

Staffordshire,

31 January 2009

Dear Dr Mitchell,

Thank you for your reply to my letter of complaint. However I'm afraid I find it disappointing, and to be blunt, somewhat lacking. You have chosen to ignore the points I specifically asked you to address and have quite blatantly glossed over the failings of Mr Hindmarsh. I do not feel that you have taken my complaint seriously.

Your letter gives the impression that you believe parents who decline a visit from the LA to be uncooperative and appear to be relying on hopes that the governments review of home education will allow you mandatory visits. Rather than pinning your hopes on unmade legislation I believe you should be concentrating on ensuring that you and your staff are aware of, and abide by, the current legislation. I have documented evidence of them not doing so. For this reason I find it deeply concerning that you claim Mr Hindmarsh is a 'model of effective practice' when he clearly doesn't understand or follow the current guidelines.

If you feel unable or unqualified to address the issues I have raised and provide me with an adequate response please inform me so that I can address my concerns to somebody more appropriate.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hupfield'.

Matt Hupfield.