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Dear Ms Smith and Mr Wilkins

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during our recent visit. We are particularly grateful to you and all your staffs for the hard work involved in preparing for the visit and for giving up your time during the visit to meet us. Please pass on our thanks to all those concerned, including your children and pupils.

The visit provided much useful evidence for the further development of community cohesion. We noted in particular:

- the curriculum planning and the range of provision which strongly promote and develop pupils' social responsibility and awareness of other cultures;
- the school's and centre's strong engagement with parents and the community and the use made of the integrated and multi agency support to include parents and families in pupils' learning;
- your highly committed staffs clearly work together effectively within the wider partnership and through the Strategic Partnership Board.

We also suggested the following points for your consideration:

- sharpen the analysis of participation and engagement rates by parents and the community in order to evaluate the cost effectiveness of provision and its impact on pupils' progress;

- strengthen the management of the academic links between Foundation Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2 so that children's progress is accelerated, particularly in early reading and writing.

The published survey report will list the names of the contributing institutions in an appendix. Should we wish to cite specific aspects of the good practice observed on this visit in the form of a detailed case study, we will contact you first. We will notify you of the date of publication of the survey report when it is confirmed and provide you with details of any other arrangements to disseminate the survey's findings.

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector