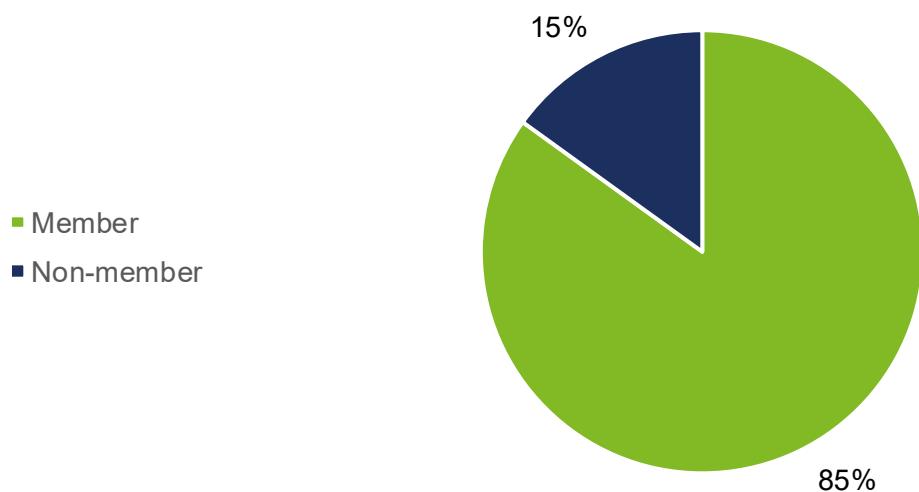
Schools were asked to select up to four priority areas.



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Fig.2: WNHWPS Programme Membership

Schools were asked to select one option only.



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Fig.3: Engagement of Schools in WNHWPS School Activities

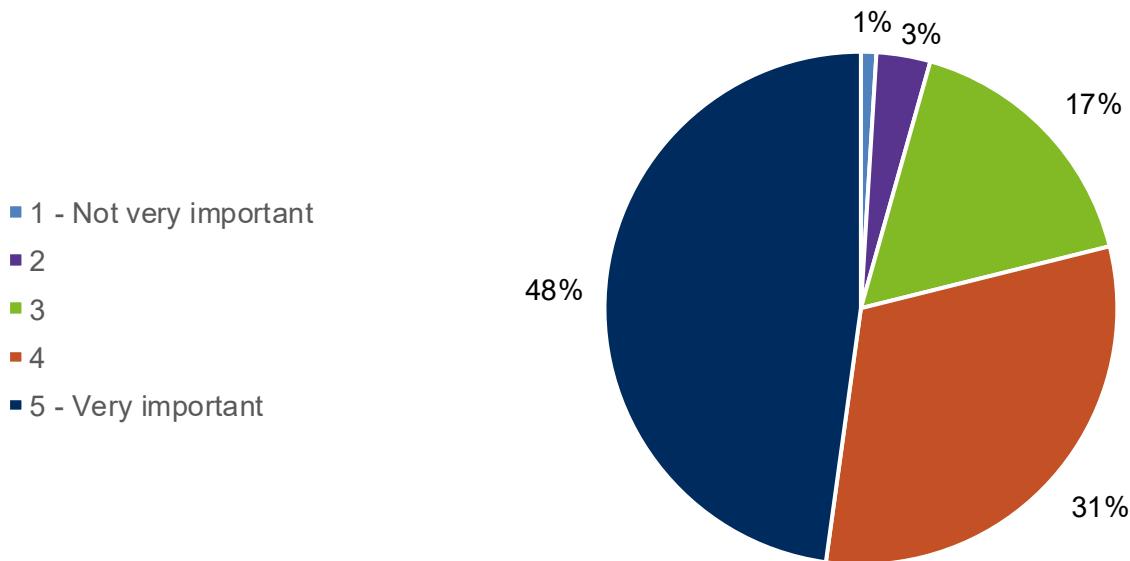
Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig.4: Importance of WNHWPS Programme Membership to Health and Well-being Work

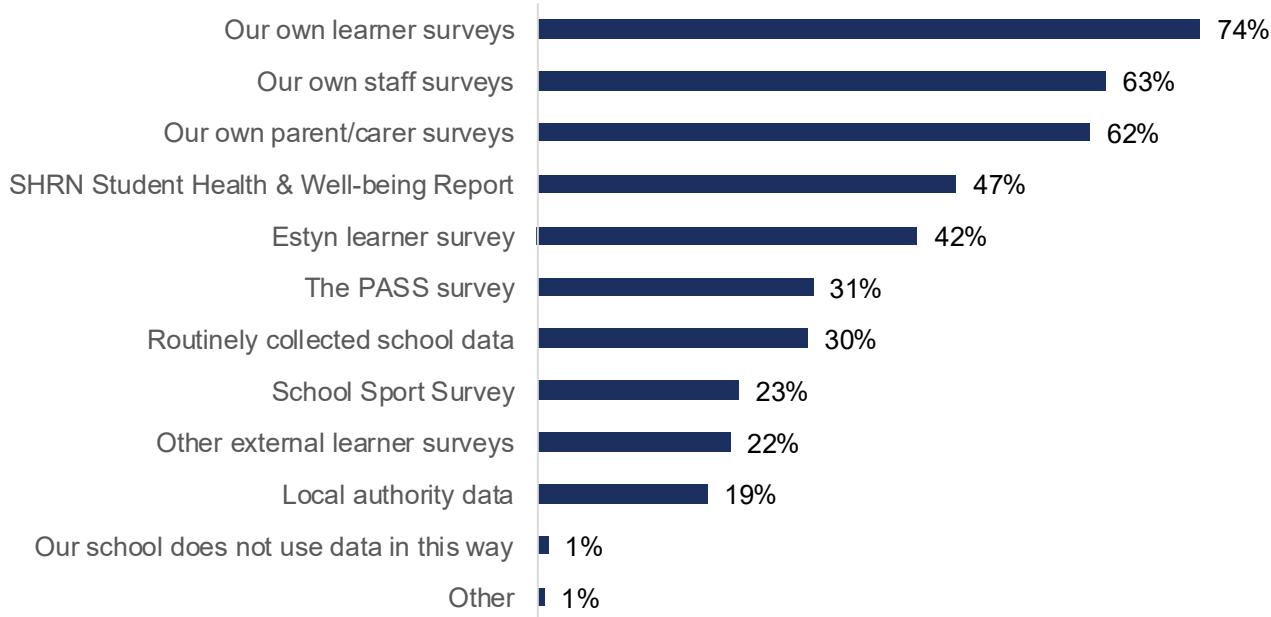
Schools asked to rate importance from 1 (Not very important) to 5 (Very important).



