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Mrs Cathy Hobbs
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Dear Mrs Hobbs

Requires improvement monitoring inspection visit under section 8 of the Education act 2005 to Wrekin View Primary School

Following my visit to your school on 7 December 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 October 2012. It was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.

Evidence

During the visit, meetings were held with the headteacher and other senior leaders, five members of the governing body, including the Chair of governors and a representative of the local authority. The school development plans were evaluated.

Context

No changes to the school context have taken place since the school's section 5 inspection.

Main findings

The headteacher has made suitable plans to strengthen the quality of teaching and learning in key areas. Leaders of subjects and other aspects have responded with appropriate urgency and have taken immediate action to:

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- increase the frequency of checks on the quality of teachers' work including lesson observations, scrutiny of planning and pupils' work
- make sure there are frequent opportunities for pupils' to write at length
- improve teachers' awareness of the different groups within their class and how to set work that is at the correct level for them
- increase meetings and monitoring activities with key governors
- organise a review of governance by the local authority
- provide further training for governors so that they can ask more searching questions.

Some planning is imprecise; planned actions do not have tightly focused criteria by which the impact can be regularly monitored and evaluated.

Senior leaders and governors have begun to take effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection. Following the visit to the school, HMI recommend that further action is taken to:

- include measurable indicators of success in the school's improvement planning, so that the headteacher and governors can effectively monitor the work of the school
- make sure that actions to raise standards in writing include the precise teaching of grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition and style.

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

External support

The local authority knows the school well and has regular discussions about the school's progress with the headteacher. They will be undertaking a review of governance and be providing further training for governors early in the spring term.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Governing Body and the Director of Children's Services for Telford and Wrekin.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Wordsworth
Her Majesty's Inspector