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Dear Mr Page

Requires improvement first monitoring inspection visit to Norman Street Primary School

Following my visit to your school on 29 November I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to confirm the outcome and inspection findings. Thank you for the help you gave during the inspection and for the time you made available to discuss the actions which have been taken since the school's most recent section 5 inspection.

This monitoring inspection visit was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.

Evidence

During this inspection, meetings were held with the Headteacher, Chair of the Governing Body and a representative of the local authority. The school improvement and action plans were evaluated.

Context

The Year 5 teacher is retiring at the end the term and a new teacher has been appointed who will be the mathematics subject leader. The Year 1 class is now taught by one full time teacher. Two new parent governors have joined the governing body.

The quality of leadership and management at the school

The school is demonstrating a better capacity for sustained improvement because the quality of leadership and management has been strengthened. The analysis of the school's performance has improved and senior leaders are taking effective action to address the weaknesses identified in the last report.

Governors are more involved in challenging the school and holding it to account. Monitoring of the necessary improvements identified in the action plan is routinely carried out and performance management systems are more effectively used to ensure targets are met. The impact of the action taken such as improving the quality of teaching is routinely evaluated by senior leaders and managers.

External support

The local authority is effectively helping to drive improvement with support from two advisers who are working closely with senior leaders and providing challenge to help the school move forward.

Following the monitoring inspection visit the following judgement was made:

The school's improvement and action plans are fit for purpose.

The likely pattern of further intervention will be monitoring activity as appropriate.

I am copying this note of visit to the Secretary of State, the Chair of the Governing Body and the Director of Children's Services for Cumbria and as below.

Yours sincerely

Paul Hancock

Her Majesty's Inspector