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Dear Mrs Farthing

Ofsted subject survey: identifying good practice in developing pupils' future economic well-being in primary schools

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and pupils during my visit on 09 May to look at work in developing pupils' future 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.

The visit focused on good practice and included discussions with yourself, Year 5 and 6 pupils and a governor, a review of documentation and examples of pupils' work.

Features of good practice observed included:

- the excellent range of activities that very strongly support the development of pupils' future economic well-being
- the outstanding use made of resources in the local community, such as the farmers' market and a National Trust property, to help pupils develop an understanding of basic economic ideas and different types of work
- projects that have clearly excited and motivated pupils through involving a range of adults outside of the school, for example working with an under-woodsman to build willow structures in the school grounds
- 'mini-enterprise' projects, such as growing and selling plants and running stalls at the school fete, to raise money for charity and school funds

- good quality work on persuasive writing using real examples to provide a stimulus.

Areas for development that we discussed:

- increasing the opportunities for pupils to make decisions and manage budgets in projects such as that involving the farmers' market
- making the learning objects for developing pupils' economic well-being more explicit.

I hope these observations are useful for the future development of work in this area.

As I explained previously, 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

David Butler
Her Majesty's Inspector