

## Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School

### 'An excellent, happy school where we enjoy learning'

#### A summary from the Governors - July 2025

**This year for the summary about our school, we have used information gathered from external reviews and they state:** The school, though housed in an older building, is bright, well-maintained, and welcoming. Leaders are addressing minor maintenance issues, including outdoor flooring. The extensive outdoor space is creatively used for learning and play, featuring a garden, forest area, gym equipment, and a ping-pong table.

Inclusion is promoted through initiatives like the Buddy Stop and personalized spaces for individual interests. The school's values—collaboration, aspiration, respect, and positivity—are clearly embedded in its culture, alongside its own principles of being "Ready, Respectful, and Safe."

Displays are vibrant and well-kept, reflecting pride in the environment. The headteacher demonstrates strong awareness of local safeguarding risks, ensuring the school remains a safe and supportive place for all pupils.

As governors, it has been great having external bodies observing our school and wonderful to hear the positivity that these reviews bring. Governors are already aware of the positive approaches within the school but having these validated means so much. Well done to the school and everyone involved in all this hard work over the year. We are sure that the school will carry on this positive journey and the school will flourish in all they do.

#### Exciting adventures



#### School Improvement (SCiF):

*'The music provision was very thorough and well considered and from a parent perspective, my children thoroughly enjoy these lessons. The curriculum is being planned with a careful eye on meeting the learning objectives and success criteria.'* (Link Governor feedback after termly visit)

Each term, as Chair of Governors, I meet with all the other Chairs of Governors from schools within the Empower Trust; this allows us to share best practices and discuss how to further develop our roles when working with our individual schools. The role of being a governor is a voluntary one, where we support and challenge keeping the children's education at the heart of everything we do.

#### Feedback from the parents and staff throughout the year 2024 - 2025:

- *'With my child's complex SEN needs, I believe the school is doing everything they can to support his needs.'*
- *'The school continues to improve and has the best interest of the children.'*
- *'Thank you to all the teachers and assistants who work so hard to make sure the children are happy and thrive.'*
- *'The school is a lovely, safe and welcoming setting. I would like to see wrap around care.'*
- *'A great school, really friendly, caring staff. My daughter is doing really well and we are so very happy.'*
- *'My child has thrived at this school and they have been amazing with his social and emotional education.'*
- *'My child has made huge leaps in his learning since starting at this school. He is always happy, speaks positively and has made strong relationships. He has been offered a range of wonderful experiences from school trips to learning new skills. The school has a wonderful ethos which is apparent through the helpfulness of the staff.'*

*I am sure that you will join me in thanking all of the staff in the school for their dedication and hard work. I would like to thank all of the children, parents, governors and wider community for their continued support and working with the school.*

**Julie Meijueiro - Chair of the Local Governing Body**

### CIF Bid Award

Market Drayton Infant School and Empower Shared Services have been working hard with various companies over at least four years to obtain additional funding for the school to improve the heating and roofing.

As you know, this year we have had a variety of work completed on several areas in school but we are pleased to announce we have been successful in securing more funding for major works which means that the work can continue. Over the summer holidays, we will see a new heating system and several areas of the roof replaced. Great news!

*Congratulations!*

### External Review of Safeguarding

Leaders are passionate about keeping children safe and in providing them with the knowledge and skills to help children to keep themselves safe and manage risks in the environment. They have a reflective approach and use self-evaluation effectively to manage safeguarding effectively. There is evidence of an open culture of safeguarding at Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School and evidence of the positive impact this has for children.

Leaders know the children and families well and have correctly identified contextual risks children may face, they have clear curriculum plans and proactively ensure all aspects are covered within the curriculum including water safety, road safety and personal safety, this includes regular re-visiting of key themes such as NSPCC pants message. Leaders are also responsive in their approach being flexible within curriculum and whole school work to include content where emerging risks have been identified. This demonstrates effective self-evaluation and response to contextual safeguarding.

### Belonging at our school

At Market Drayton Infant School, belonging is a core value that shapes how staff work, learn, and grow together. Shared achievements like the collective completion of the NPQLT nationally recognised qualification training for staff foster unity and pride, while collaboration days and events like Edushare provide supportive spaces for reflection and connection. This culture empowers staff to lead with confidence and empathy, creating classrooms where children also feel safe, valued, and included. Through wellbeing initiatives and celebration events, every child is encouraged to build confidence, form positive relationships, and develop a lasting sense of belonging.

### Year 2 Entrepreneurs

After a success year in 2023-24 in fundraising, our current Year 2 children have again taken part in different fundraising events to raise money for their end of year disco and for a trip to Bewilderwood in Cheshire. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bewilderwood and are spending their last week in school with us enjoying lots of fun events. We are so proud of all our children raising enough money for their end of term treats and know they had an amazing time attending them.



Bewilderwood

### Our Strategic Plan and the Year Ahead

Over the next year the work will be around the following aspects of the strategic plan:

- Review the curriculum offer in place and refine individual areas of the curriculum linking to Empower Trust 10 principles.
- Continue working adaptive teaching and focusing on provision for children with Special Educational Needs
- Further develop the English curriculum—Trust focus on writing and school focus on handwriting
- Developing further links within the community and opening up the TED centre as a community hub
- Continue to develop leadership at all levels through support and collaboration with other schools within the Trust

### The Local Governing Body

The [Governors' page](#) on the school website tells you who we are, who appointed us and our attendance record. It also lists our relevant business or other interests. It is our job to make sure that everything is in place so that children can do their best learning. We agree our strategic direction, monitor and evaluate the school's work, acting as a critical friend to the Acting Headteacher.



**Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School - Collaboration, Aspirations, Respect and Positivity**