



## National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

**Name of School: Lawford Mead Primary School**

**Head of School: Matthew Poyton**

**SMSC Lead: Megan Webster**

**Verification visit: 22/03/2022**

Dear Mr Poyton,

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

It was such a pleasure meeting you, your pupils and your SMSC Governor as well as the parent chat we had. The positivity and enthusiasm of your pupils and all stakeholders was indeed very heart warming. The pupil work and their explanation of their work was a delight. Your School Councillors were confident and brilliant at articulating their thoughts.

The work that has been done by Megan was an absolute delight to go through. Her understanding of SMSC and how she has woven it into every element of school life and learning is very commendable. Her enthusiasm and willingness to take on board advice made it a pleasure to go through this verification process for your school.

I congratulate Lawford Mead Primary School on the Gold standard of SMSC development that is afforded their pupils. Young Citizens will be in touch to discuss which aspects of your 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 Lawford Mead Primary School. The following are a few key examples:

- How diversity and differences are celebrated, for example through the Jigsaw teaching program.
- The understanding that you have that SMSC should be woven into every aspect of school life and the work you have done to achieve this.
- That you practically encourage empathy and critical thinking in your pupils and your staff.

### **Areas for development:**

- Implementing purposeful displays throughout the school that reflect the great work you do in celebrating diversity, thus making displays interactive.
- Training staff to train pupils to lead break and lunch time projects and activities.

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- Teach and train pupils to take an active role in the mediation of disputes.

Verifier: Safiyya Ahmed

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Victoria Quijada

Please note that this award is recognised for 3 years and that re-verification should be sought by March 2025