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Fig.5: Sources of Health and Well-being Data Used to Inform School Policies and Practices

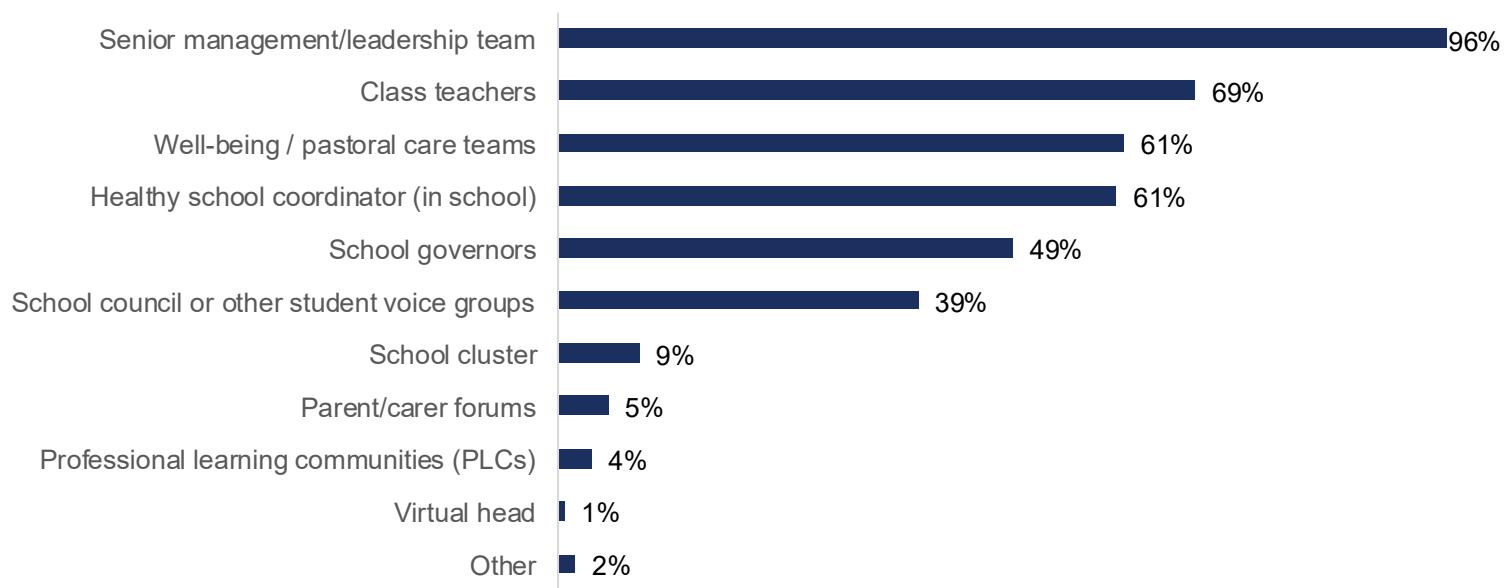
Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig.6: Users of Health and Well-being Data

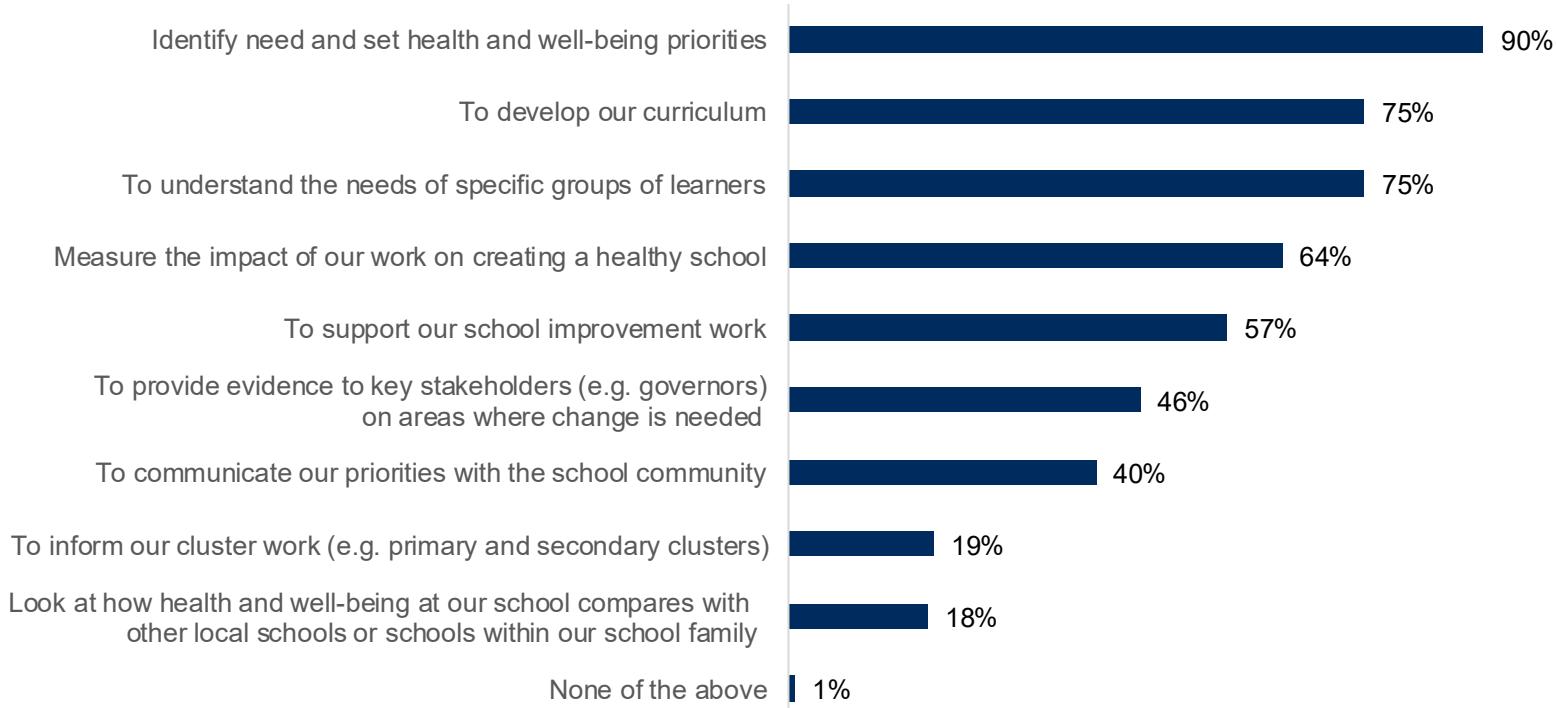
Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig.7: Schools' Use of Data to Create a Healthy School

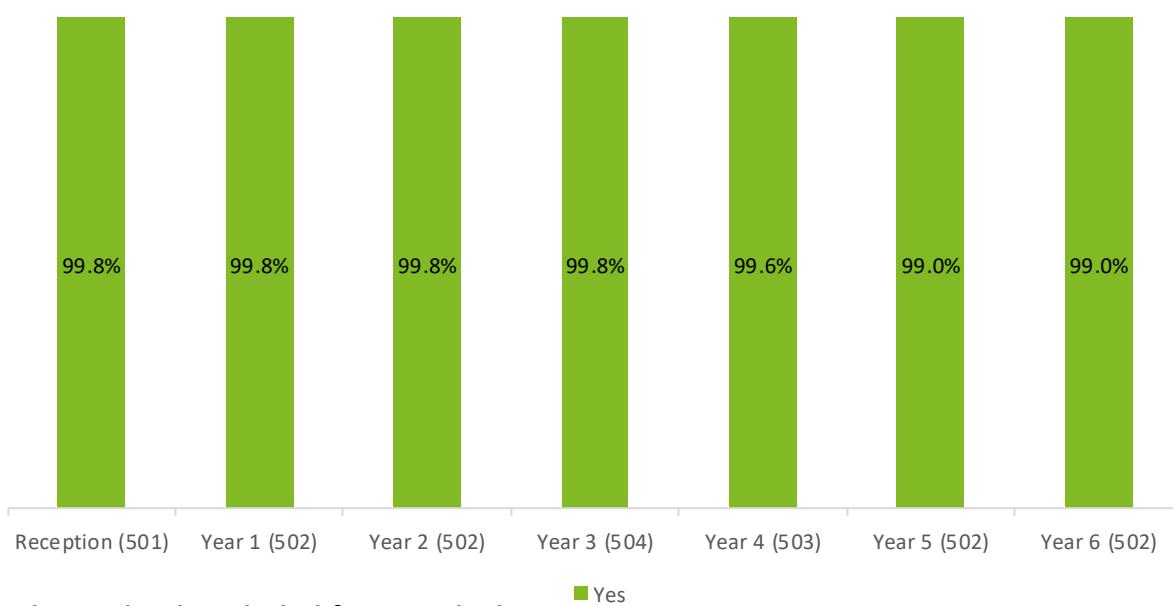
Schools were asked to select as many areas as apply.



