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Dear Mr O'Brien

Requires improvement monitoring inspection visit under section 8 of the Education act 2005 to Carwarden House Community School

Following my visit to your school on Monday 14 January 2013, 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 you, three representatives of the Governing Body and a representative of the local authority. The school development plan and post-Ofsted action plan were evaluated. I visited a number of classes to observe the school at work and students' behaviour. I also held informal conversations with some older students.

Context

There have been no significant changes to staff or the school since the inspection.

Main findings

The school's improvement plan identifies clearly how each of the areas for improvement will be improved. The plan has appropriate success criteria and

identifies who will lead and monitor the various activities. The role of governors in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the plan is defined clearly. The school is introducing a computer based system which can be used to monitor improvements in behaviour. No particular concerns regarding behaviour were observed during this visit. There has been an increase in the number of behaviour incidents recorded, which the school attributes to a more consistent approach to dealing with unacceptable behaviour and a significant reduction in fixed term exclusions, which suggests that changes to the management of behaviour are having a positive impact. 'Bonus points' are awarded to recognise and reward particularly positive behaviour.

Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection. Following the visit to the school, HMI recommend that:

- the school continues to focus on the actions which are being taken to ensure consistent and effective management of behaviour that recognises good and improving behaviour.

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

External support

The local authority was already working closely with the school before the inspection in October 2012. Regular reviews and the work of consultants and advisers have continued to support the school in addressing the areas for improvement and in evaluating the impact of the actions taken. This has helped strengthen leadership and is having a positive impact on students' behaviour.

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

Yours sincerely

Robert Ellis
Her Majesty's Inspector