



St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Learning for Life'

Friday 20th July 2018

Re: Surrey County Council's Charter Mark
Awarded for Outstanding Anti-Bullying Practice



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to notify you that, as a result of the recent assessment visit, our school has been awarded the **SILVER Anti-Bullying Charter Mark** award.

During their visit they looked at documentary evidence of policy, procedures, reporting and recording data. They also observed information that advises how pupils can keep themselves safe, as well as completing a learning walk which gave them a good feel for the positive ethos and appropriate behaviour within school. They spoke to some parents, pupils and peer mediators, the Headteacher, AB Co-ordinator (Mrs Chenery) and the Chair of Governors to ensure that they had a broad and balanced view of the Anti-bullying approach in our school.

The team were impressed with all of the hard work we do to ensure that we provide a safe and happy place for the children to learn, as well as raising achievement and attendance, promoting equality and diversity, developing resilience, and ensuring the safety and well-being of the school community. They were pleased with the effective anti-bullying work that we do as part of our commitment to meeting our behaviour and safeguarding responsibilities as described in the new Ofsted framework.

The accreditation team confirmed that our school meets the criteria in the silver charter mark categories; these cover issues related to whole school involvement, policy, student support, curriculum and training. The Silver Award has provided the school with accredited recognition of the work we do in effectively responding to and managing incidents of bullying and peer conflict. It recognises and promotes the development of a culture and policy that sits comfortably and supportively within the safeguarding ethos of a school.

In their final report they said:

"Your work in promoting and developing an Anti-Bullying culture throughout the school, ensuring that all pupils are supported, is a testament to your ethos and approach of being a school that is open and inclusive. There is a real sense of community and that you are all working together to do the best for your pupils."

I would like to thank all of the staff, parents and pupils at St Mary's for all that they do to ensure that we have a safe and happy school.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Chenery

Deputy Headteacher