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Dear Mrs Beckett

Ofsted visit to Burlington Junior School

Following my visit with Jean Watt, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 6 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 the senior leadership team, including the designated safeguarding lead. 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 9 September 2020.
- From September, attendance has been broadly similar to the same period last year.
- Leaders explained that pupils are studying their usual range of subjects. Leaders have made changes to some content taught within subjects.
- You told us that pupils have been assessed in English and mathematics to identify gaps in their learning. You have used information from these assessments to establish new starting points.
- Assessments in English have shown that pupils now have gaps in reading. You are prioritising reading in English lessons. You are also providing additional phonics sessions for pupils who have gaps in their phonics knowledge.
- You have identified from assessments that pupils have gaps in basic numeracy. Teachers are prioritising number work in mathematics lessons. Pupils are also receiving additional support in mathematics.
- In other subjects, teachers have outlined the topics that pupils have not covered. You have used this information to determine gaps that pupils may have in key subject knowledge. For example, pupils have gaps in their knowledge of location in geography.

- Staff have received training on creating online learning, and the school has bought new computer programmes to support remote education.

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 East Riding. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hubbard
Her Majesty's Inspector