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Dear Mr Wade

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 Thursday 6 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.

Although you have only excluded one pupil for more than five days since September 2007 the meeting was very useful because it demonstrated that provision, when you use it, is suitable, is of good quality and meets requirements. You also articulated what the school has done to successfully reduce the need to exclude pupils on a fixed-term basis for more than 5 days. These things included:

- The use of the same provision for pupils excluded for less than 6 days. This provides specialised small group teaching, an adapted programme to meet pupils' personal and emotional needs and very close liaison with school so that their normal work is completed. As a result pupils make good progress and successfully improve their attitudes towards school.
- Early identification of pupils with difficulties, the appointment of a home school mentor and very good involvement with other agencies.
- A strong personal development programme with good knowledge of pupils and their families.
- An adapted curriculum which enables more children to experience success in a wider range of activities, particularly the creative arts and sports.
- Innovative organisation of the playground, run by pupils, thus reducing incidents which spill over into the classroom.
- A far sighted project to enable children to see how others perceive them, where pupils score themselves and each other on attributes such as responsibility, awareness, helpfulness and effort.

The effects of this preventative work is shown to have reduced difficult behaviour, increased motivation and improved the learning environment leading to clearly rising attainment and good progress.

The visit will provide much useful evidence for our survey.

Goldenhill 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.

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