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Dear Jennie

### **Ofsted Good Practice Survey Programme 2008/09**

#### **An evaluation of the benefits of family learning for individuals, families and communities**

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my visit on the 28 January 2009. I am particularly grateful to you, and your staff for all the work involved in preparing for the visit and for giving up a great deal of time to meet with me. Please pass on my thanks to those concerned.

The visit provided much useful evidence, which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting for the family learning survey. It was particularly interesting to see provision in the Richard Cobden Learning Centre and to talk to parents.

The evidence used to inform the judgements made on this one day visit included: discussions with managers, family learning staff, partners and parents, scrutiny of lesson plans and schemes of work and a visit to a school family learning activity, including a meeting with the head teacher. A range of documents was reviewed.

Overall, the family learning provision I sampled during my one day visit to the **London Borough of Camden's adult and community learning service** is good. I agreed to provide a summary of the good practice seen and to identify some areas for development, and I outline the main findings as bulleted points below.

The main strengths are:

- Outstanding teaching and learning
- Particularly open and explorative approach to developing provision and meeting the needs and interests of all learners
- Good support for learners
- Very well managed and organised family learning provision
- Very effective partnership working

Areas for further development

- Capturing and recording learning and progression data for adult learners and their children

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop your family learning provision. If there are any points or aspects of the visit you wish to discuss, please contact me. As we will be evaluating the survey, you may be contacted in the future to find out your views. I hope you will contribute to this evaluation.

As I explained in my previous letter, a copy of this letter will be published on the Ofsted Website.

Yours sincerely

**Rosy Belton**

**Her Majesty's Inspector**