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Fig.8: Universal Primary Free School Meals: Implementation Across Year Groups*

Schools were asked to indicate, for each year group, whether Universal Primary Free School Meals had been introduced.



*Independent school excluded from analysis

4.2 Learner, Parent/Carer, and Community Involvement in Health and Well-being

Summary of Findings

- Three in four schools (74%) report that learners are involved in developing and delivering health and well-being initiatives, with around half contributing to action planning (54%) and identifying priority areas (53%) (see Figure 9).
- Pupil voice groups are most commonly involved in physical activity (79%), followed by food and nutrition (72%) (see Figure 10).
- Around one in three schools report having a written action plan or targets for community or family engagement in health and well-being included within their School Development Plan (30–33%) (see Figure 11).
- Learners were most commonly involved in decisions around developing initiatives (74%), whereas parents/carers were more commonly involved in decisions around school facilities (32%) and the wider school environment (40%) (see Figure 12).
- About half of schools have actions in place to support staff understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), most commonly through the provision of guidance (51%) (see Figure 13).
- Schools most frequently partner with Police/PCSOs (90%) to support learner health and well-being (see Figure 14).

Fig. 9: Areas of Decision-Making Regarding Health and Well-Being That Learners Are Involved in

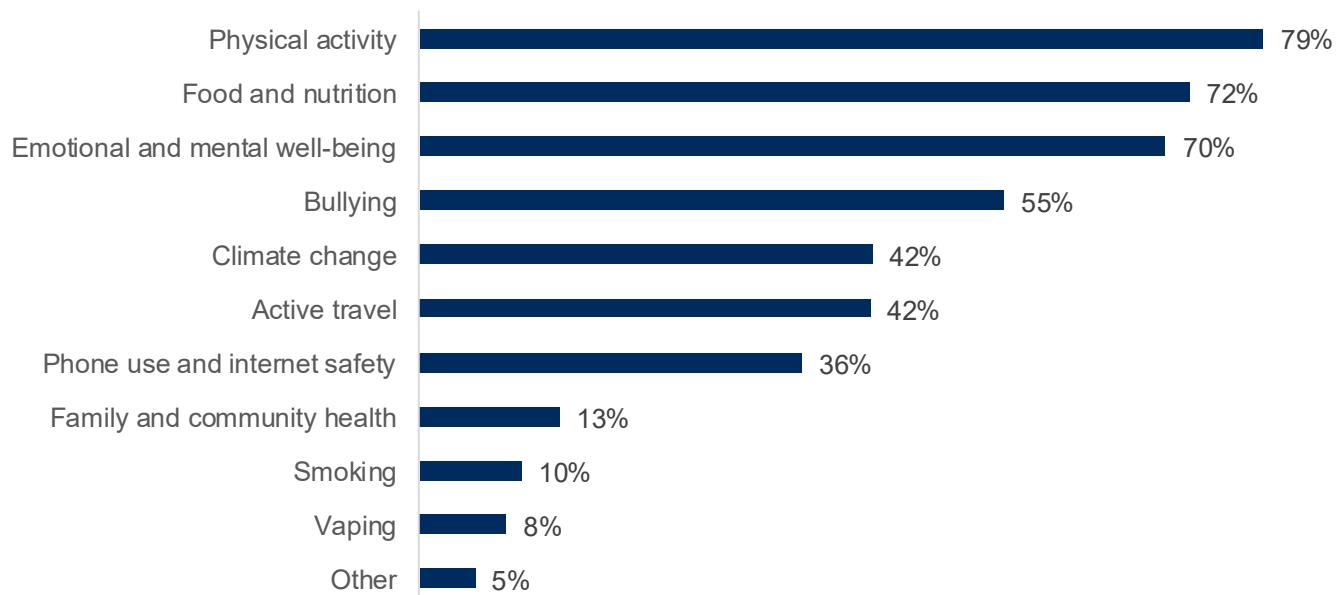
Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig. 10: Health and Well-Being Topics That Pupil Voice Groups Have Worked On in Last Two Years

Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig. 11: Schools Reporting Written Action Plan or Targets for Family and Community Engagement in the Current School Development Plan

Schools were asked to select the option that best describes their approach to family and community engagement planning.

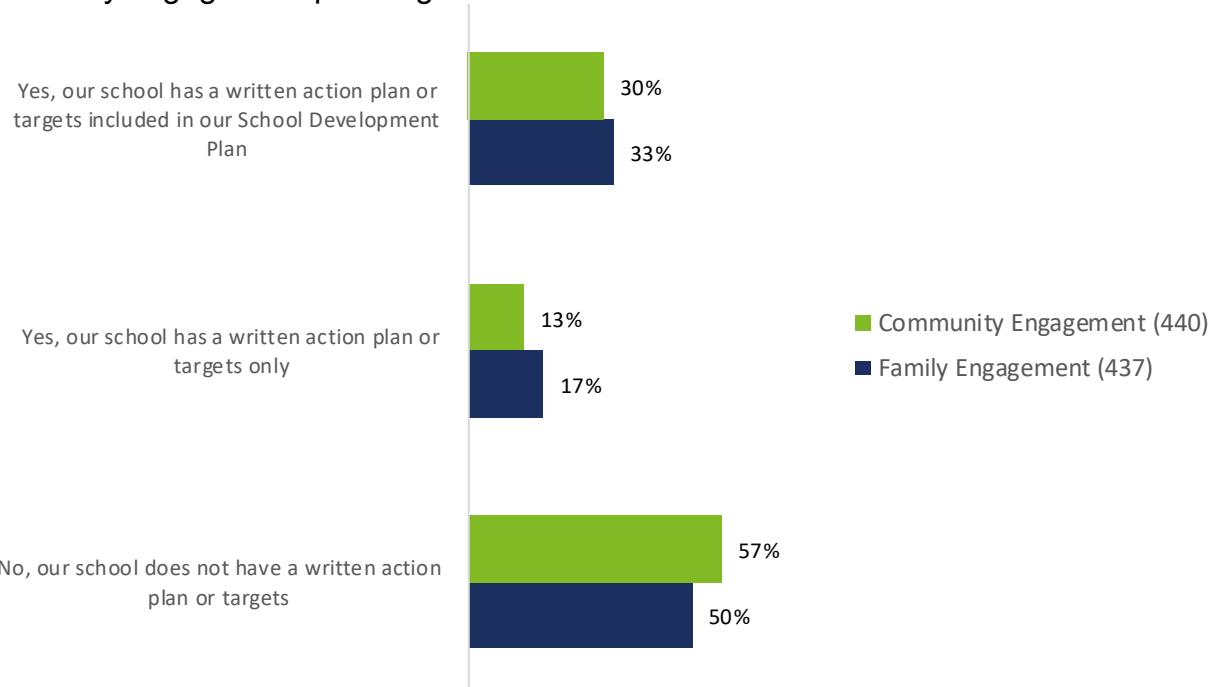
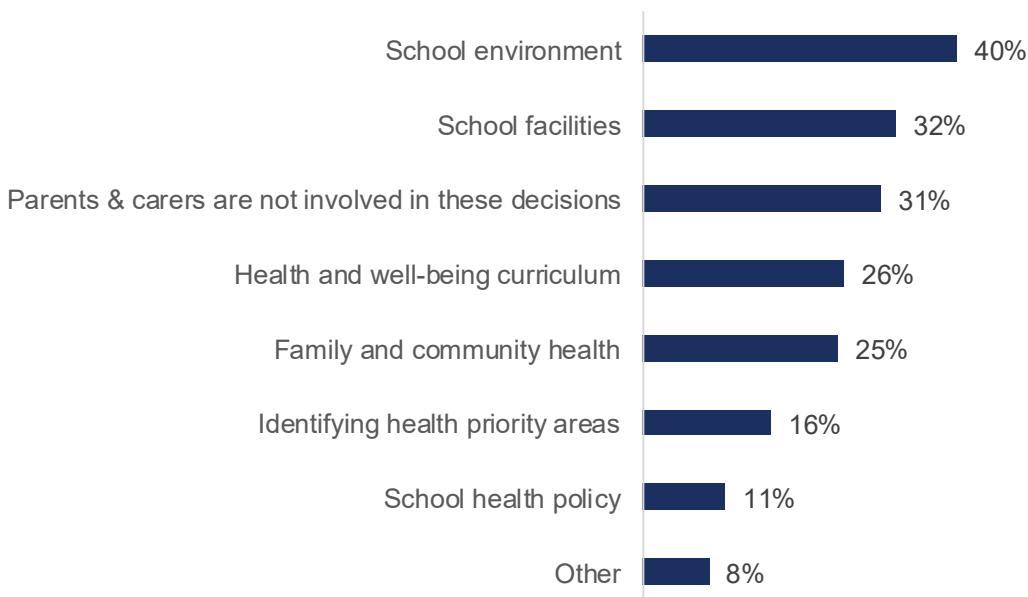


