

National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report - Revalidation

Name of School: Bishopton PRU

Headteachers: Mrs. Emily Carr & Mrs. Rachel Campbell

SMSC/PD Lead: Mrs. Ally Tolkat

Verification visit: 8th June 2022

Dear Mrs Carr & Mrs Campbell,

I am delighted to inform you that as a result of the recent verification visit, Bishopton PRU has been awarded **Gold** level of the National SMSC Quality Mark **for the second time**, and this has been confirmed by the Quality Assurance Panel.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome on my return visit. You have continued to further develop your SMSC and made progress since your first verification back in April 2019.

The family love at Bishopton is evident and your CASTLE poster and SMSC overview illustrate just how fundamentally you place this agenda. You also provided me with a range of other relevant documentation.



Please pass on my thanks to all of the students who I met throughout my visit and briefly chatted with. Also, to Josh, an ex-student who came back to share his experience and onward journey with me. I met with many members of staff of various roles within school which are interlinked and all have relevance to high quality SMSC education.

Thank you also to Joanna the Trust CEO for her insights as well as to the selection of parents for their time and insights. They all spoke extremely highly of your school and made statements such as:

“I can’t fault the support...even arranged to do GCSEs from at home.”

“A visible change in *H* with a positive impact on homelife as well.”

I congratulate Bishopton PRU 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.

I am already looking forward to my next visit to experience the new building and exciting facilities that, after a long delay, is finally due to commence.

Strengths of the school's SMSC development:

Wow, where to start? There are so many strengths at Bishopton PRU; so, the following are just a few key examples:

- Your numerous awards, for example, achieving IQM Flagship status, Gold award in mental health, a Green Flag eco-school.
- Your CASTLE work and COPE curriculum (planned and universal 'real life' experiences). One example being the recent building of a beach/garden at a nursery school.
- CIAG – your Investing in Futures strategy is integrated from KS3.
- Your passion to become a specialist center for alternative education and your drive to 'change the narrative' in relation to PRUs.
- The relationship matrix which is carried out with every student.
- Your ongoing culture of 'review, reflect and revise' for everything you do.

Areas for development:

- Encourage students to plan and lead assemblies.
- Explore the possibilities of a 'buddy' school somewhere in the world to connect with (perhaps through the Comenius project).
- Consider the possibilities in relation to extended 16-25 years' provision.
- Continue with your plans for Alumni development.

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 2025.