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Mrs Jackie Rowland
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Dear Mrs Rowland

Requires improvement monitoring inspection visit under section 8 of the Education act 2005 to Lingwood Primary and Nursery School

Following my visit to your school on 9 July 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 second monitoring inspection since the school was judged to require improvement following the section 5 inspection in 24 October 2012. It was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.

Evidence

During the visit, meetings were held with yourself, three representatives of the governing body and a representative of the local authority. Revised plans for improving the school were evaluated. A brief visit to classrooms on both sites with you gave me the opportunity to observe pupils' learning.

Context

Since the last monitoring visit, you have stepped up from your deputy headteacher role to lead the school as acting headteacher in the absence of the substantive headteacher, who is on long-term absence. An experienced leader has been brokered through the Teaching School Alliance to provide staff with additional support in managing assessment data.

Main findings

In a short space of time you have accelerated the school's progress by adding a much needed sense of urgency to tackling the areas for improvement identified at the time of the last monitoring visit. You have made sure that:

- a clear plan for improvement with key priorities, weekly milestones and targets is in place
- a clear picture of the overall quality of teaching on both school sites is known through regular lesson observations and scrutiny of pupils' work
- staff apply non-negotiables more consistently in lessons and produce accurate data to show how well pupils are progressing
- parents are kept informed of their child's progress and have a better understanding of pupils' learning in lessons
- the governing body has received additional training to help them support and challenge senior leaders
- the local authority is assisting you in monitoring the school's work.

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

External support

The local authority continues to provide effective support for senior leaders and governors. The governing body has welcomed your interim leadership and is fully supportive of the actions you have implemented to improve the school.

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

Yours sincerely

John Mitcheson
Her Majesty's Inspector