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Mrs M Pollard  
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Dear Mrs Pollard

### **Requires improvement: monitoring inspection visit to Kineton CofE (VA) Primary School**

Following my visit to your school on 13 June 2013, I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to report the findings of my visit. Thank you for the help you gave me and for the time you made available to discuss the actions you are taking to improve the school since the most recent section 5 inspection.

The visit was the first monitoring inspection since the school was judged to require improvement following the section 5 inspection in March 2013. It was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.

### **Evidence**

During the visit, I held meetings with you, the deputy headteacher, the Chair and a member of the governing body, a representative of the local authority and the diocese to discuss the action taken since the last inspection. I evaluated the school development plan and scrutinised a range of other documents including teachers' lesson planning, information on pupils' progress, records of governors' and senior staff monitoring and its impact. I also walk around the school with you.

### **Main findings**

Since the last inspection you and the governors have recognised the need for greater urgency in all you do. You and the senior team have re-written the school development plan so that it links to issues identified from the last inspection. Your

development plan has measurable outcomes and termly targets for improvement. The termly targets do not link to your half termly monitoring and opportunities are missed to act quickly enough to support pupils. Information concerning pupils' progress is analysed more rigorously and used to hold teachers to account more effectively. Teachers are using this information to plan work which is better matched to pupils' starting points. Staff meetings are used for staff development and to share good practice. Your current programme of staff training attempts to cover too many topics, too quickly. This means that teachers are expected to take on too many new areas for development and they do not have sufficient time to develop confidence with new practice. Expectations for lesson planning and displays in classrooms are clear. Displays around the school make strong links to developing pupils' literacy across different subjects and displays are beginning to support learning in mathematics.

The governing body has continued to provide challenge and hold you to account. A wide range of information is used by governors to form an accurate picture of the school's strengths and weaknesses. Governors regularly come into school and look at learning. The minutes of governors' meetings record how and when they have challenged you and what actions then follow.

Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection. The school should take further action to:

- ensure that the school development plans have half termly milestones linked to the school's half termly monitoring cycle
- prioritise the training needs of staff so that the key issues identified in your last inspection are built upon systematically and teachers have sufficient time to practise new skills.

Ofsted may carry out further visits and, where necessary, provide further support and challenge to the school until its next section 5 inspection.

### **External support**

The local authority adviser regularly meets with you to discuss the progress the school is making. This supports assists you in moderating your judgments and ensures you have an accurate view of the school's progress. The local authority has identified good practice in other schools to support your school's further development. This has improved the school's capacity for improvement.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Governing Body and the Director of Children's Services for Warwickshire and the diocese of Coventry.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Parker  
**Her Majesty's Inspector**