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Dear Mrs Clarke

Ofsted survey inspection programme – E-safety

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 21 May 2009 to look at work in E-safety.

As outlined in my initial letter, this visit looked at:

- the extent to which schools teach learners to adopt safe and responsible practices in using new technologies
- e-safety training for staff.

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. All feedback letters will be published on the Ofsted website at the end of each half-term.

The evidence used to inform the judgements made included interviews with staff, governors, children and scrutiny of relevant documentation.

The overall effectiveness of e-safety was judged to be satisfactory.

Outcomes for learners

- Children know from an early age how to keep safe on the internet. At school they know that an adult needs to be present when using computers and that 'Starz' is a safe site to use for schoolwork. The younger children are beginning to understand the need of a password to protect their work.
- They know that it is not a good idea to let someone who you do not know have your photograph, name, address or other personal details. They understand that some people could abuse this information and find out where you live.

- The older children are aware that not everything that they see or can read on the internet is true and that sometimes a supervised search using 'Google' can take them to unsuitable material. They know that if there is such an incident they turn off the monitor and inform a teacher or other adult.

### Quality of provision

- Your e-safety policy is integrated into teaching and learning in all classes with effective technical support from a school governor.
- Children who join the school part way through the year have an e-safety induction session with a teaching assistant prior to using the school computers.
- Children know that it is sensible to have the same rules for using computers at home as they do in school. However, children provide evidence that there is some inconsistency with regard to e-safety at home, for example, supervision of internet access is variable.
- Your schemes of work clearly set out how e-safety should be taught and this has a positive impact on children's learning as they progress through the school.

### Leadership and management

- You have clear user policies in place and these are followed by all staff. You have a system for logging any safety incidents, of which there are none to date, with you being the named person to deal with any such incidents.
- Although you are aware that e-safety training is underdeveloped, all staff are familiar with school policies and know how to deal with any incidents appropriately.
- Whilst your school's self-evaluation makes a descriptive reference to e-safety provision it does not make an evaluative comment on children's learning in this respect.
- Despite strong support from your parent governors, all other parents have yet to be fully involved in development planning for e-safety.

### Quality of training

- Your training programme is at an early stage and there has been no specific e-safety training to date. However, your recent child protection update training has provided further information on some aspects of e-safety which you have shared with all staff and has helped you to update school policies.

### Areas for improvement, which we discussed, included:

- the completion of an e-safety audit with all staff
- ensuring that all staff attend e-safety training
- holding an e-safety meeting for parents.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop e-safety in the school.

As I explained in my previous letter, 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

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Additional Inspector