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Dear Mrs Falconer

Ofsted 2010–11 good practice study: value for money in schools

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 5 October 2010 to look at work in your school.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting. The published report is likely to list the names of the contributing institutions but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

The evidence used to inform the judgements included: meetings with school leaders and managers, the Chair of the Governing Body and pupils; analysis of documents including budgetary information, self-evaluations and improvement plans; and observation of the school at work.

Features of good practice

- Outstanding teaching and learning in literacy.
- Ambitious targets for pupils and thorough monitoring of their progress that identifies those needing additional support.
- The governing body's active involvement which ensures the school manages its resources effectively to meet the needs of its pupils and achieve outstanding outcomes.

Area for development

- Link expenditure and outcomes more precisely in the school improvement plan.

I hope that these observations are useful as you continue to develop the school.

As I explained previously, a copy of this letter will be published on the Ofsted website. It may be used to inform decisions about any future inspection.

Except in the case of academies, a copy of this letter is also being sent to your local authority.

Yours sincerely

Anthony O'Malley
Her Majesty's Inspector