



## National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

**Name of School: Ingol Community Primary School**

**Headteacher: Mrs. N Parkinson**

**SMSC Leads: Mrs. Jones/Mrs. Russell**

**Verification visit: 29/9/21**

Dear Mrs Parkinson

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

I was impressed with the evidence provided to support your submission and in the way that you conducted the verification. I particularly appreciated the contribution of you and your SMSC leads in guiding me through your verification and in talking about all the wonderful things you do at Ingol Community Primary. Thank you for all your hard work in bringing the self-verification tool and accompanying evidence together.

It is certainly more challenging for everyone conducting the verification meeting virtually, but I can truly say that I felt incredibly welcome during the visit. It is clear to me that Ingol Community Primary School takes its role within the wider community very seriously, and this is testimony to the hard work and commitment of all staff, pupils, and Governors. Congratulations!

Please especially thank all of your lovely pupils who talked to me so eloquently and enthusiastically about all of the tremendous SMSC-related opportunities provided for them within the curriculum and across school. I particularly enjoyed hearing about the work of your School Council and of course, the amazing radio broadcasting! Your pupils were clear about how much they love coming to your school and in the different ways that your staff support them to 'dream, inspire and achieve'. Some of the words they used to describe Ingol Community Primary ('unique, fantastic, funky') were perfect examples to represent how they feel that the school is 'just that little bit different'.

I'd also like to thank the two parents I spoke to, who so clearly explained their support and thanks for all the school does for their children and the wider community, especially during the pandemic. It is very clear that they appreciate the proactive way in which you communicate with them and welcome an open dialogue on any opinions and concerns they might have. One parent used the word 'unbelievable' when asked to describe the school in one word, and that the school were always '110%' in everything that they did. This is high praise!

The conversation I had with your two Governors was really helpful in understanding how and why the school's role at the centre of the community is so important. They made it clear that SMSC is part of the fabric of the school and that Governors wholeheartedly support this.

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

### **Strengths of the school's SMSC development:**

Through your self-evaluation, and our discussions, there are already a number of SMSC related strengths and many positive elements of SMSC at Ingol Community Primary School. The following are a just a few key examples:

- Communication with your school community – across a range of themes and on a regular basis, engaging with your community via Facebook, online newsletter, Class Dojo, radio broadcasts, Twitter, etc. provides valuable opportunities to involve them all in the daily life of the school. Parents and pupils all felt that they were really listened to
- Coverage of SMSC across the curriculum – your mapping and provision for SMSC related learning within the curriculum is a key part of the school's identity and strategy for improving outcomes for children
- The school at the centre of the community – this is something which parents and Governors spoke positively and enthusiastically about. The range of ways your school acts to support and enhance the community, both through lockdown and as part of regular school life, is commendable

### **Suggested areas for development:**

Please continue with the good work you are currently undertaking around SMSC! As a 'silver' school, the challenge is to maintain and build upon your efforts in the breadth of areas that SMSC encompasses. We discussed a number of potential action points which may help you to do this, but you could consider some of the following areas for further development:

- Wider consultation and engagement with pupils and parents around certain policies and after school clubs/opportunities
- Further develop the links between Governors and school councillors to further extend their work and contributions to wider school improvement
- School visits – adding in additional SMSC 'targets' on monitoring records for any planned trips or visitors into school to provide easily identifiable links to SMSC

Verifier: Russell Stanley

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Victoria Quijada

Please note that this award is recognised for 3 years, and that re-verification should be sought by September 2024.