



National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

Name of School: Ingol Community Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Parkinson

Verification: 26th November 2024

Dear Mrs Parkinson,

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

I would like to thank the school staff and pupils for their welcome and discussions with me regarding the SMSC provision at Ingol Community Primary. Pupils were able to express how they celebrate different cultures in your school and the importance of the school council and the various voting opportunities that exist. Pupils were able to express tangible changes instigated by the school council. They were complimentary about the support they received from teachers and support staff in helping them to improve, both academically and socially. They were clear about who they could turn to if they had a problem as well as the importance of rules both within school and in preparation for life as future citizens. It is clear from speaking to your pupils that SMSC is not a 'bolt on' but a fundamental part of everything that happens at Ingol.

National awareness days further add to the exploration and understanding of cultures and religions that might be different to their own which in turn develops their world view and critical thinking opportunities. Students receive regular SMSC exposure through a varied and well-constructed programme which allows the development of local, national and international views on current affairs.

I would also like to pass my thanks to the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors for meeting me online and discussing the importance of SMSC throughout the school and at strategic governance level. Governors understand the importance of SMSC and developing SMSC opportunities within the wider context of school development. Under your leadership, communication channels with parents/carers and your wider community are excellent and this fosters a good relationship with home.

It is clear that your SMSC lead has a good understanding of where she would like to take SMSC at Ingol and of the areas for development to move SMSC forward. The school SMSC vision will evolve further under her leadership, and I am confident that she will continue to raise its profile in the years ahead. There are clear successes that build upon your Silver award previously and your SMSC provision as a whole continues to go from strength to strength.

I congratulate Ingol Community Primary School on the Gold standard of SMSC development that is afforded their pupils.

Strengths of the school's SMSC development:

Through your self-evaluation and our discussions, it is evident that there are numerous SMSC related strengths at Ingol Community Primary School; the following are a few key examples:

- Outstanding learning environment with relevant, up to date and engaging displays. This school has a warm and welcoming environment, and its displays are overflowing with learning opportunities and opportunities for developing the enquiring mind amongst pupils.
- Clear and well shared school values, supported by all within the school structure, that link well with fundamental British Values. All opportunities are exploited to link daily school life to the British Values and SMSC strands.
- Excellent enrichment opportunities, some of which are student-led.

Areas for development:

- Continue engaging a greater percentage of your student body into leadership positions across the school, particularly ones linked to your emerging social action projects.
- Continue to promote good communication between the governing board and the student body to build on the good democratic and representative processes that already exist.



Verifier: David Brandrick

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Akasa Pradhan

Please note that his award is recognised for 3 years