



Essex Child & Family Well-being
Service
The Oak Tree Centre,
Harwich Road,
Colchester CO4 3DH
Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Mrs Lucy Wass and Mrs Claire Richardson
Holt Farm Junior School
Ashingdon Road
Rochford SS4 1RS

Dear Lucy and Claire

Thank you for making me so welcome on Friday. It was a pleasure to meet and talk to pupils, governors and others. Milly and Billy gave a good account of the work of School Council. It was encouraging to see the many ways you are working as a coherent and happy community.

The visit confirmed that Holt Farm Junior School continues to maintain the criteria for Healthy Schools Status. I should in particular, like to highlight the following good practices:

- The very positive and effective whole school adoption of the Healthy Schools ethos that underpins pastoral care and the calm atmosphere for learning across the school.
- The commitment to PSHE in the school and its central role in curriculum planning promoted and supported by an enthusiastic coordinator.
- The range, quality and high status of physical activity, supported by the school's own Sport Council.

There is a clear commitment and enthusiasm to follow the principles of the Healthy School programme across the whole school, and you have already identified areas for further development, particularly in looking at PSHE assessment and involving children in self-assessment.

It would be wonderful, if you are willing, to recognise and share some of this good practice at future network meetings, and as a 'Good News' to share with other Healthy Schools.

Please pass on our thanks and congratulations to the children, staff and governors.

Yours sincerely

Chris Holmes

p.p. Lorraine Cartwright
Community Engagement Manager, Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service