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Dear Mr Martin

Ofsted 2009-10 survey inspection programme: good practice in literacy

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 3 December 2009 to look at work in literacy.

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 included: a discussion with you, your deputy headteacher and the special educational needs and/or disabilities coordinator; three 20-minute observations of Year 5 and 6 literacy lessons; discussion with a group of Year 5 and 6 boys; a brief examination of some documentation; and discussion about the progress made in literacy of a specific group of identified boys.

Features of good practice

- High-quality teaching which uses a range of strategies to engage boys and motivate them as writers. The teaching observed ensured strong participation by all pupils, through purposeful discussion and the rehearsal of their views and ideas before settling down to write.
- The strong leadership and management of literacy: the rigorous monitoring of pupils' progress, high expectations of teachers and pupils and consistency in teaching and assessment.
- The school's focus on building cross-subject links to develop knowledge and skills allows pupils, especially boys, to find something to write about. The boys I spoke to enjoy their English lessons very much and especially enjoy writing.

## Areas for development

No areas for development were identified during this visit.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop literacy in your school.

As I explained previously, 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

Angela M Westington  
Her Majesty's Inspector