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Dear Mrs Davidson

Ofsted visit to St Crispin's Community Primary Infant School

Following my visit with Lee Selby, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 13 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 and the deputy headteacher. 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 to pupils on 3 September 2020. Reception Year children started part time from 7 September 2020, attending full time from 14 September 2020.
- Pupils' attendance is slightly higher than normal for this time of year. You communicated expectations for pupils' full-time attendance to parents, offering information and support.
- Pupils are studying all subjects in the school's usual curriculum. You and your staff are continuing with your previously planned work to review and adapt learning across a range of subjects.
- Teachers are checking pupils' knowledge in all subjects to see what pupils have remembered and can do. Teachers have identified a need to help pupils re-establish their stamina and interest in learning at school. You have recently reinstated extra-curricular clubs after school.
- You have asked teachers to make reading a priority. You have put in place support for pupils who may have fallen behind. You are investing in extra resources for the teaching of phonics and reading.
- Overall, you are pleased with what pupils have remembered in mathematics. Teachers have made slight adjustments to their planning. This is to help pupils revise their calculation skills before moving on to new learning.
- You are providing home learning for pupils who may be unable to attend school. This learning matches the school's usual curriculum and includes both online and paper-based resources.

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 Kent. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Frances Nation
Her Majesty's Inspector