Fig. 12: Areas of Decision-Making Regarding Health and Well-being Improvement That Parents and Carers Are Involved In

Schools were asked to select as many areas as apply.



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Fig.13: School Actions to Support Staff Understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig.14: School Partnerships Supporting Learner Health and Well-being

Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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4.3. Health and Well-being Education

Summary of Findings

- Most schools reported that they timetable at least one hour per week of Physical Education (PE) within the formal curriculum on average. This was consistent across year groups (see Figure 15).
- All schools indicated that they provide free period products to learners. Learners most commonly access free period products from a teacher (69%) or from toilets (65%). Just over one third (36%) of schools report that products are available from the school reception (see Figure 16).

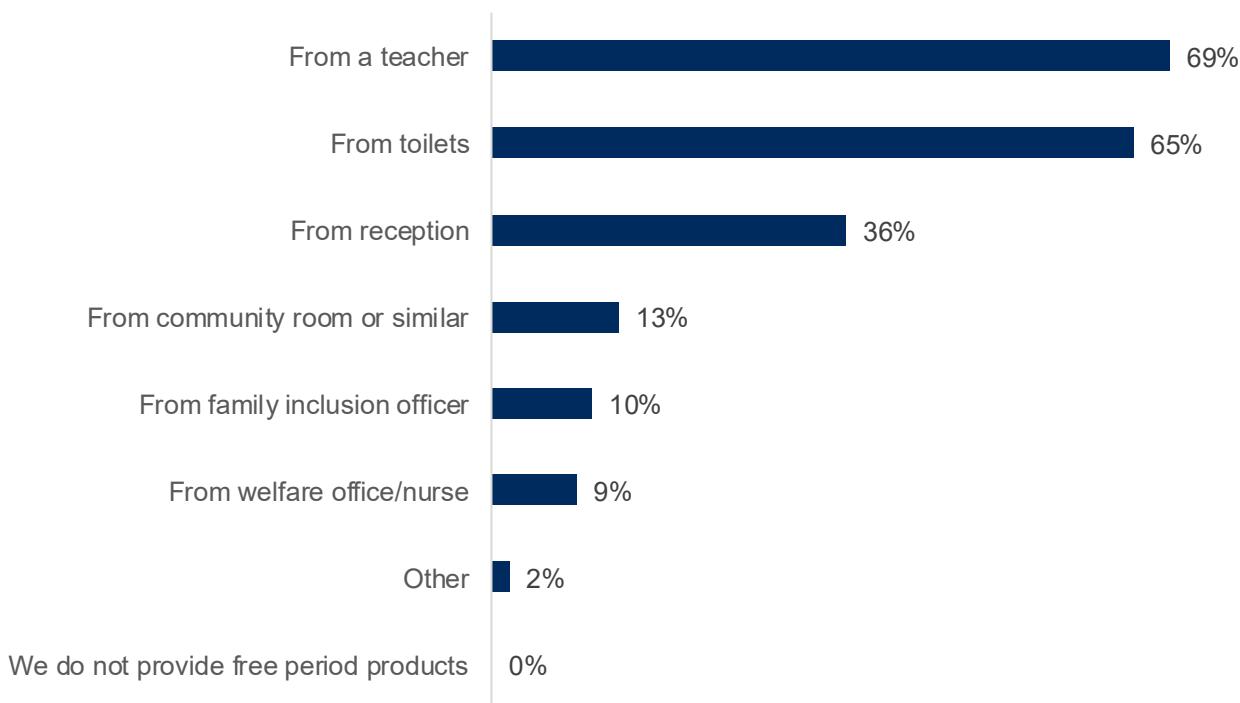
Fig.15: Proportion of Schools Reporting, on Average, at Least One Hour per Week of PE Within the Formal Curriculum

Schools were asked to report the number of minutes of timetabled physical education per week for each year group



Fig.16: How Learners Access Free Period Products

Schools were asked to select all that apply.



