



## **Simon Marks School singled out for praise by head of Ofsted**

Simon Marks Jewish Primary School has been singled out for praise by Ofsted Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman. In a speech to the highly influential Policy Exchange think tank on Monday, discussing the teaching of British values, Spielman offered Simon Marks as an exemplar, quoting the school's most recent Ofsted report: "No opportunity is missed to discuss and learn about key values, including the fundamental British values of tolerance, respect, democracy and the rule of law."

Based in Stoke Newington, the one form entry Jewish primary school received its latest Ofsted Inspection in June 2017, gaining an overall rating of "Good". The Early Years teachers were praised for encouraging a good range of activities to engage the children, whilst teachers in Key Stage 1 & 2 were commended for using a range of effective strategies to ensure all pupils' needs are met.

"The school is really proud to be recognized in this way by the head of Ofsted. We see it as acknowledgement of all the hard work put in by staff and pupils," said Headteacher Gulcan Metin. Chair of Governors, Howard Pallis added, "That the head of Ofsted would cite Simon Marks in a national speech, discussing education across the entire country, is a massive tribute to what Simon Marks is achieving. With rising standards and exam results, the school is really advancing to the next level."

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