

# Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy

## Centre of Excellence for Inclusion

Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy, run by Diocese of Norwich and Education Academies Trust (DNEAT), has retained its Centre of Excellence for Inclusion status awarded by IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark).

In a recent review inspection, both children and leaders are seen to be thriving. It highlights that 'At the heart of Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy there is significant work put into considering the whole child and the school has worked diligently with families and children to recognise the efforts of every pupil.'

Ms Shirley Young, IQM Assessor said: "I continue to be firmly of the opinion that the school fully meets the standard required by the Inclusion Quality Mark to maintain its status as a Centre of Excellence. I therefore recommend that the school retains its Centre of Excellence status and is reviewed again in 12 months."

The assessor's evaluation for the IQM award said, "The school learning environment is especially impressive as you walk around Kessingland school. The displays are vibrant, colourful, and often 3D. There is a consistent approach to them which runs from the nursery provision right the way through to Year 6. Many of the displays are interactive and children have worked alongside adults to create some specialist pieces. There are consistent reminders of the Thrive initiative through photographic evidence. Consistent use of the three roadways behaviour system and wherever books are displayed, there is a highly noticeable balance of cultures, equalities and topics relating to acceptance that can be seen throughout the school community."

Headteacher, Mr Adrian Crossland, said: "I am extremely proud of our wonderful school community. Everyone works extremely hard to create the inclusive, nurturing ethos that this award has recognised and we continue to seek ways of best supporting all our young people and their families."

Oliver Burwood CEO of DNEAT said: "The awarding of the centre of excellence status is a fantastic achievement. It reflects the work of this skilled and dedicated staff who are relentless in their efforts to make this a truly inclusive school. Everyone in our Trust are proud of Adrian and his team. Other schools within DNEAT gain an awful lot by visiting and working with the school on this vital area."

The Inclusion Quality Mark Award provides UK schools with a nationally recognised validation of their inclusive practice and ongoing commitment to developing educational inclusion and there are currently less than 250 schools in the UK who have the IQM Centre of Excellence for Inclusion status.

