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Dear Mr Chilvers

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 Tuesday 7 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. My judgements are related to the arrangements and outcomes for pupils whose exclusions meant you had to provide education for them from day 6 of their exclusions.

Although you have not excluded any pupils this academic year for more than five days the meeting was very useful because it enabled me to discuss and meet with a pupil who was excluded last term. This demonstrated that provision is suitable, meets requirements and has had a positive effect. You also articulated what the school has done to reduce the need to exclude pupils on a fixed-term basis for more than five days. These things included:

- the development of four special units to support pupils whose behaviour is exceptionally challenging
- the use of mentors to liaise with all agencies and support the most vulnerable pupils.

In addition you discussed the need to strengthen the communication regarding the nature of the day 6 provision in meeting the very particular needs of Woodfield pupils.

The visit will provide much useful evidence for our survey.

Woodfield 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 Pothecary
Additional Inspector