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Dear Ms Leach

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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 staff 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 pupils.

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

- The school works hard to value and respect the uniqueness of each child, and this is evident in the school's ethos and the children's sense of safety and wellbeing.
- Use of the curriculum, clubs and cross curricular events effectively promotes children's understanding of each other's backgrounds and cultures. Relationships with parents are developing well.
- Effective use is made of visual learning for social concepts and rules, routines, subject specific concepts, and to stimulate collaborative work and learning between pupils.

One point has been identified for your consideration

• The school may wish to consider engaging fully with particular groups of parents to involve them more in their children's learning.



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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