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Dear Ms Byrne

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

Thank you for meeting with me at your school on Wednesday 8 October 2008 so that I could hear about the work of your school in relation to the extent and quality of provision for pupils from day 6 of exclusion.

Although you have not excluded any pupils this academic year for more than 5 days the meeting was very useful because it demonstrated that provision should you need it, is suitable and meets requirements. You also articulated what the school has done to successfully reduce the need to exclude pupils on a fixed-term basis for more than 5 days. These things included:

- early identification of pupils at risk of exclusion
- a very successful set of actions and strategies to make the ethos of the school more inclusive to pupils vulnerable to exclusion and particularly to develop teachers' understanding of the connection between behaviour and learning
- the appointment of more support staff to work closely with these pupils
- changes to personalise the curriculum to motivate and value the students at risk.

A reduction in exclusions, raised progress and achievement, increased motivation and improved attitudes for these pupils have in part, at least, been the result.

The visit will provide much useful evidence for our survey.

Bishop Ullathorne 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 to help me gain an 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

Patricia Potheary
Additional Inspector