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Dear Ms Astling

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 4 November 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.

As you have excluded 2 pupils since September 2007 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 the school's actions to successfully reduce the need to exclude pupils on a fixed-term basis for more than 5 days. Our discussion highlighted the following:

- The provision, for day 6 fixed term exclusions, is of good quality.
- Communication regarding the pupils with fixed term exclusions between the school and the provision is exceptionally good, ensuring a highly appropriate curriculum and teaching. This contributes to the good progress pupils make and their successful return to school.
- Work to prevent exclusions is well managed and embedded and there are reductions in all types of exclusion, which are low.
- The provision for day 6 fixed term exclusions is highly appropriate, but, as you have identified, it is not secure. This is because access is not formalised and pupils only attend through negotiation. This has not yet proved to be a problem as the numbers being referred are so low, but this is an issue which remains to be resolved.

The visit will provide much useful evidence for our survey.

Chasetown Specialist Sports College 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