



National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

Name of School: Co-op Academy Belle Vue
SMSC Lead: Daniel Haste

Headteacher: Scott Fletcher
Verification visit: 25.04.04

Dear Mr Fletcher

I am delighted to inform you that as a result of the recent verification visit, Co-op Academy Belle Vue has been awarded **Gold** level of the National SMSC Quality Mark, and this has been confirmed by the Quality Assurance Panel.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Co-op Academy Belle Vue and was immediately struck by the warmth and community feel of your school throughout the time I was there.

I would like to offer huge thanks to Jack, James and Aya for their thorough and enthusiastic tour of the school; they are clearly proud of their school and understood the values and principles, explaining them with clarity. Huge thanks also to Gurbani, Delvick, Tanya, Zuha, Maira, Aaban and Lily who engaged so keenly in the pupil meeting. They demonstrated perfectly what your school does for its pupils. They articulated the routines and ethos of your school with pride and are clear about how to keep themselves and others safe, they understood how the protected characteristics, British values and the CARE curriculum were intrinsic parts of the school experience for pupils at Belle Vue. They appreciated the depth of preparation for life and careers through well designed routines, experiences and lessons. It was lovely to see the absolute confidence they all had that their voice would be heard and enjoyed all the opportunities they are given to use their voices, particularly referencing Community Conversations, Ambition Cards, Appreciations, electives and trusted adults. Zuha encapsulated all this when she said, 'It isn't always about the word outside you, but about knowing yourself as a person - you are what you do and I try to represent myself the best way I can at all times.' When asked to describe their school in one word, they thought very hard and said; unique, the best, a second home, safe, better, diverse and CAREing.

I would like to share my appreciation to Roz who gave her time to talk to me as a governor. She described how the young people themselves were the best advocates for what you do at Belle Vue and the common aim everyone at the school has, ensuring that all the young people have many opportunities to grow as people as well as learn effectively.

Daniel clearly feels very strongly about the impact of good SMSC practice and has a clarity of vision about this that he articulates clearly and is able to implement effectively across the school with the support of the whole community. The CARE curriculum is clearly at the heart of the practice of the whole school community and valued hugely by everyone involved.

I congratulate Co-op Academy Belle Vue on the Gold standard of SMSC development that is afforded their pupils.

Strengths of the school's SMSC development:

Through your self-evaluation and our discussions it is evident that there are numerous SMSC related strengths at Belle Vue; the following are a few key examples:

- The CARE curriculum; it is thoroughly integrated into the life of the school, the pupils and staff value it and it is an obvious source of pride for the whole school community.
- The many aspects of school which are focused on the social development of all its young people, including the Community Lunch and Community Conversations that happen regularly and that the young people enjoy and value as well as understanding that these are opportunities for personal growth and development.
- The sense of safety and belonging that is tangible throughout the school and evidenced by the pride the young people have in their school and how eager they are to engage in conversation and discussion with those around them.

Areas for development:

- Ensuring that there is a clear strategy for the scaling up of the routines and learning as school naturally grows over the next few years.
- Continuing to identify ways to overcome the barriers and develop opportunities to grow the cultural capital of the young people.

Verifier: Rachel Tomlinson

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Akasa Pradhan



Please note that this award is recognised for three years and that re-verification should be sought by April 2027.