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Dear Mrs Grey

### **Ofsted visit to Woodland View Primary School**

Following my visit with Chris Davies, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 8 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, members of the senior leadership team and the deputy designated safeguarding 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 fully opened to all pupils on 2 September 2020.
- Pupils' attendance is broadly in line with that expected for this time of year.
- Pupils are studying all their usual subjects. Teachers have adapted their planning to teach any previously missed content. Leaders aim for pupils to return to their usual curriculum by summer 2021.
- Leaders have prioritised the assessment of phonics and reading across the school. Staff have received training to help fill any gaps in pupils' knowledge. Pupils have more chances to read during the day.
- In mathematics, teachers have assessed all pupils. Teachers make daily changes to their planning. Most pupils have retained their knowledge of number and calculation.
- In the wider curriculum, teachers have condensed their teaching of previously missed work into two-week teaching blocks. Teachers have changed where some skills are taught. For example, Year 2 pupils will learn how to use maps when studying the topic on mountains.
- Leaders have plans to deliver remote education to pupils, including online. They are checking which families may need support to access online learning. Staff will use the school minibus to visit families and offer help to those that need it.

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, the regional schools commissioner and the director of children's services for Nottinghamshire. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

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**Her Majesty's Inspector**