



## National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

**Name of School: Barncroft Primary School**  
**SMSC Lead: Caroline Bradshaw**

**Headteacher: Julia Roberts**  
**Verification visit: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Dear Julia,

I am delighted to inform you that as a result of the recent verification visit, Barncroft 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 offer particular thanks to the students who showed me around and spoke with obvious pride about all the SMSC related activities they are involved with. They were able to clearly talk about the importance of the School Council and the voting process, the activities of the Eco-Warriors and the Aspiration Avenue amongst other topics. They were clearly keen to show me around the school and every classroom was welcoming and happy to show us what they were doing.

I would also like to thank and congratulate all the staff and governors I met. Each showed how the SMSC provision is part of a school wide shared vision. The evidence scrap books were a really positive way of reflecting on events and are updated constantly and made available for people in the school to see. Folders were also on display in the entrance foyer. The Staff and Parent Governor I met are clearly keen to maintain the recent developments and have a real passion for providing further opportunities for the students and the rest of the school community.

It was a real privilege to visit the school and see the way that SMSC learning is embedded in the ethos of the school.

In discussions with the headteacher and SMSC lead, it is clear that SMSC is the foundation and core of all that happens at Barncroft. A secure shared vision is embedded across all subject areas through effective planning and when choosing activities for learning. Barncroft is very much a community school and values the skills and attributes of visitors to enhance their SMSC delivery. The school environment is welcoming and supportive and it is clear to see why students enjoy attending school. Displays around school are relevant and reflect life in modern Britain.

I congratulate Barncroft primary school on the Gold standard of SMSC development that is afforded their pupils; Young Citizens will be discussing with the school which aspects of their provision can be shared with other schools.

### **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 Barncroft Primary School; the following are a few key examples:

- SMSC is embedded in the vision of the school – this is evident on the website and in the school buildings from the entrance foyer to every classroom and corridor.
- Everyone involved in the school community is welcomed and is made to feel valued. An example of this is the induction process for new staff and the way a folder is provided to help support supply teachers when in the school
- Opportunities are provided for students to take the lead in school life and show their respect for each other. The School Council is well established and plays an important and active role in school life.



- A steering group for SMSC meets regularly to review SMSC provision and make further plans, the designated SMSC governor is part of this process.

**Areas for development: (Barncroft is aware of all of these and is planning ahead)**

- Try to reach out more to faith communities to encourage a greater opportunity for students to meet people from different faith communities
- Develop the buddy system further to help students resolve disputes.

Verifier: David Rees

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Victoria Quijada

Please note that his award is recognised for 3 years and that re-verification should be sought by July 2022