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Dear Mr Allsop

Ofsted survey inspection programme – Economic well-being

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 24 September to look at work in economic well-being.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting. Published reports are likely to list the names of the contributing institutions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent. All feedback letters will be published on the Ofsted website at the end of each half-term.

The evidence used to inform the judgements made included: interviews with staff and students together with the scrutiny of relevant documentation.

Good practice identified

- A member of staff has responsibility for coordinating economic well-being and business links in her job description and provides leadership in this area.
- Planning of a wide range of enterprise activities ensures that children's experience is varied each year, beginning with a shop visit in the foundation stage and ending with a project in Years 5 and 6, based on market research.
- A well planned range of charity fund raising activities is used to introduce children to issues of need and economic inequality around the world.
- Children are introduced to a wide variety of occupations through meeting many adults other than teachers.
- Children are required to think about career choices through their social skills reports.
- The application process for the 'best buddy system' introduces children to job applications, references and interviews.

Areas for further improvement, which we discussed, included:

- reviewing provision to check that pupils' experience is coherent and progressive.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop business education in the school.

As I explained in my previous letter, a copy of this letter will be sent to your local authority/Local Learning and Skills Council and will be published on Ofsted's website. It will also be available to the team for your next institutional inspection.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Lyons
Her Majesty's Inspector