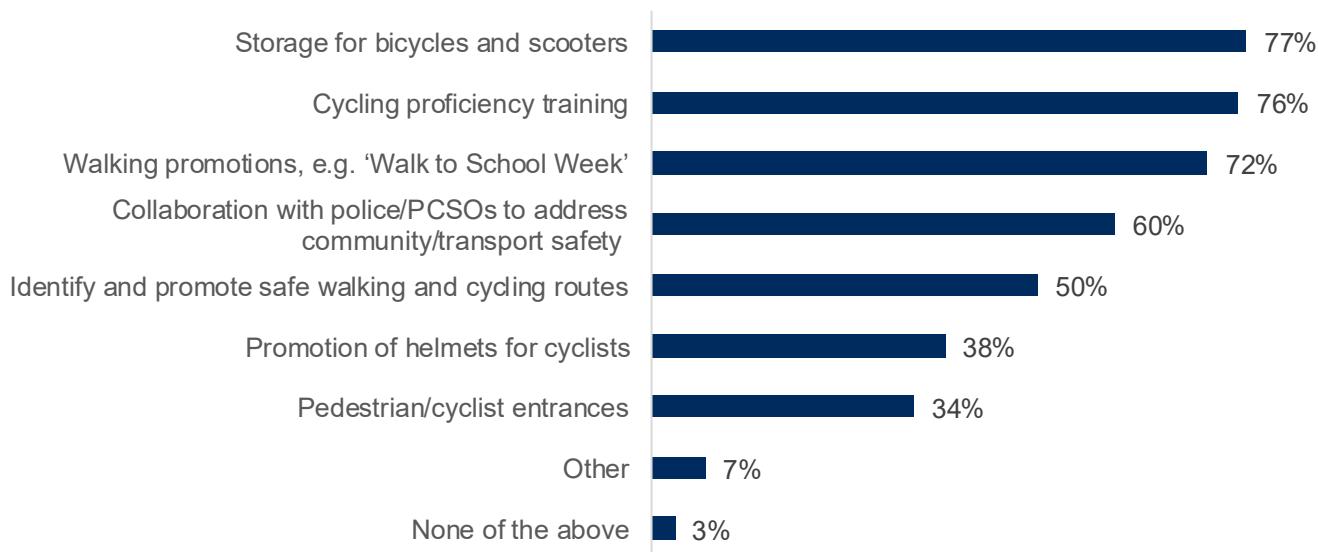
4.4 Active Travel

Summary of Findings

- Three-quarters of schools provide storage for bicycles and scooters (77%) and cycling proficiency training (76%).
- Over half of schools reported hosting walking promotions (72%) and collaborating with police / PCSOs to address issues around community and/or transport safety (60%). Half reported identifying and promoting safe walking and cycling routes (50%).
- More than one in three schools promote helmets for cyclists (38%) and provide pedestrian/cyclist entrances (34%) (See Figure 17).

Fig. 17: Strategies to Promote Active Travel

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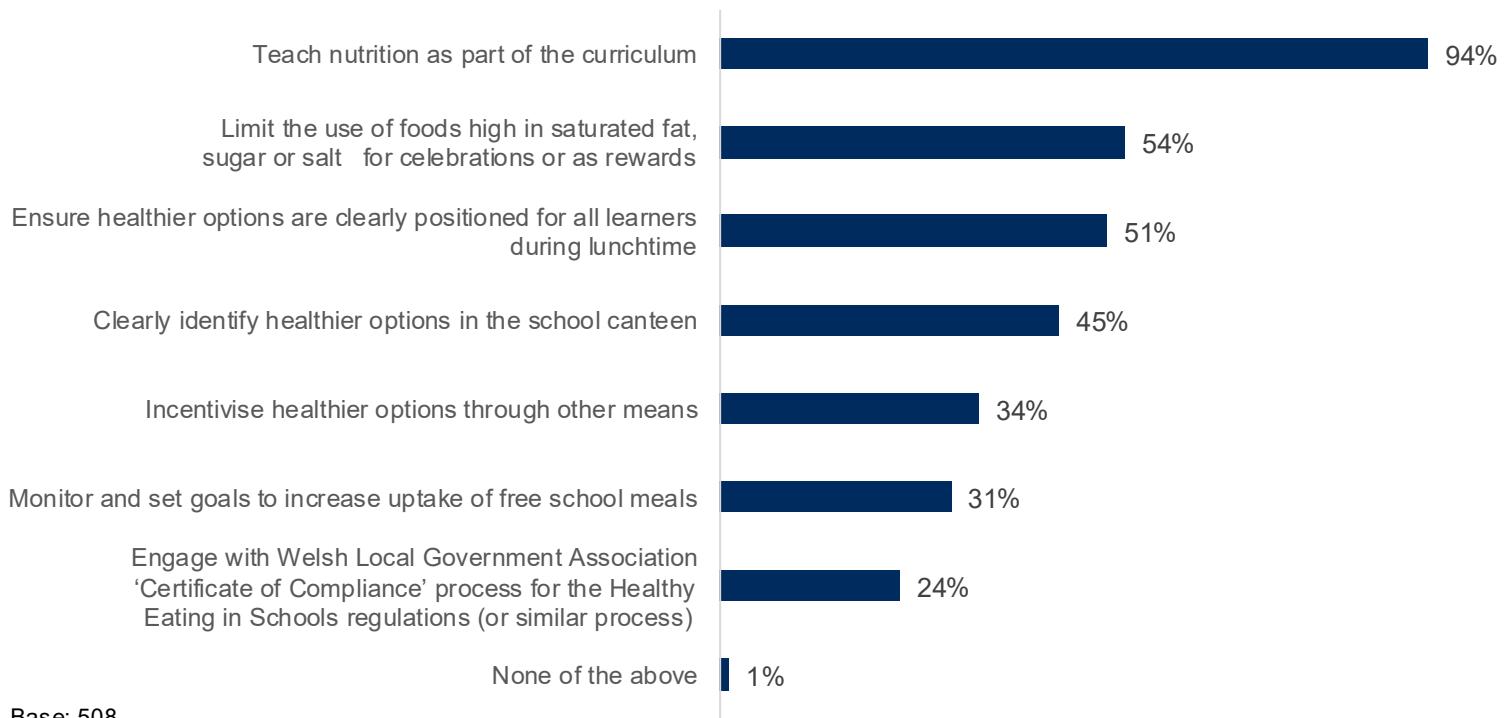
4.5 Healthy Eating

Summary of Findings

- Most schools (94%) report teaching nutrition as part of the curriculum to promote healthy eating.
- Just over half of schools (54%) report limiting the use of foods high in saturated fat, sugar, or salt for celebrations, and just over half (51%) ensure that healthier options are clearly positioned for all learners at lunchtime.
- About one in three schools say they incentivise healthier options through other means (34%) or monitor and set goals to increase uptake of free school meals (31%).
- One quarter of schools in the survey engage with [Welsh Local Government Association](#) 'Certificate of Compliance' for Healthy Eating in Schools (24%) (See Figure 18).
- Nearly all schools (93%) provide a breakfast club to all learners (See Figure 19).
- Half of the schools surveyed provide at least a one-hour lunch break (50%), while one in four provide 50 or 55 minutes (25%) (See Figure 20).

Fig. 18: Strategies to Promote Healthy Eating

Schools were asked to select all that apply.



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Fig. 19: Provision of a School Breakfast Club

Schools were asked to select one response indicating whether they offer a breakfast club before the morning session

