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Dear Mr Sonnenfield

Requires improvement monitoring inspection visit to New Marske Primary School on 10 December 2012

Following my visit to your school 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

A new parent governor and three new teachers have been appointed and one is the foundation stage coordinator.

The quality of leadership and management at the school

The school has recently made more appropriate plans to ensure all pupils make good progress and the proportion of good or better teaching is improved. A strengthened senior management team is starting to use performance management systems to ensure teachers are clear about their targets for pupil progress and what needs to be done. Teachers and staff are more involved identifying shortcomings in pupils' progress and subject leadership has been strengthened.

The effectiveness of the governing body to challenge and support the school is improving and governors have a clear understanding of what is required to become a good school. They recognise the pace of improvement is not fast enough over time and are closely monitoring the roles of leaders at all levels to make sure this happens.

External support

The local authority is effectively supporting the school with help and advice from the improvement officer and two consultants.

Following the monitoring inspection visit the following judgement was made:

The school's improvement and action plan is 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 [see list below for whom to copy this to], the Chair of the Governing Body and the Director of Children's Services for Redcar and Cleveland and as below.

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Yours sincerely

Paul Hancock

Her Majesty's Inspector

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- Contractor providing support services on behalf of the local authority - where appropriate
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- DfE - Academies Advisers Unit [colin.diamond@education.gsi.gov.uk] – for academies
- The person or body responsible for appointing foundation governors if the school has a foundation
- The lead inspector.