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Dear Mr Elliot

Ofsted Thematic Survey Programme 2008-09

Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my colleagues' 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 them. 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:

- All staff are committed to developing and maintaining an inclusive ethos: pupils are known as individuals and there are extremely strong links with parents and the wider local community, including the local health services.
- The curriculum is carefully designed to ensure that all pupils, including those with learning difficulties and disabilities, develop extremely well socially and academically. Training for staff, especially teaching assistants, is excellent.
- Pupils are regularly consulted about their views and are given many opportunities to develop the skills to become responsible citizens. Pupils have a strong sense of being part of the local community.
- The school acknowledges that it does not have a diverse catchment, and is working hard to ensure that pupils develop an understanding of other cultures and more urban environments, but this requires extra resources which are not easily accessible.

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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Additional Inspector