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Dear Clive

On behalf of the Members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee, I would like to thank you and your colleague, Huw Davies for attending the Committee meeting on 8 December to present the Estyn Significant Improvement visit (5-9th October 2015) letter.

We greatly appreciated your attendance, and that you continue to value your engagement with this Scrutiny Committee and we hope to further develop this engagement in the future. The Committee also wished to reiterate its commitment to continue to monitor and challenge education performance, schools causing concern and review the development of education policies.

The Members also welcomed the opportunity to be presented with the letter and hear your explanation of the positive outcome from the inspection visit and your comments on Recommendation 2 – Reduce exclusions and reduce the proportion of young people who are not in education, employment or training post-16 and Recommendation 4 – Improve the effectiveness of joint planning across the range of partnership working. I understand that the comments were captured by staff from the Education Department and will be taken into account as they continue to improve educational standards across Cardiff.

Finally the Committee looks forward to receiving the final Estyn Significant Improvement visit letter following the visit in January 2016.

Yours sincerely

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR – RICHARD COOK**  
**Chairperson of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.**

CC Nick Batchelar, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning