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Dear Mrs Frood

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during our 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 us. Please pass on our thanks to all those concerned, including your students.

The visit provided much useful evidence for the further development of community cohesion. We noted, in particular:

- The school's highly effective leadership has a strong commitment to community and social cohesion. Governors, parents and staff work in partnership to promote an inclusive learning environment.
- The organisation of the curriculum develops pupils' understanding of each other's culture and faith or belief system very well.
- Children are happy and confident, with high levels of self-esteem. They value the wide range of opportunities provided by the school that engenders a strong sense of community. Outcomes are excellent.
- The school's make-up of teaching staff does not currently reflect the gender and ethnicity profile of its community and the school plans to develop this over time.

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

Ron Goldsmith
Inspector