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Mrs A Cassidy Headteacher Saint Bernadette Roman Catholic Primary School Walsingham Way London Colney AL2 1NL

Dear Mrs Cassidy

Ofsted survey inspection programme – Economic well-being

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 03 March 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:

- good provision is made in the curriculum to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of the economic world
- the credit union helps to inculcate a culture of saving in pupils
- effective use is made of charity work to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of inequality
- projects based on the real world, such as following the process of building and selling a house, provide very good opportunities to make the curriculum more relevant for pupils.

Areas for further improvement, which we discussed, included:

- developing a set of learning outcomes to bring better coherence to this area of learning
- considering ways in which pupils could be more involved in running activities such as the credit union.

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 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