



Delce Infant School was awarded its first Basic Skills accreditation in 1997 with consecutive successful renewals to achieve its 6th award in November 2015.

What is the Basic Skills award?

The Basic Skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports **continuous** improvement in literacy and numeracy.

It is awarded to a setting or school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy, and is valid for three years. At the end of the three year period the school or setting can apply to have the status renewed which involves an accredited assessor spending a day in the school. As part of this the assessor will visit classes, look at the children's work in books and on display and will talk to senior leaders. They also talk to the children and look at the school's data.

A school or setting must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy, with evidence of the impact of its approaches.

The Basic Skills process provides a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of the basic skills of all pupils in a school.

Quotes from the assessor in November 2015:

"Vulnerable pupils are making better progress and the gap in attainment is closing year on year."

"Parents are given numerous opportunities to actively support their children's learning in basic skills - examples include Maths Days, weekly parent/pupil reading sessions and parent workshops. Their feedback speaks positively of the school's support"

"The progress and attainment in phonics and reading is impressive."