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Dear Ms Griffiths

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 my visit on 03 June 2009 to look at work in developing children's 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 evidence used to inform the judgements made included: visits to lessons, discussions with children and teachers, attendance at a meeting of the school council, review of documentation and children's work.

The overall effectiveness of the provision to develop pupils' economic well-being was judged to be good. It has several outstanding features.

Features of good practice observed

- Exceptional development of children's organisational, team-working and decision-making skills.
- The development of children's knowledge and understanding of economic, environmental and global issues, using topical real-life examples.
- The development of children's use of appropriate technical vocabulary.
- The high quality of children's reflection on what they have learned and the skills they have developed by taking part in fund-raising and volunteering activities.
- Right through the school, exceptionally well-planned and engaging lesson activities and projects that develop children's economic well-being and personal financial capability very strongly.

- A very well planned curriculum aimed at developing economic well-being across the whole curriculum.
- Good use of links with other organisations to develop learning.
- Thorough monitoring and evaluation of the development of children's economic well-being within the school with a strong culture of continuous improvement.

Areas for development that we discussed, included:

- building on the current plans to further integrate the scheme of work for personal, social, health and citizenship education (PSHCE) within the new school curriculum and fully implementing plans to further embed personal finance education into the PSHCE scheme of work.

I hope these observations are useful for the future development of work in this area.

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

Russell Jordan
Her Majesty's Inspector