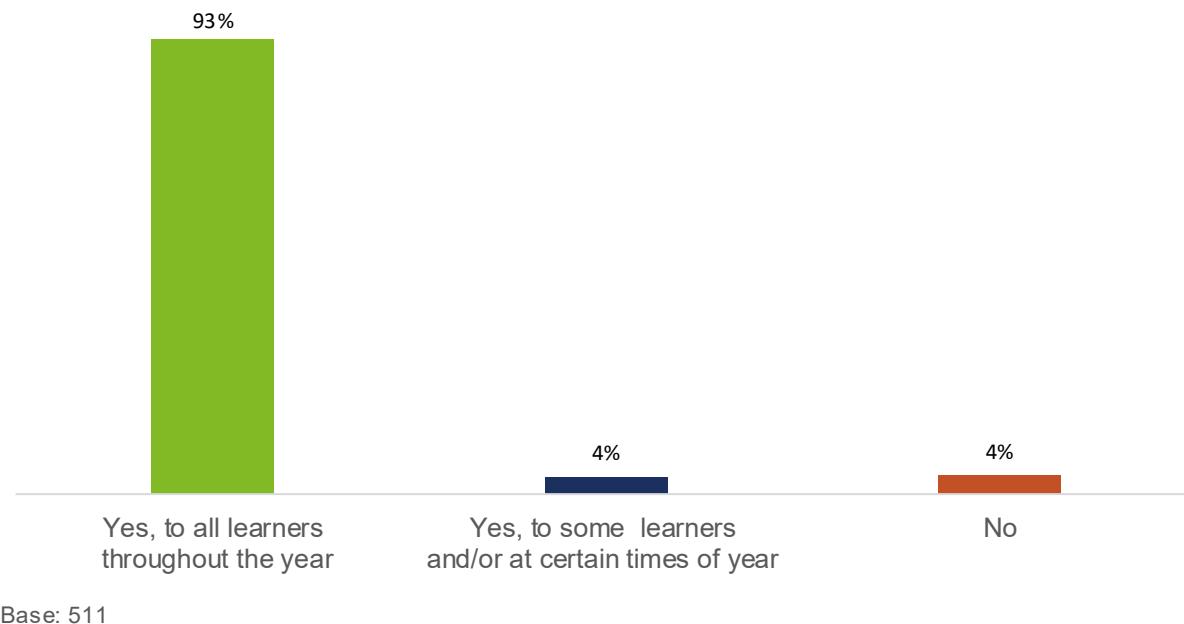
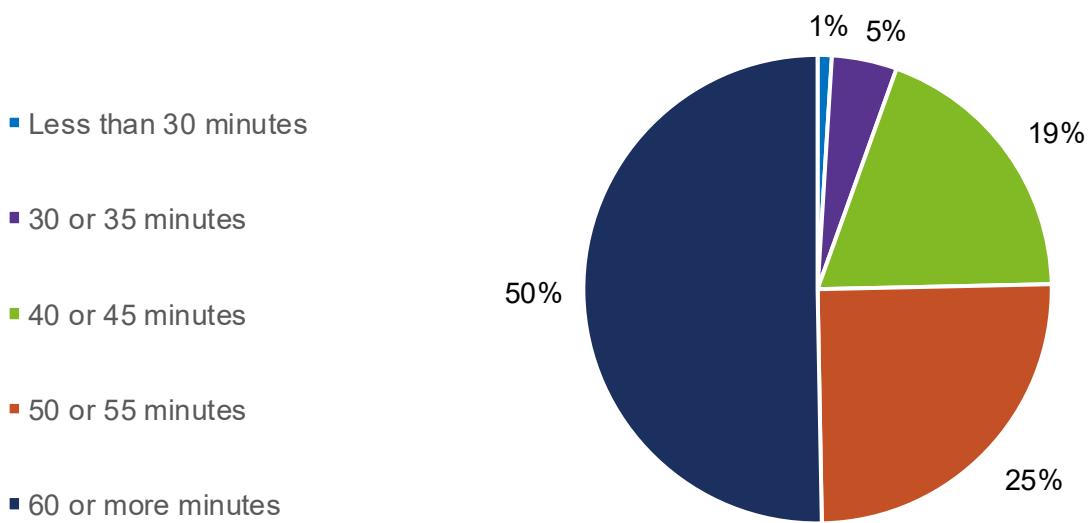


Fig. 20: Lunch Break Length

Schools were asked to select one response indicating the length of learners' lunch break



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4.6 Mental Health and Well-being

Summary of Findings

- Seven out of 10 schools have written policies on learner emotional and mental well-being (72%), with around 1 in 3 having written policies on bereavement (35%) and neurodiversity (35%).
- Over half of schools surveyed (55%) have a written policy on mobile phone use.
- Around three-quarters of schools surveyed do not have any written policies on self-harm (73%) or gender questioning (73%), while a higher proportion report no policies on suicide prevention (80%) or disordered eating (82%) (see Figure 21).
- Most schools indicated that they have delivered the Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA) intervention to learners in their school (90%). Half of the schools have delivered the Trauma Informed Schools (TIS) intervention (56%) or provide Mindfulness sessions (52%). Less than half have delivered Jigsaw (44%), THRIVE (30%) or Mental Health First Aid (20%) (See Figure 22).

Fig. 21: Written Mental Health and Well-being Policies

Schools were asked whether they had written policies that included the following topics.

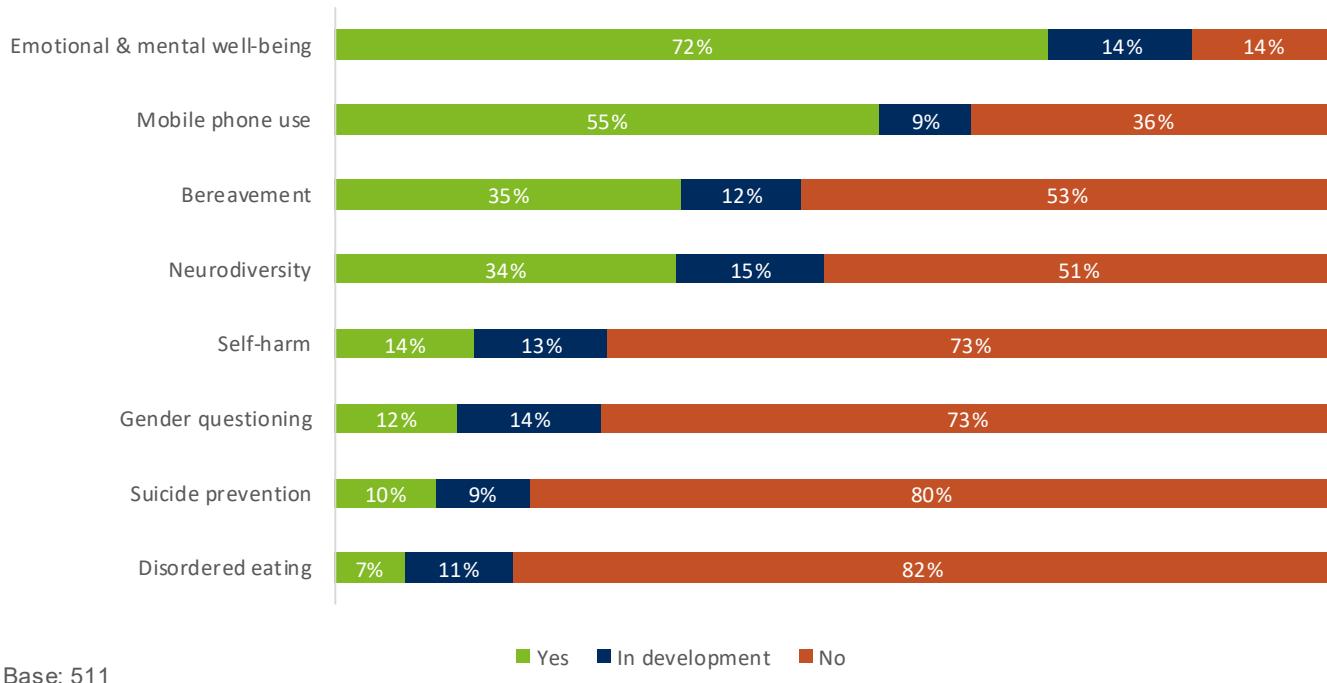
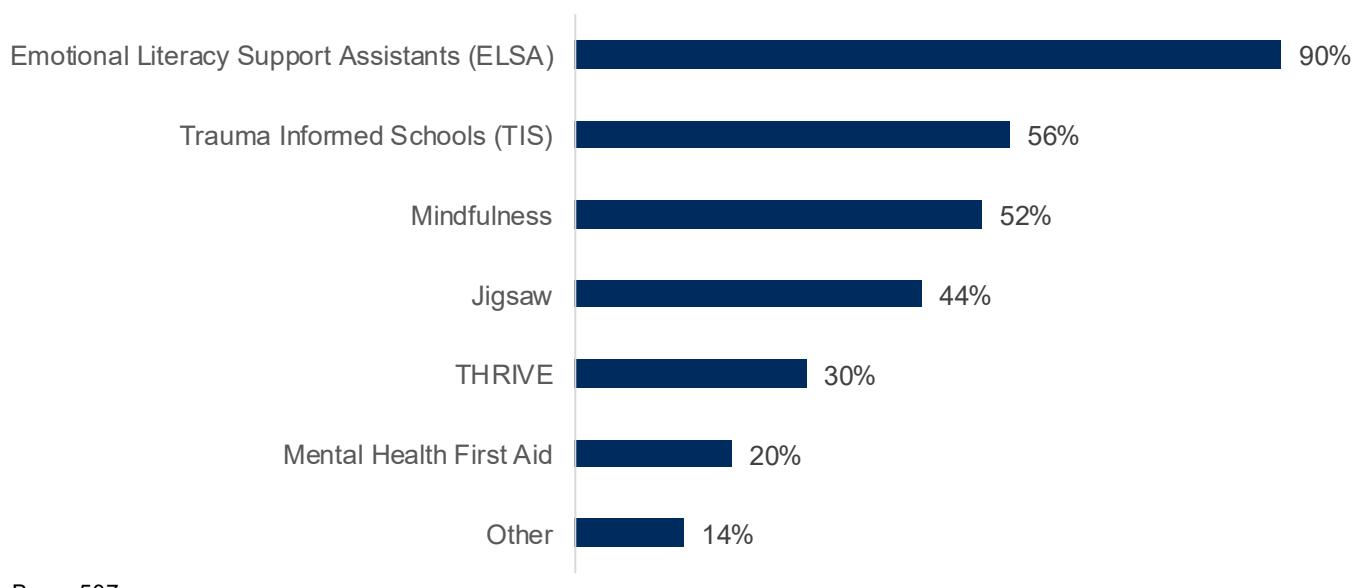


Fig. 22: Emotional and Mental Well-being Interventions Delivered in Schools

Schools were asked to select all that apply.



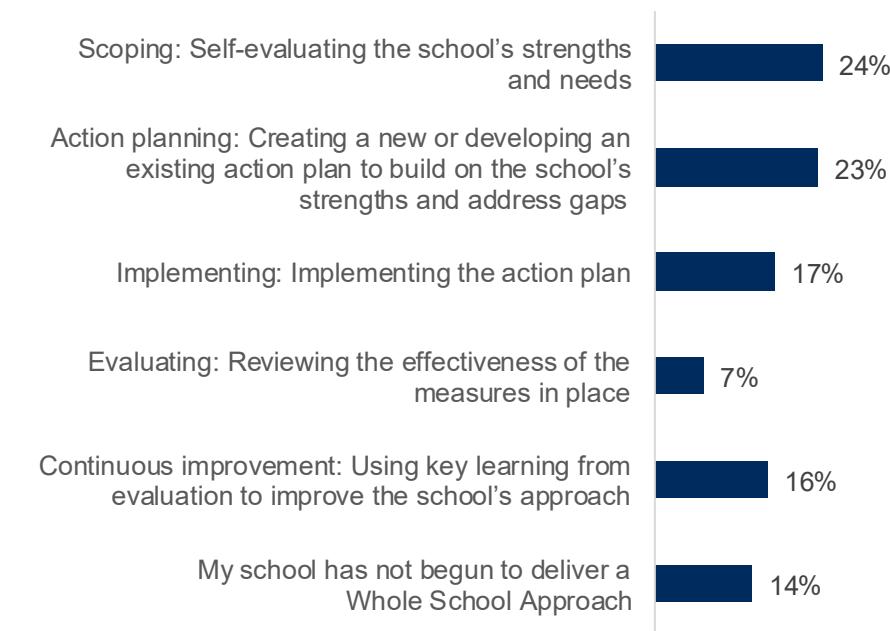
4.7 Whole School Approach to Emotional and Mental Well-being

Summary of Findings

- At the time of data collection, around half of schools surveyed were either in the scoping stage (24%) or the action planning stage (23%) of embedding a Whole School Approach to Emotional and Mental Well-being (WSAEMWB).
- One third were either already implementing the action plan (17%) or engaging in continuous improvement following evaluation (16%).
- A few schools (7%) were already reviewing the effectiveness of the measures that have been put in place.
- More than one in 10 schools (14%) had not begun to deliver the WSAEMWB Framework (See Figure 23).

Fig.23: Delivery status of the Framework on Embedding a Whole School Approach to Emotional and Mental Well-being

Schools were asked to select which stage most closely matched their current position.



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5. Importance of SEQ insights

The completion of the School Environment Questionnaire (SEQ) offers significant advantages for schools. By utilising SEQ data, schools can effectively assess the health and well-being of their learners in relation to their own policies and practices. This self-evaluation process allows for monitoring improvements and comparing school-specific data with the whole sample. Additionally, the SEQ data serve as a valuable resource during Estyn school inspections.

On a wider scale, the data support national policies, including the WSAEMWB, and inform initiatives such as Community Focused Schools and Children's Rights. Furthermore, the collaboration between SHRN, the Welsh Government, and Public Health Wales ensures that data collection aligns with current policy needs.

Ultimately, the SEQ data not only facilitate the measurement of school-level progress but also aids in monitoring policy implementation and identifying innovative practices that can enhance student health and well-being outcomes across Wales.

If you have any questions about data collection, please email the SHRN team at Cardiff University (SHRN@cardiff.ac.uk).

Appendix

Figure	Question	Response options
Fig.1	<p>In the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years, in which of the following areas did the Senior Management / Leadership team focus their efforts to make improvements?</p> <p>SELECT UP TO FOUR PRIORITY AREAS ONLY</p>	<p>Staff health and well-being Staff relationships with learners Learner physical health Learner emotional and mental well-being Learner educational attainment Estyn report and categorisation The physical condition of the school buildings and grounds The provision of extra-curricular activities Your school's relationships with parents and carers Your school's relationships with the local community</p>
Fig.2	<p>Is your school a member of its local Health and Well-being Promoting Schools Programme (previously known as the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes)?</p> <p>SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY</p>	<p>Yes No Not applicable</p>
Fig.3	<p>Which of the following Health and Well-being Promoting Schools programme activities have taken place in the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>School has received topic-specific advice and guidance from the local Health and Well-being Promoting School team School has completed a self-evaluation, audit or review School has developed an action plan School has accessed training via their local Health and Well-being Promoting School team School has engaged in local or national health and well-being initiatives to support their health and well-being priorities School has participated in network events or cluster meetings facilitated by their local Health and Well-being Promoting School team Local Health and Well-being Promoting School team has signposted school to further resources of expertise to support their health and well-being priorities None of the above Don't know</p>
Fig.4	<p>How important is your membership of your local Health and Well-being Promoting School team to your school's health and well-being work?</p> <p>SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY</p>	<p>1 – Not very important 2 3 4 5 – Very important</p>

