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Dear Miss Ennew

Ofsted visit to Clutton Primary School

Following my visit with Dale Burr, 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 and leaders with the designated responsibility for safeguarding. 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 reopened to all pupils from Years 1 to 6 on 3 September 2020. Children in Reception started school on 7 September 2020. All pupils attend full time.
- Pupils' attendance this term is in line with the school's normal attendance for this time of year.
- All pupils are studying their usual subjects. Staff are making some adjustments to practical work in science, art, physical education and music because of COVID-19. These are so that all pupils can make safe use of school resources.
- Leaders have checked pupils' knowledge and understanding in English, mathematics, science and history. Teachers are adapting their plans between now and December 2020 to address any gaps in pupils' knowledge.
- Leaders are prioritising reading, including children's language development in Reception. Pupils in Years 1 and 2 have an extra phonics lesson each day.
- In mathematics, teachers are concentrating on number, place value and using calculation strategies.

- You have reflected on your use of remote learning in the summer term. You are training staff and pupils to make use of a new remote learning platform. You have plans in place for pupils who are self-isolating to access the same curriculum content as their classmates.

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, chair of the board of trustees, and the chief executive officer, the regional schools commissioner and the director of children's services for Bath and North East Somerset. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Julie Carrington
Her Majesty's Inspector