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Dear Mr McLoughlin

Ofsted subject survey: identifying good practice in personal, social, health and economic education (PSHEE).

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on to look at work in PSHEE.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our national evaluation and reporting. Published reports are likely to list the names of the contributing institutions, but individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

The evidence used to inform the judgements made included: discussions with staff and students, observation of five lessons and scrutiny of subject documentation and students' work.

Features of good practice observed

- PSHEE is well led and managed at both senior and middle management levels.
- Teachers use a wide range of effective teaching strategies which give students good opportunities to research, discuss and debate a range of issues affecting their lives and the lives of others.
- Work is well-matched to students' social, emotional and intellectual maturity.
- The quality of individual advice and guidance is outstanding.
- Good liaison with partner and feeder primary schools ensures smooth and well supported transition in PSHEE.
- The quality and accessibility of careers education and guidance is outstanding.

## Areas for development

- sex and relationships education within PSHEE
- meeting the requirements for the Healthy School Standard.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop PSHEE in the school.

As I explained previously, a copy of this letter will be sent to your local authority and will be published on Ofsted's website. It will also be available to the team for your next institutional inspection.

Yours sincerely

Janet Palmer  
Her Majesty's Inspector