

# Basic Skills Quality Mark (BSQM) - Visit Feedback Report

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30<sup>th</sup>

Visit

Renewal Assessment Purpose of Visit

#### Dear Zowie and team,

Can I begin by thanking you and your staff for their welcome. The renewal process was well organised and you clearly had a good understanding of your school. I want to particularly thank the parent governor who we spoke to at the start of the day. She was very clear that West Melton had a clear focus on Basic Skills and continued to 'tweak' its provision to ensure it met the needs of its current cohorts.

Whilst you acknowledge that because of the stage of your school's journey means you are still embedding some of the elements you are developing, it was clear you are determined to drive them forward.

I am very pleased to inform you that you that the Basic Skills Quality Mark will be awarded to West Melton Primary School for a further 3 years.

John Barnett

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### The Assessor spoke with the following people

Headteacher and/or Senior Leaders	Literacy Subject Leader	Numeracy Subject Leader	Assessment Manger
Yes	Yes	YES	YES
SENCo	Pupils	Governor	Parent
	YES (on learning	representative(s)	representative(s)
YES	walk)	YES	YES

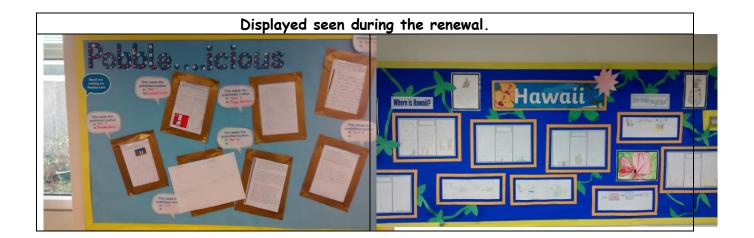
'Learning Walk' completed? YES	Relevant evidence-base reviewed? YES

## Suggested areas for development in preparation for the next Quality Mark visit and links to the 10 Elements of the Quality Mark:

- The use of a range of teaching approaches and learning styles to improve basic skills:
  - o Pupils' work in maths to show wider opportunities for challenging problem solving activities;
  - o For pupils to have wider opportunities to show & celebrate their growing pride in their learning e.g. how final outcomes are presented, exhibitions of work, topic books etc.

### 'Good practice' identified in relation to the 10 Elements of the Quality Mark:

- Children and young people identified with additional needs are well-supported through differentiated planning with practitioner support, strategies and resources matched to their needs;
  - o Significant resources are made available to ensure early intervention such as the Butterfly Room and the number of support staff.



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