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## St George's CE First School receives national accolade for improvement

Tasnim Koser, deputy and AfA school champion at St George's, with pupils Zulakha Khaliq, aged seven, and Peter Crump, six. [Liz Sharpe](#)



A REDDITCH first school is celebrating after receiving national accolade for its improvement.

St George's CE First School, in Stevenson Avenue, received The Quality Mark award for its work in improving the well-being, resilience and self-esteem of its pupils who are vulnerable to underachievement.

The award, which recognises the work done schools to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils, particularly those with special educational needs or disabilities, has been developed by education charity Achievement for All, which offers support programmes to schools in the lowest achieving 20 per cent.

St George's CE First School has been working in partnership with Achievement for All since November 2014, 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.

Tasnim Koser, deputy and AfA school champion at

St George's, said: "We are delighted that this award recognises the hard work and commitment of all staff.

"We have been grateful for the support and advice from our AfA coach, Rachael Baldwin, who has led the professional development of both staff and governors. We have received positive feedback from parents, who have valued the time that staff have spent with them in structured conversations."

Achievement for All works closely with parents, carers, teachers and the individual child to secure the best outcome and attainment. The unique programmes are delivered directly to schools through a skilled and trained team of coaches and a specialist online support tool called The Bubble.

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 George's CE First School with this much deserved award. They have shown a high quality of leadership and teamwork, which has led to better outcomes for all pupils, in particular the most vulnerable. Our programmes are designed to be a whole school improvement tool and St George's has shown a continued commitment and success in improving outcomes for their children.

"We were particularly impressed by the school's workshops and sessions which allow parents to jointly work with their children and support them more effectively at home. Huge congratulations to teachers, parents, carers and children at St George's for all their hard work."