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Dear Ms Mirza

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

Thank you for meeting with me on Thursday 9 October 2008 so that I could hear about the work of your school and the Pupil Support Centre (PSC) in relation to the extent and quality of provision for pupils from day 6 of exclusion.

The meeting was very useful because you were able to describe and evaluate the role of the Tuition Service in its work with two of your pupils and to let me know the many ways in which you are improving the management of behaviour within your school.

As there were no pupils in the Tuition Service on the days I was visiting Haringey, I did not make a visit there and was not able to make an assessment of its work. However, it was clear that the Local Authority had set up this provision well and that it has relevant, ambitious plans for the further development of its behaviour management services.

You were also most helpful in describing what the school had done to reduce the need to exclude pupils on a fixed-term basis for more than five days. These things included:

- your extensive discussions with staff, to develop your ambition for the school to become a totally inclusive one;
- the school's use of programmes to improve pupils' awareness of behaviour issues and to extend the role they play in helping to shape the ethos of the school;
- the increasing use of external agencies, for example the role of your counsellor and family support workers, to support your work in the management of pupils' behaviour;
- the very helpful extra support provided in the classroom, to improve the work and behaviour of individuals;

- the use of small groups and individual tuition, and the support given by your internal exclusion facility, and
- the many clubs and activities provided at breakfast, lunch and after school, to stimulate and interest pupils and to give adults the chance to interact with them positively.

This extensive programme and emphasis on inclusion have played a significant part in decreasing exclusion in your school and in continuing to keep it at a low level.

The visit will provide much useful evidence for our survey. Thank you once again for your co-operation in helping me gain an insight into the work of your school and the Tuition Service.

Tiverton Primary 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.

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

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Additional Inspector