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Dear Mrs Kendall

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 Monday 06 October 2008 so 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. Please thank your home-school liaison manager for the time she gave to the meeting as well.

You have had the need to exclude two pupils for more than five days in 2007/08. However, you were unable to provide suitable and full-time education for these pupils from day 6 of exclusion and as such this is unsatisfactory because it does not meet the requirements of the DCSF. One of the exclusion letters to parents also failed to mention the issue of provision from day 6 of the fixed-term exclusion.

We had a detailed discussion about each of these two cases and you explained the severity and uniqueness of each of these. Notably, because of the pupils' severe challenging behaviour suitable full-time provision was not readily available within the set timescale. You were able to provide home tuition for approximately an hour and a half for three days a week for one of the pupils. The offer of home tuition for the other pupil was not taken up. You have since increased the range of provision you can make available for the most severe of cases that might warrant exclusion although you feel that in these two cases even that provision would not have been suitable.

I recognise that you did hold annual review meetings during the exclusion period to draw-on wider assessments and advice. The local authority tell me they have subsequently advised that if long fixed-term exclusion or permanent exclusion is on the horizon then an interim review should be arranged as early as possible so that the local authority, yourselves and others can plan to meet the challenges posed whilst providing as much

continuity as possible to the pupil's education. I understand the local authority has recently expanded its provision to better support cases such as these.

The visit will provide useful evidence for our survey. Cambridge Park 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

Eric Craven
Her Majesty's Inspector