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Dear Ms Davies

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 our visit on 16 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 visit focused on the Microsociety project and included discussions with yourself, teachers and pupils, a scrutiny of documentation and visits to lessons.

Features of good practice observed

- The high levels of pupils' enjoyment and engagement in the learning activities.
- The good opportunities provided for pupils to learn independently and to develop organisational, team-working and decision-making skills.
- The well focused support and appropriate interventions made by teachers to further develop learning.
- The well planned lesson activities that effectively developed pupils' economic well-being and personal financial capability.
- The good quality of pupils' reflection on what they have learned and the skills they have developed by taking part in the learning activities.
- The whole school commitment to the development of children's economic well-being and personal financial capability through the implementation and evaluation of well-structured learning activities.
- The good use made of external links in the development of children's knowledge and understanding of business and economics.

The area for development that we discussed, included:

- developing further teachers' questioning skills to check and extend pupils' learning.

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