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Dear Mrs Hurst

Ofsted visit to Wilson Primary School

Following my visit with James Broadbridge, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 1 October 2020, I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to confirm the visit's findings. Thank you for the time you made available to discuss your actions since September 2020, when the government expected all schools to open fully to all pupils.

This visit was conducted under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 (as amended) and in accordance with Ofsted's published procedures for visiting schools while routine inspections are temporarily suspended.

Ofsted's visits to schools during the autumn term are not inspections. We are not giving graded judgements. We did not undertake the usual range of inspection activities and were unable to check other sources of evidence, such as visits to lessons or looking at pupils' work. The content of this letter gives an overview of our discussions about what has happened in your school this term.

During the visit, we spoke to you, the deputy Headteacher, the upper key stage 2 team leader and the inclusion leader. We did not speak to pupils because of the protective measures in place.

Context

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills is leading Ofsted's work into how England's education system is managing the return to full

education for pupils, following an extended break in formal schooling due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

In undertaking this focused work, HMI are visiting a broad range of schools. HMI will visit a sample of:

- approximately 1,200 schools across all Ofsted grades (outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate)
- maintained schools, academies and free schools, special schools and centres of alternative provision, including those in cities, and coastal, town or rural communities.

The information from this visit will feed into Ofsted's national reporting so that the insights can be shared with the government and the education sector. We did not find any significant concerns during the visit. In such a case, an inspection report would be published on our website and available to parents and carers.

We did not consider your response to COVID-19 during the spring and summer terms 2020, when the school was not open to all pupils.

From this visit, inspectors noted that:

- The school opened fully to all pupils on 4 September 2020. All pupils attend full time.
- Pupils' attendance is in line with the school's normal attendance figures for this time of year. You are working with families, the local authority and external agencies to support a small proportion of pupils who have irregular attendance.
- All pupils study the school's usual curriculum. Teachers are adapting planning in all subjects to focus on the specific knowledge pupils need. You have used part of the Covid-19 additional funding to provide pupils with extra resources in subjects, such as art and design, computing, music and science.
- Teachers have assessed pupils' knowledge in the wider curriculum. Teachers use this information to provide additional help to those pupils who need it. They intend to provide opportunities for pupils to practise their writing skills in all subjects.
- You have adjusted the teaching of phonics (letters and the sounds they represent) to make sure pupils catch up with any learning they have missed. Teachers are focusing on developing pupils' comprehension skills and strengthening their love of reading.
- Teachers have identified that pupils need further practise to revise some mathematical concepts before moving on to more complex ones. Teachers are planning to have an increased focus on calculation.

- You have set up a system to deliver remote learning in all subjects for all year groups, should it be needed again in the future.

Thank you again for contributing to this important national work. The views and experiences you have shared will help to inform future policy.

I am copying this letter to the chair of the governing body and the director of children's services for Reading Borough Council. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector