

## National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

**Name of School: West View Primary School**

**Head teacher & SMSC Lead: Lauren Furness**

**Verification visit: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear Ms Furness,

I am delighted to inform you that as a result of the recent verification visit, West View Primary School has been awarded **Silver** level of the National SMSC Quality Mark, and this has been confirmed by the Quality Assurance Panel.

West View Primary School most definitely has SMSC at its core and it is a fundamental aspect of the education that is provided. It is evident through both the school and MAT core values that everyone is indeed encouraged and empowered to 'Dream Big, Aim High and Shine Bright'.

There is such a welcoming, relaxed, calming atmosphere and physical environment which appears effortless however it is created with a great deal of careful consideration alongside a great deal of staff skill and dedication stemming from your commitment to The Curiosity Approach to learning.



I loved sitting in this area, which is just one of the many examples of home throughout the school.

Please pass on my thanks to the pupils who gave me a tour of their school and chatted with me. They are obviously proud to be part of West View School and shared lots of valuable insights. Thank you also to the staff, parents and Governors who took the time to talk to with me. Without exception, everyone I spoke to feels valued and used heartwarming phrases such as 'there's a team around every child' and 'the school speaks for itself'.

Every school needs a 'Pam' – whose role as support assistant just doesn't do justice to the huge variety of somewhat 'hidden' things she does.

I congratulate West View School on the silver standard of SMSC development that is afforded their pupils. However, I also must note that there is a great deal of 'beyond gold' level practice taking place.



## Strengths of the school's SMSC development:

Through your self-review tool, your website, my observations and discussions it is evident that there are numerous SMSC related strengths at West View School; the following are just a few key examples:

- Just some of the vocabulary used by members of your school community when asked to capture your school in just one word:

*'Imaginative' 'Respect' 'Brilliant' 'Community' 'Safe' 'Original'*

- Your use of a range of social media channels to communicate life at West View is very effective (to the point whereby newsletters are no longer needed).
- West View's ethos of caring and being responsive to the needs of its whole school community is commendable. Reflective practice is also a constant.
- You have lots of recognised achievements – Eco Schools Green Flag, Centre of Excellence for IQM and Rainbow Flag to name but a few.
- Your wellbeing and mental health work is exemplary and is for the benefit of the whole school community. My Happy Mind is just one example of the pastoral and therapeutic investments made.
- Your enrichment offer is excellent and learning outside of the classroom is a major feature of the education provided. This ranges from a variety of clubs, trips and excursions to 'Welly Walks', forest and beach schools.



## Areas for development:

- Implement your very comprehensive and specific action plan for SMSC further development. It should be noted that this document has been developed, as a result of lots of honest debate, by your whole SLT and this commendable.
- Continue with your exploration of 'buddy' schools.
- Action your plans to develop a 'Community Cupboard' as a specific/central place to distribute food and other items which provide free support to your families in need.
- Identify a named Lead Governor.

Verifier: Sandra Saint

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Akasa Pradhan



Please note that this award is recognised for three years, and that re-verification should be sought by May 2027.