**PRESS RELEASE: Somerdale Educate Together Primary announces first Ofsted report**

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Educate Together Academy Trust are delighted to announce that Somerdale Educate Together (Somerdale ET) Primary, in Keynsham, has achieved a ‘Good’ ranking for their first Ofsted inspection.

The one-form entry school, which opened in 2017, next to the iconic Fry’s Chocolate Factory, offers pupils an ethical curriculum alongside the National Curriculum, with pupils spending time discussing ethics, the environment and sustainability, as well as their core learning subjects.

The inspector commented, *“Somerdale Educate Together is a place where leaders, teachers and pupils live and breathe the values of the school. It is an inclusive school where pupils feel safe and happy... Pupils say the best thing about the school is that “no-one is an outsider, and everyone is included.”*

Somerdale ET is also very proud to be the first and only school in Bath and North East Somerset to be awarded with the UNICEF Silver Rights Respecting School status where the principles of the UN Convention Rights of the Child are embedded into their ethos and curriculum.

Families and staff at Somerdale ET have worked together to build a strong community that reflects their shared values, living by the principles of being equality based, co-educational, child-centred and democratically run.

Chris Thomas-Unsworth, Headteacher said, *“We are thrilled with our first Ofsted report and are really pleased that the inspectors recognised the hard work and progress we have made since the school opened in 2017. I would like to thank all the pupils, families, staff and governors for their continued support and dedication to the school.”*

CEO, Jo Bradshaw added, “It really is a testament to the wonderful staff and families in Somerdale ET, that they have achieved such a great result despite the challenging times we have all faced throughout the last two years. We look forward to seeing them grow from strength to strength.”

Whilst the school is oversubscribed in years R to 4, a limited number of spaces are available in year 5. To find out more, contact the office on 0117 379 0888

The full Ofsted report is available here: https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50182722

Information is available about applications for Pre-school, Reception Class and how to apply to be a Local Governor.

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**The full Ofsted report can be found here:** <https://www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/Establishments/Establishment/Details/144762>

**Learn more about UNICEF’s Rights Respecting School award accreditation initiative:** https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/awarded-schools/silver-schools/

Details about Somerdale ET Primary school can be found on the school website: [www.somerdaleet.org.uk](http://www.somerdaleet.org.uk).

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**About Educate Together Trust**

Educate Together Academy Trust provides an ethical and values led curriculum suited to a rapidly changing world. Educate Together Academy Trust includes five primary schools, in the South West.

In our schools we teach the National Curriculum alongside our own unique, ‘Learn Together’ ethical curriculum. Our core principles enable us to create a learning environment that nurtures, encourages and builds the skills children will need in our increasingly diverse and globalised world.

Our schools are equality based, where no child is an outsider and we learn together to live together. We aim to develop the whole child, encouraging their individuality, respecting each child’s identity and respecting that of their family equally.