



National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

Name of School: Town Lane Infant School

Head of School: Mrs Kate Large

SMSC Lead: Mrs Jane Armstrong

Verification visit: 29th June 2021

Dear Mrs Large and Mrs Armstrong,

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

Thank you for the warm welcome I received (albeit virtually) and for persevering with the additional workload that was created to get the required videos/photographs to me. [I didn't know that 'incognito Google' even existed!]

You provided an extensive amount of evidence both before and during my visit; your desire to 'shout about' your school's SMSC work confirmed that it is indeed an integral and fundamental element of your ethos, values and aims.

Your school website is very comprehensive, and the history of the school is a lovely thing to include. It illustrates the plethora of excellent SMSC practice that is well embedded throughout everyday school life.

Please pass on my thanks to the pupils who met with me (Kitty, Caleb, Zara, Sam, Jensen and Ollie from Y1, as well as Ellen, Jack, Charlie, Frieda, William and Emma from Y2). They told me about a great many of the fab things that take place at your school from adopting an elephant to turning their classroom into the trenches. They are obviously proud to be part of Town Lane Infant School and made poignant statements like "It means so much to me."

Thank you also to Joanne Jury (Governor and parent) for her time and insights. She spoke very highly of your school and its welcoming and caring approach.

I congratulate Town Lane Infant School on the gold standard of SMSC development that is afforded its 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 school website, self-evaluation, my observations, and discussions it is evident that there are numerous SMSC related strengths at Town Lane Infant School; the following are a few key examples:

- The SMSC links that are throughout all curriculum planning documents.
- Your RRS work (UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools).
- The SMSC-related awards you have achieved (Artsmark Gold, Eco-Schools Green Flag and Healthy Schools).
- Your forest school – Rosie's Woods sound amazing and is obviously a favourite with the pupils.
- Your 'school evidence portfolio' and range of floor-books to capture the pupils' work.
- The wellbeing of pupils, staff and governors is seen as a priority at Town Lane.
- When asked to use only one word each, the words below capture the way your school is described by members of its key stakeholders:

*“Amazing Lovely Kind Helpful Fabulous
Busy Exciting Supportive Fun Happy”*

Areas for development:

- When Covid restrictions allow, continue to develop the work you have planned to link the school council with the Governing Body.
- Good luck with achieving the recognition you are hoping for as you progress towards gold level RRS.
- Move forward with the 'Playground Charter' sign development in conjunction with an external artist.
- Suggested next steps for you are to:
 - Investigate a wellbeing award as this will align with and further enhance your current good practice.
 - Explore the development of a social media profile to further enhance communication with parents/carers and your wider school community,

Verifier: Sandra Saint

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Victoria Quijada

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