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Dear Ms Allen

Ofsted survey inspection programme – economic well-being and financial capability

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 26 March to look at work to develop economic well-being and financial capability.

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: observation of two lessons, interviews with staff and pupils and scrutiny of relevant documentation.

Good Practice Identified:

- a clear vision for promoting learning beyond the classroom and developing skills for lifelong learning
- pupils apply their information and communication technology skills well
- pupils have a good basic understanding of key economic and financial concepts, including good consumer awareness
- there are good opportunities for pupils to take on responsibility within the school, develop collaborative skills and engage in teamwork
- good opportunities are provided in lessons for pupils to share, and challenge each other's findings and views
- pupils' involvement in raising funds for charity helps them understand the impact of poverty, both locally and globally
- links with local employers help to increase pupils' knowledge and understanding of the world of work

- good use of enrichment activities helps pupils develop their enterprise capability
- gifted and talented pupils are encouraged to take part in various 'challenge' activities, which help to further enhance their problem-solving skills.

Areas for further improvement, which we discussed, included:

- identifying the intended learning outcomes pupils are expected to acquire in developing economic well-being and financial capability as they move through the school and track their progress in achieving these
- increasing opportunities for teachers to plan and prepare strategies and materials in promoting economic well-being and financial capability.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop economic well-being and financial capability at the school.

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

Yours sincerely

Vic Chivers
Her Majesty's Inspector