

National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

Name of School: East Morton C of E Primary School

SMSC Lead: Kate Stockdale

Headteacher: Anne Proctor

Verification visit: 19/07/2023

Dear Anne,

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

Throughout my time at East Morton, I was inspired by the many opportunities that the school offers students to develop a strong cohesive community identity based around the shared values of faith, hope and love. SMSC is clearly the golden thread that has been carefully woven into the rich fabric of the curriculum, pastoral systems, clubs, trips and other educational opportunities offered by the school.

As was noted in the Ofsted report in February 2022, 'Pupils develop a clear understanding of fundamental British values from a young age.' This is a result of a carefully planned PSHE curriculum, which not only allows students to explore a range of issues, but also allows staff to respond to current affairs such as the passing of our late Queen Elizabeth II. This along with the religious education curriculum, develops pupils' knowledge and understanding of other religions and faiths, allowing them to take their rightful place as a local, national and global citizen in modern Britain.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Arya and Elspeth for showing me around the school and the student panel who I met to discuss the many ways in which the school supports their SMSC development. It was clear from their mature and articulate answers that they had clearly benefitted from metacognition coaching programme as part of the P4C curriculum. From my interviews with the governors, staff and parents, I could see that everyone was well informed and shared a common vision about all aspects of SMSC and British values.

Finally, I would like to thank Kate Stockdale for the role that she played in helping to facilitate the day and put together the evidence for the verification process. It was clear from the curriculum planning and displays around the school, that SMSC was central to school improvement. I congratulate East Morton Church of England Primary School on achieving the Gold standard of SMSC development that is afforded to 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 East Morton Church of England Primary School; the following are just a few key examples:

- The school has a clear vision for SMSC and a strong moral ethos which is reflected in every aspect of school life. SMSC is the golden thread that ties together the rich tapestry of the curriculum, school policies and pastoral support for students. Curriculum planning and mapping for SMSC and British values is a real strength.

- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social, cultural understanding is developed very effectively, so that pupils have a clear understanding that they belong to a tolerant, multicultural and multi-faith society. This is underpinned by the recent awarding of the Silver Diversity Mark, as well as the wide range of clubs, trips and enterprise days offered by the school which are designed to add cultural capital and enable students to contribute to the wider community.
- Opportunities to experience and express feelings of awe and wonder are frequent across the curriculum in all year groups. I saw clear evidence of this during my tour, sampling of students' work and in the many outstanding displays throughout the school.
- All members of the school community share the highest expectations for behaviour amongst pupils and staff. The school's key value is modelled around LOVE. As a result, relationships are exemplary and are characterised by compassion, gentleness, kindness and respect.
- The school governors have an excellent relationship with pupils and actively seek opportunities to gain their views. They meet frequently with the student council and actively participate in worship. This was also evident in my student interviews, where everyone could describe a range of issues based upon their democratic choices that had been positively developed by the school.

Areas for development:

- In the short term, the school needs to continue to invest in the CPD and training of the SMSC Coordinator, new members of staff and the governor responsible for monitoring SMSC within the school.
- In the short to medium term, the school will need to continue to monitor the impact of the PSHE curriculum on pupils' SMSC development.
- In the medium to long term, the school should actively seek out new opportunities to share and build upon their outstanding practice with other schools.

Verifier: Roy Huggins

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Victoria Quijada

Please note that this award is recognised for 3 years and that re-verification should be sought by July 2026.