

# Quality is assured at Blakesley Hall

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BLAKESLEY Hall Primary School in Stechford has been recognised for offering a high quality education during a National Conference held by the country's leading education charity, Achievement for All 3As, at the Institute of Education in London.

Blakesley Hall is the first school in Birmingham to receive the Quality Mark from the charity, which is working with more than 1,600 schools across the country.

The award recognises the excellent work being done by the school with Achievement for All 3As to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for vulnerable and disadvantaged children, and pupils who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Target pupils at Blakesley have been making faster progress than the average for all children

across the country. Assistant head teacher Amy Matthews was presented with the Quality Mark Award by Professor Sonia Blandford, CEO of Achievement for All 3As.

Heather Phillips, head teacher of Blakesley Hall Primary, said: "Being part of Achievement for All has made a huge difference to the provision for our pupils with Additional Learning Needs. Parents feel more involved, teaching staff work more effectively and pupils make exceptional progress – we have successfully closed the gap in progress between those pupils and their peers.

"We will 'wear' our award with pride and as evidence of our commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for all our children through being part of Achievement for All."

Achievement for All regional lead Laura Bromberg said: "We have a growing number of schools in Birmingham who have joined the programme and who are working towards achieving the Quality Mark. It is wonderful news to see Blakesley Hall leading the way in achieving this Quality Award as recognition of the excellent progress that their youngsters have made."

More than 300 delegates from 200 schools across the country attended the conference.



■ Professor Sonia Blandford and Amy Matthews, assistant head teacher at Blakesley Primary.

As well as heading Achievement for All 3As, Sonia Blandford is an advisor to governments in the UK and Europe. She said: "Achievement for All 3As has already had a profound impact on schools across the country, improving results in reading, writing and maths for many of our most disadvantaged and vulnerable children, and for those with special education needs.

"By joining the programme and working in partnership with the Achievement for All 3As team, schools commit to a vision that all children can achieve. The Pupil Premium and Department for Education funding for Achieve-

ment for All 3As provides the resource for schools of all sizes across all phases to participate in the quiet revolution that is transforming the life chances for vulnerable and disadvantaged children."

The second annual Impact Report from Achievement for All 3As, recently published, demonstrates the profound impact of the charity's work, with many vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils, including those with special educational needs, progressing three times faster in reading, writing and maths than the average for all children across the country.