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Dear Mrs Bendeaux

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 students, during my visit on 01 July 2008 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 evidence used to inform the judgements made included: visits to lessons, discussions with students and staff, review of documentation and students' work.

Features of good practice observed:

- by the end of Year 6, pupils show: good levels of self-confidence, reflected in their ability to justify their opinions; strong consumer awareness; and an appreciation of the key role played in society by volunteers
- pupils are developing a sound understanding of basic personal finance
- good opportunities are provided for pupils, including very young children, to take responsibility within the school, develop collaborative skills and engage in teamwork
- pupils' involvement in raising funds for charity and work in English, geography and technology help them develop their knowledge and understanding of global issues
- the strong emphasis given to encouraging pupils to take an interest in topical events and current affairs
- pupils have a strong sense of health and safety issues.

Areas for development that we discussed, included:

- increasing the opportunities for pupils to explore different occupations and types of work
- identifying the intended learning outcomes pupils are expected to achieve in developing economic well-being and exploring ways of recording their progress in achieving these as they move through the school.

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

Vic Chivers  
Her Majesty's Inspector