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Dear Mrs Duffy

Ofsted subject survey: developing children's economic well-being in primary schools

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff and pupils, during our visit on 17 June 2009 to look at work in developing pupils' economic well-being. 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 visit focused on the Microsociety project and included discussions with staff and pupils, scrutiny of relevant documentation and visits to lessons.

Features of good practice observed

- Highly engaged pupils who were clearly greatly enjoying the Microsociety activities.
- Pupils were provided with extremely good opportunities to learn independently and to develop organisational, team-working and decision-making skills.
- The provision of well focused and timely support to develop their learning.
- Lesson activities that were well planned and very effectively developed pupils' economic well-being and personal financial capability.
- The high quality of pupils' reflection on what they had learned and the skills they developed by taking part in the learning activities in both Years 5 and 6.
- The strong commitment of senior managers and staff to the development of children's economic well-being and personal financial capability through the implementation and evaluation of well-structured learning activities.

- The good use made of visiting adults and pupils from other classes to give feedback and promote pupils' skills in meeting the needs of others.

The area for development that we discussed, included:

- implementing the plans to fully prepare children for the Microsociety activities in Year 5 and providing further opportunities in Year 6 to extend their learning.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop work to promote pupils' future economic well-being in the school.

As explained in our previous letter, 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

Adrian Lyons
Her Majesty's Inspector