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Dear Sue,

Good practice visit Tuesday 4th March 2014

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to visit your school and to meet with you and your deputy on Tuesday 4th March to discuss the practice you have established around the use of pupil premium funding.

The developments that you described were extremely well planned and would serve as an exemplary model for other schools to use. Each of the stages that you went through as a leadership team, have built a strong foundation for continued development. The research that started the work: exploring what would make a difference for your pupils, followed by writing a school policy on the use of the funding, then putting that into an action plan, has meant that your pupils are receiving a package that truly scaffolds their learning and links seamlessly with teachers' planning. The continued professional dialogue to ensure that the effective support is constantly under review is a further strength of the work that has been put in place.

I hope that there will be chances for your and your team to share this practice across the local authority.

Very best wishes.

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