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Dear Ms Tomes

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 15 June 2009 to look at the Microsociety programme. 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 included discussions with yourself, staff and pupils and observation of two lessons.

Features of good practice observed

- Well planned lessons that had good pace, engaged all pupils and were taught by highly enthusiastic teachers.
- The development of pupils' communication and presentation skills.
- The effective way in which pupils collaborated and worked in various groupings and teams.
- The good development of pupils' understanding of democratic processes and their willingness to accept positive criticism and to modify their ideas accordingly.
- Pupils' good understanding of how currencies operate, their sense of the relative value of different products and services and how these can be exchanged and traded.
- Pupils' understanding of the factors that can influence business planning.
- The ability of pupils to work productively within tight time constraints.
- Pupils' developing understanding of a range of jobs and responsibilities, including how different skills and aptitudes can contribute to the effectiveness of team working.

- The good opportunities provided to develop pupils' recording skills.
- The strong sense of social responsibility pupils are developing.

An area for development that we discussed was:

- identifying the intended learning outcomes more precisely and developing ways of tracking pupils' progress in achieving these.

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

Vic Chivers
Her Majesty's Inspector