



Castle Hill Primary School

'Building Independence, Broadening Horizons, Brightening Futures'



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded Artsmark Gold. This is an award given by Arts Council England which celebrates our commitment to arts and cultural education. The children at Castle Hill have access to a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities. As a school, we engage with a range of arts and cultural organisations and can evidence the positive impact of these partnerships. The children at Castle Hill have opportunities to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture.

Below is the statement from the judgement panel:

The panel has made the following comment about your submissions:

Castle Hill Primary obtained Artsmark Gold under the old rubrics some years ago, however, looking at the Statement of Commitment and Case Study, the new Artsmark emphasis on forward planning and embedding the arts within the curriculum have been understood and fully embraced. The commitment of the Headteacher comes through strongly and adds a level of authenticity to the Case Study reflections which was refreshing to read. The range of arts provision available to children at the school is strong and the values and ethos of the school give the arts an important role and high status for children and parents alike.

For the future, it will be interesting to hear more about links with other schools as Castle Hill's confidence and expertise continue to grow, as well as more detail about the perceived impacts on staff and young people. Continuing to develop staff CPD and ways of increasing pupil voice through self-management of their arts learning, perhaps through Arts Award, would be of benefit. Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!

Yours sincerely

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