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Dear Ms Joskey

Ofsted visit to Wrighton Church of England Primary School

Following my visit with Julie Carrington, 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, the deputy headteacher and other senior leaders. 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 on a full-time basis from 3 September 2020. Children in Reception Year started gradually over the first three weeks. They are now attending full time.
- Pupils' attendance this term is in line with the school's normal attendance for this time of year.
- Pupils are studying their usual subjects. This term, leaders have made some adjustments to the school timetable. Teachers are prioritising English, mathematics and personal, social and health education.
- Teachers have made checks in reading, writing and mathematics to identify pupils' new starting points. They are using this information to adapt their teaching to meet pupils' specific needs.
- You told us how reading is at the heart of the school's work. Teachers are deepening pupils' knowledge and understanding of phonics to help them read and spell. Pupils in Years 2 and 3 have extra phonics lessons.
- In mathematics, pupils have daily opportunities to practise their quick recall of facts, such as number bonds and times tables.
- Leaders have adjusted some of their plans for music and physical education (PE). For example, the PE leader has introduced non-contact sports such as lacrosse and tri-golf.

- You are responding to feedback from parents, staff and pupils about the remote learning you put in place. You have plans to introduce some online lessons that are matched to your current curriculum.

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 director of education for the diocese of Bath and Wells, the regional schools commissioner and the director of children's services for North Somerset. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Dale Burr
Her Majesty's Inspector