

## **National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report**

**Name of School: Crosfields School**

**Headteacher: Mr. C Watson**

**SMSC Lead: Mr. S Dyson / Mr. R Ebbage**

**Verification visit: 20/3/23**

Dear Mr Watson

I am very pleased to inform you that because of the recent successful virtual verification visit, Crosfields School has been awarded the **silver** level of the National SMSC Quality Mark, and this has been confirmed by the Quality Assurance Panel.

It is certainly a little more challenging for everyone conducting the verification meeting virtually, but I felt very welcome at your school during the meeting which is testimony to the emphasis that you and your staff place upon SMSC across school. It is clear that you are deeply committed to enriching your students' broader development, as well as serving their academic needs. You and your whole school community should be rightly proud that you have achieved this accolade for the work you are undertaking in SMSC.

Please thank all of your students who talked to me so eloquently about the SMSC-related opportunities provided for them across school. It was obvious by the examples that they gave that they feel very happy and proud to be students at your school. In our discussions it was clear that your students were appreciative of the positive way that your staff interact with them and build a real sense of school community, as well as for the many and varied enrichment opportunities that are provided.

I'd also like to thank the two Governors that I spoke to. The conversation I had with them made it apparent that Crosfield School places a high value on SMSC development, and that Governors are both directly and strategically involved in this work and understand the huge benefits this brings.

The two parents I spoke to were passionate about the positive experiences that all of their children had received at Crosfields. They were glowing in the inclusive care and attention that you give to each child in your school. Please thank them so much for their contribution to the verification visit – their input was invaluable and provided superb evidence, and I really appreciated them sharing personal stories for me to be able to understand how you support your students and families.

Finally, I would especially like to congratulate both Mr Dyson and Mr Ebbage for coordinating this achievement. During our meeting, the depth of knowledge in being able to further explain, evidence and answer any question was incredibly helpful in clarifying my understanding and in reaching the final judgement.

There are so many positives at Crosfields School, with plenty of opportunities and activities to enrich and embed SMSC. I congratulate you on achieving the silver standard of SMSC development that is afforded your pupils.

### **Strengths of the school's SMSC development:**

Through your self-evaluation, the evidence you provided for the standards and our discussions during the visit, it is evident that there are many SMSC related strengths at Crosfields School; the following are a just a few key examples:

- Extra-curricular opportunities – these are incredibly wide and varied and afford your students a range of experiences and responsibility that develops their character outside of academic provision
- Strategic importance of SMSC – both Governors and senior leaders are very clear on how important SMSC is in maintaining and developing Crosfields as a school
- Communication and engagement with parents, carers and guardians – you strive to maintain a personal, community feel via effective two-way communication with your parent community, and are very responsive to their views and opinions

### **Suggested areas for development:**

The completion of the self-review tool was done in a reflective manner, which means that you have a clear handle on those individual standards where you can develop your practice further. Please do continue with the excellent work you are currently undertaking. You could also consider some of the following areas for development:

- As suggested in our meeting, you might wish to consider some more formal staff training opportunities around opportunities to teach SMSC
- Provide greater opportunity across the curriculum for pupils to develop emotional intelligence within their learning
- Include specific mention of the pupil engagement work you have done around anti-bullying within your school anti-bullying policy

Verifier: Russell Stanley

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 2026.