

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*



# **Achievement For All**



In November 2015 St. Mark's C.E (A) Primary School was awarded the Achievement For All Quality Mark for its work in improving the well-being, resilience and self-esteem of its pupils who are vulnerable to underachievement.

The Quality Mark Award recognises the impressive work being done by the school to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

The award has been developed by leading education charity [Achievement for All](#) (AfA), which offers support programmes to schools and settings to help them improve outcomes in the lowest achieving 20 per cent.

St. Mark's has been working in partnership with Achievement for All since January 2013 and has seen a marked improvement in many aspects including working with parents and carers on children's targets as part of the AfA framework.

Achievement for All works closely with parents, carers, teachers and the individual child to secure the best outcome and attainment for their students through personalised and specific targets. The unique programmes are delivered directly to schools and settings via a highly skilled and trained team of expert coaches. Our thanks go to Mrs. Kuljit Jheeta who was our coach during the programme.

Schools are assessed for the Quality Mark Award within the second year of the Schools Programme. The award focuses on a variety of categories such as strategic planning, quality of teaching and learning, effective use of interventions, pupil progress and community relationships.

Laura Bromberg, Regional Director at Achievement for All, said:

*"We are thrilled to present St. Mark's C.E (A) Primary School with this much deserved award. They have shown a high quality of leadership and teamwork, and most importantly, the target groups have made more than expected progress and are closing the gap with their peers. Our programmes are designed to be a whole school improvement tool and St. Mark's C.E (A) Primary School has shown a continued commitment and success in improving outcomes for their children.*

*"Achievement for All believes that every child can progress, and through our programmes we hope to enable every child to be the best that they can be regardless of background, challenge, or need. A huge congratulations to teachers, parents, carers and children at St. Mark's C.E (A) Primary School for all their hard work."*

Below is an extract from an e-mail received from Laura Bromberg following her visit to assess the evidence for the Quality Mark.

*I am writing to thank you for your hospitality when assessing your school for the Achievement for All Quality Mark last week. I am pleased to say that you easily met the standard.....I was really impressed by the lengths that you go to ensure that the needs of your vulnerable youngsters are met. Whilst doing a tour of the school, your consistent approaches were clear to see in classes, and the displays around the school were of a really high standard. Please also thank your Governor for sparing the time to share her support for the programme. It was hugely appreciated.*

We are now looking forward to working with Judith Tulloch, who will be our coach as we work towards Quality Lead status.