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Janet Nock  
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Dear Mrs Nock,

### **Requires improvement monitoring inspection visit under section 8 of the Education act 2005 to Wilton and Barford CofE Primary School**

Following my visit to your school on 21 March 2013, I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to report on the findings of my visit. Thank you for the help you gave me and for the time you made available to discuss the actions you are taking to improve the school since the most recent section 5 inspection.

The visit was the first monitoring inspection since the school was judged to require improvement following the section 5 inspection in January 2013. It was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.

#### **Evidence**

During the visit, meetings were held with the headteacher, other senior leaders including members of the Governing Body. The inspector met with a small group of pupils to discuss their work and held telephone conversations with the chair of governors and a representative of the local authority. HMI also evaluated the school development plan, discussed the management of teachers', reviewed marking in pupils' books and minutes related to the work of the school since the previous Ofsted inspection.

#### **Context**

An additional member of the support staff has joined the school to support pupils with complex needs.

## **Main findings**

The headteacher has incorporated into the school improvement plan the recommendations made at the time of the section 5 inspection. She has raised expectations throughout the school and introduced a greater rigour to the monitoring and evaluation of the school's work. Senior leaders are highly motivated to secure improvements in teaching and learning and have begun to systematically address those areas of weakness that still remain in teaching and learning.

The professional development of staff supports their individual learning needs and takes account of the outcomes from the headteacher's monitoring of teachers' lesson planning, teaching, pupils' progress and attainment. As a result, the quality of teaching, despite some inconsistency, continues to improve within the school. In particular training for teachers in order to strengthen their mathematical subject knowledge has been successfully delivered and teachers say this is already ensuring greater opportunities for pupils to use and apply their developing mathematical skills across the curriculum. Teachers are aware of the need to ensure higher ability pupils are provided with the right level of challenge that will enable them to achieve their targets. Good quality marking and feedback that supports and informs pupils of their next steps in learning is embedding throughout the school. Pupils who met with the inspector spoke confidently about the strategies they use to respond to their teachers' marking and improve their work.'

The headteacher and senior leaders keep the governing body well informed about the progress pupils are making towards achieving their end of year targets. They have received additional training which has raised their awareness of school improvement work and they have begun to take a more proactive role in holding the school effectively to account.

Senior leaders and governors have begun to take effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection. Following the visit to the school, HMI recommend that further action is taken to:

- Ensure school improvement plans are placed within a timeline so that the regular monitoring and evaluation of the schools' work and the impact this is having on improving outcomes for pupils can be more clearly evaluated and acted upon.

Ofsted will continue to monitor the school until its next section 5 inspection.

## **External support**

The school continues to benefit from effective guidance and support provided by the local authority. The school is part of Wiltshire's improving schools' programme and will continue to receive regular monitoring visits until the next Ofsted inspection.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Governing Body and the Director of Children's Services for Wiltshire.

Yours sincerely

David Edwards

**Her Majesty's Inspector**