

ST ANDREW'S FOX COVERT RC PRIMARY IS TOP OF THE CLASS FOR LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



St Andrew's Fox Covert RC Primary in Edinburgh has received national recognition for its commitment to taking learning outside the classroom (LOtC) and has been awarded the national LOtC Mark (Gold) by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the highest award of its kind.



Rebecca Favier, Head Teacher at St Andrew's, said: "Being awarded LOtC Mark (Gold) is a tremendous achievement for all the staff and pupils. That we are the first school in Scotland to be awarded Gold makes it even more special! It shows that we are providing our pupils with potentially life-changing opportunities to learn in meaningful contexts. We're thrilled to get national recognition for our efforts, and we look forward to continuing to develop what we do, to helping our pupils achieve their potential and to promoting the many benefits of taking teaching and learning beyond the classroom walls."

LOtC Mark is awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the national voice for learning outside the classroom. LOtC is known to contribute significantly to raising attainment and improving pupil (and staff) wellbeing.

Dr Anne Hunt, Chief Executive of CLOtC said: "Learning outside the classroom has many proven educational benefits as well as providing some of the most valuable and memorable experiences in a child's school life. Achieving LOtC Mark (Gold) demonstrates that St Andrew's Fox Covert RC Primary is a leader in providing learning experiences outside the classroom and that these sessions are a genuine part of the everyday life of the school, are available to all of their children and young people. I congratulate them on achieving this award."

For more information about LOtC Mark, please visit <http://www.lotc.org.uk/lotc-accreditations/lotc-mark/>



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Notes to Editors

What is the LOtC Mark (Gold)? Awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC), LOtC Mark (Gold) recognises exemplary LOtC provision in schools and indicates that a school is a leader in ensuring that all pupils have access to frequent, continuous and progressive learning outside the classroom to support their learning and achievement. The LOtC Mark recognises existing exemplary provision and assists and supports schools in developing their LOtC offer to enable all children to have access to meaningful LOtC experiences. The LOtC Mark is the only national accreditation for schools which recognises, and supports, the development of learning outside the classroom across all subject areas.

Who is the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom? The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) was established in 2009 and is the national leading voice on learning outside the classroom issues. CLOtC also provides free online guidance and information for teachers on how to plan and organise high quality LOtC activities.

