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Dear Mrs Fearnley

Ofsted survey inspection programme: evaluation of Rotherham Ready enterprise initiative (good practice visit)

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 18 June to look at work in enterprise education.

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 visit included: interviews with staff and pupils, a scrutiny of relevant documentation and pupils' work and observation of three lessons.

Features of good practice observed

- The very clear vision for enterprise education which is shared by school leaders, staff and pupils.
- In the lessons observed, highly effective teaching helped learners develop enterprise skills, together with business related concepts and vocabulary.
- The excellent mix of planned enterprise activities across the curriculum is coupled with the specific development of basic financial and economic concepts through 'focus' days and enterprise weeks.
- Pupils' ability to explain how enterprise education had improved their confidence and their approach to learning and how this is recorded in their records of achievement.

The area for further improvement, which we discussed:

- raising further pupils' awareness of different cultures and inequalities throughout the world.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to promote enterprise provision 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