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Dear Mrs McLaughlin

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

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and pupils, during my visit on 19 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.

The visit included: discussions with yourself, the school's enterprise champion and pupils, looking at pupils' work and observing an enterprise activity. The visit also included observing your pupils run a session for teachers as part of a training day on enterprise education organised by Rotherham Ready.

Features of good practice observed

- The commitment the school has to developing enterprise education as part of preparing your pupils for their future lives.
- Teachers and pupils very clear understanding of enterprise education based on the Rotherham Ready enterprise capabilities.
- The strong focus on using enterprise education to promote higher quality teaching and learning by setting work in real contexts.
- The very good range of enterprise activities which permeate the curriculum for all pupils.

- The high quality work and good understanding of basic business and economic ideas generated through enterprise activities.
- The exceptionally well developed social skills and maturity demonstrated by pupils in the discussion groups, during the training day for teachers and running the charity raising event.
- The good use made by pupils of scrapbooks and the enterprise capabilities chart to record evidence of their achievements.

Area for development that we discussed:

- identifying the evidence required to demonstrate that pupils are making progress in the enterprise learning
- building on the scrapbooks and enterprise capabilities chart to monitor and assess pupils' progress in enterprise education
- helping teachers develop their questioning skills to promote a deeper understanding by pupils of key ideas.

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