



Quality Mark Award (basic skills)

The award

The **i**basic skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy.

It is awarded to a setting or school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy, and is valid for three years. A school or setting must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy, with evidence of the impact of its approaches.

It provides a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of the basic skills of all pupils in a school, including those who **i**underachieve and those who **i**underattain.

Benefits

The Quality Mark provides a strategic management tool to help with the implementation of a whole school approach in literacy and numeracy. It will support the professional development of middle and senior managers and help bring together existing school, LA, DfE, literacy and numeracy improvement strategies

Background - Alliance for Lifelong Learning/Tribal

In July 2007 the Basic Skills Agency merged with the National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education (NIACE). As part of this process, NIACE formed an alliance-allowing Tribal to take forward the work of the Basic Skills Agency with schools.

They continue to work in positive **partnership with local authorities**. Whilst Quality Mark services are now provided by the Alliance in a large

number of local authorities, they remain in active partnership with a third of local authorities in England. These partner authorities directly manage the accreditation process and provide Quality Mark support and assessment services to their own schools but with advice, support and quality assurance of their work provided by the Alliance.

All Sunderland Schools and Academies

Aim High Academy Trust, Newbottle Primary Academy now operate the Sunderland LA Partnership license with the Alliance to provide a comprehensive Quality Mark Award accreditation process, support and assessment services to all Sunderland schools and academies.

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Awards

We can assess for the following awards

- Early Years
- Primary (3-11)
- Secondary

Special Schools please apply for the age range that applies to your setting

Application process

To apply to be assessed for the Quality Mark Award please contact -

- Newbottle Primary Academy and ask for an Assessor to contact you.

We have several qualified Assessors.

Or

- Pat Dutton (Assessor) pat.dutton@aimhigh.co.uk to register your interest and receive more information.

More information

More information can be found on the Quality Mark national website

www.qm-alliance.co.uk