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Dear Mr O'Connor

Ofsted survey inspection programme: the extent and quality of provision for pupils from day 6 of exclusion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation and that of your colleagues during my visit to Broad Oak High School on Monday 30 June 2008 to look at the work of your school in relation to the extent and quality of provision for pupils from day 6 of exclusion. I would be grateful if you would pass my thanks also to the young people with whom I met.

Although you have not excluded any pupils this academic year for more than five days the visit was very useful because you articulated what the school had done to eliminate the need to exclude pupils on a fixed-term basis for more than five days. These things included:

- a focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning;
- a re-examination of the purpose and value of long fixed-term exclusions;
- the development of a pastoral team that included two non-teaching behaviour managers who can provide an immediate response to emerging issues;
- more consistent application of the school's management of behaviour policy; and
- timetable changes that reduce opportunities for misbehaviour at lunch and lesson changes times.

The visit will provide much useful evidence for our survey.

Broad Oak High School will not be named in any publication without your permission. Most evidence will be used at a general level to ascertain if schools and local authorities are complying with legislation and to identify the quality and extent of their provision.

Thank you once again for your co-operation and the work you put in before hand and on the day to help me gain a good insight into the work of your 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 the Ofsted website. It will also be available to the team for your next institutional inspection.

Yours sincerely

Eric Craven
Her Majesty's Inspector