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Dear Mr Jones

### **SCHOOLS REQUIRING ESTYN MONITORING FOLLOWING SECTION 28 INSPECTION – MAES EBBW**

As you know, Claire Yardley HMI and Sue Halliwell HMI, visited your school recently in order to monitor the progress made since the section 28 inspection in February 2010.

#### **Outcome of the visit**

Maes Ebbw School is judged to have made good progress in respect of the key issues for action following the Estyn visit in February 2010. We will now remove the school from the list of schools requiring Estyn monitoring.

In order that further progress can be made, it may be useful to you and other members of the governing body to have a written summary of their findings.

#### **Progress since the Estyn inspection**

The school is making progress in:

- developing the self-evaluation process to make it more rigorous and using a wider range of information to inform the school improvement agenda;
- taking steps to ensure that all staff have opportunities to identify and share good practice throughout the school; and
- strengthening the role of the governing body in monitoring and challenging the work of the school.

## **Recommendations for improvement:**

In order to maintain and improve on this progress, the school should:

- continue to develop self-evaluation processes across the school and make sure that the information gained is used fully to improve outcomes for individual and groups of pupils;
- make sure that all subject co-ordinators have a shared understanding of their role and focus their monitoring and evaluation activities on raising standards for individual and groups of pupils;
- widen the range of stakeholders whose views feed into the school's self-evaluation process;
- continue to develop the role of governors to make sure that they not only support but also challenge the school in raising standards for pupils; and
- work with external partners to extend provision, including the range of qualifications for pupils; and make sure that there are formal arrangements for quality assurance.

I am copying this letter to Lynne Meyrick, the headteacher and to Dr Brett Pugh, the Chief Education Officer for Newport local authority.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Halliwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sue Halliwell  
Assistant Director

cc the headteacher  
cc the local authority