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Dear Mr Dodson

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

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff and pupils, during my visit on 08 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 review of documentation and pupils' work.

Features of good practice observed:

- pupils' personal development and well-being are good
- good opportunities are provided for pupils, including very young children, to develop collaborative skills and engage in teamwork
- pupils are developing a sound understanding of basic personal finance and by the end of Year 6 are able to make sensible choices as consumers
- pupils' involvement in raising funds for charities helps them develop their knowledge and understanding of global issues
- good use is made of European contexts across the curriculum to help pupils develop their knowledge and understanding of life in these countries
- pupils are encouraged to present and justify their opinions

- pupils have a good awareness of the value of recycling products
- good use is made of residential programmes to help pupils develop independence and improve their problem solving skills.

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