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Dear Mr Weedon

Requires improvement monitoring inspection visit under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 to All Saints CofE School, Somerset

Following my visit to your school on 12 November 2012, I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to report on the findings of my visit. Thank you for the help you gave me and for the time you made available to discuss the actions you are taking to improve the school since the most recent section 5 inspection.

The visit was the first monitoring inspection since the school was judged to require improvement following the section 5 inspection in September 2012. It was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.

Evidence

During the visit, meetings were held with the headteacher, deputy headteacher and subject leader for English. The inspector also met with members of the Governing Body and a representative of the local authority. The school improvement plan was evaluated.

Context

All Saints is part of the Exmoor Federation of three schools. The headteacher is the executive headteacher of all these schools. Significant changes to the teaching staff took effect at the start of this academic year.

Main findings

Senior leaders and governors have begun to take effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection. The school has adapted its plans to address the key improvement priorities and has developed a clear strategy for improving pupils' writing. The headteacher has carefully reorganised the leadership team so that all leaders are clear about their role in leading improvement work. However, the action plans need to cite ambitious targets clarifying how actions taken will improve pupils' learning and progress.

Arrangements for checking how well new initiatives are improving teaching are imprecise and have not been put in place soon enough. The governing body does not, therefore, receive the detailed progress updates it requires in order to hold senior leaders robustly to account for the impact of work to improve the school.

Following the visit to the school, HMI recommends that further action is taken to:

- enable school representatives to attend an Ofsted improvement seminar
- support school leaders at all levels in evaluating teaching through joint lesson observations with HMI
- commission an external review of the governing body, in order to identify what further support and training governors need.

Ofsted will continue to monitor the school until its next section 5 inspection.

External support

The local authority has offered the school light touch support in the past. Since the inspection in September, a Local Leader of Education has been appointed to work with the school.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Governing Body and the Director of Children's Services for Somerset County Council and as below.

Yours sincerely

David Townsend

Her Majesty's Inspector