Fig.5	<p>Which of the following sources of health and well-being data does your school use to update its policies and practices on creating a healthy school?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Our own learner surveys School Health Research Network (SHRN) Student Health & Well-being Report The PASS survey Estyn learner survey Other external learner surveys Our own staff surveys Our own parent/carer surveys School Sport Survey Local authority data Routinely collected school data Other (SPECIFY BELOW) Our school does not use data in this way</p>
Fig.6	<p>Who uses the health and well-being data?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Senior management / leadership team Well-being / pastoral care teams School council or other learner voice groups School governors Class teachers Health and Well-being Promoting School Coordinator (in school) School cluster Professional learning communities (PLCs) Parent / carer forums Other Virtual head None of the above</p>
Fig.7	<p>How does your school use the health and well-being data?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Identify need and set health and well-being priorities Measure the impact of our work on creating a healthy school Look at how health and well-being at our school compares with other local schools or schools within our school family To develop our curriculum To understand the needs of specific groups of learners To inform our cluster work (e.g. primary and secondary clusters) To communicate our priorities with the school community To provide evidence to key stakeholders (e.g. governors) on areas where change is needed To support our school improvement work None of the above</p>
Fig.8	<p>Have you introduced Universal free school meals within your school for the following year groups?</p> <p>SELECT ONE BOX ON EACH ROW</p> <p>Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6</p>	<p>Yes Not yet Don't know</p>

Fig.9	<p>In what areas are learners involved in decisions regarding health and well-being at your school? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Identifying priority areas Action planning Developing and delivering action/initiatives Reviewing progress/evaluating action and initiatives Policy development Other Learners are not involved in these decisions Don't know</p>
Fig.10	<p>Which health and well-being topics have your learner voice groups worked on in the last two years? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Food and nutrition Physical activity Smoking Bullying Emotional and mental wellbeing Phone use and internet safety Active travel Family and community health Climate change Vaping Other (SPECIFY BELOW) Don't know</p>
Fig.11	<p>Does your school have a written family engagement action plan or family engagement targets included within your current School Development Plan? SELECT THE STATEMENT THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR SCHOOL</p>	<p>No, our school does not have a written action plan or targets Yes, our school has a written action plan or targets only Yes, our school has a written action plan or targets included in our School Development Plan Don't know Not applicable</p>
Fig.11	<p>Does your school have a written community engagement action plan or community engagement targets included within your current School Development Plan? SELECT THE STATEMENT THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR SCHOOL</p>	<p>No, our school does not have a written action plan or targets Yes, our school has a written action plan or targets only Yes, our school has a written action plan or targets included in our School Development Plan Don't know Not applicable</p>
Fig.12	<p>In what areas are parents & carers involved in decisions regarding health and well-being improvement at your school? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Identifying health priority areas Health and well-being curriculum School health policy Family and community health School facilities School environment Other Parents & carers are not involved in these decisions</p>
Fig.13	<p>Which of the following has your school done to support staff knowledge and understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Training for all staff Training for some staff Developed policies relating to children's rights Provided guidance Accredited as a rights respecting school None of the above Other</p>

Fig.14	<p>Does your school have partnerships* with any of the following individuals or groups to help improve learner health and well-being?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p> <p><i>*Partnerships are any formal or informal relationships which exist for a period of time or on an on-going basis and which, in the case of local authorities and health boards, go beyond statutory requirements.</i></p>	<p>Other schools Professional sports clubs Local sport clubs Sport development officers (from national or regional organisations or the Local Authority) Faith organisations Private sector businesses or organisations Local public health teams e.g. Health and Well-being Promoting School team National third sector organisations / charities, e.g. Barnardo's, Brook, Alcohol Concern, Pet therapy Regional third sector organisations/ charities Local third sector organisations / charities Health professionals other than the local Health and Well-being Promoting School team, e.g. child health, school nursing, health visiting, GP Youth Workers (statutory or non-statutory) Police / PCSOs CAMHS In-Reach Other</p>
Fig.15	<p>For each year group, on average, how much opportunity for physical activity is timetabled weekly within the formal curriculum?</p> <p>Please note down the answer in minutes e.g. 45.</p> <p>Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6</p>	<p>Minutes per week Don't know Not applicable</p>
Fig.16	<p>How do learners access free period products at your school?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>From reception From welfare office/nurse From a teacher From toilets From family inclusion officer From community room or similar Other (SPECIFY BELOW) We do not provide free period products</p>
Fig.17	<p>Does your school promote active travel in any of the following ways?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Identify and promote safe walking and cycling routes Storage for bicycles and scooters Promotion of helmets for cyclists Walking promotions, e.g. 'Walk to School Week' Cycling proficiency training Pedestrian/cyclist entrances Collaboration with police/PCSOs to address community/transport safety Other None of the above</p>

Fig.18	<p>Does your school do any of the following to promote healthy eating?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Monitor and set goals to increase uptake of free school meals</p> <p>Clearly identify healthier options in the school canteen</p> <p>Ensure healthier options are clearly positioned for all learners during lunchtime</p> <p>Limit the use of foods high in saturated fat, sugar or salt for celebrations or as rewards</p> <p>Incentivise healthier options through other means</p> <p>Engage with Welsh Local Government Association 'certificate of Compliance' process for the Healthy Eating in Schools regulations (or similar process)</p> <p>Teach nutrition as part of the curriculum</p> <p>None of the above</p> <p>Don't know</p>
Fig.19	<p>Does your school offer a breakfast club before the start of the morning school session?</p> <p>SELECT ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<p>Yes, to all learners throughout the year</p> <p>Yes, to some learners and/or at certain times of year</p> <p>No</p> <p>Don't know</p>
Fig.20	<p>How long do learners have for their lunch break at your school?</p> <p>SELECT ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<p>Less than 30 minutes</p> <p>30 or 35 minutes</p> <p>40 or 45 minutes</p> <p>50 or 55 minutes</p> <p>60 or more minutes</p>
Fig.21	<p>Does your school have written policies that include the following?</p> <p>SELECT ONE BOX ON EACH ROW</p> <p>(a) Emotional and mental well-being (b) Self-harm (c) Suicide prevention (d) Disordered eating (e) Gender questioning (f) Bereavement (g) Neurodiversity (h) Mobile phone use</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>In development</p> <p>No</p>
Fig.22	<p>Does your school deliver any of the following emotional and mental well-being interventions for learners?</p> <p>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<p>Thrive</p> <p>Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)</p> <p>Trauma Informed Schools (TIS)</p> <p>Mindfulness</p> <p>Jigsaw</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid</p> <p>Other (SPECIFY BELOW)</p> <p>Don't know</p>
Fig.23	<p>Has your school started to deliver the Framework on Embedding a Whole School Approach to Emotional and Mental Well-being? Please identify the stage that most closely matches your current position:</p> <p>SELECT ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<p>My school has not begun to deliver a Whole School Approach (WSA)</p> <p>Scoping: Self-evaluating the school's strengths and needs</p> <p>Action planning: Creating a new or developing an existing action plan to build on the school's strengths and address gaps</p> <p>Implementing: Implementing the action plan</p> <p>Evaluating: Reviewing the effectiveness of the measures in place</p> <p>Continuous improvement: Using key learning from evaluation to improve the school's approach</p>



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