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Dear Mrs Wright

Ofsted visit to Jeavons Wood Primary School

Following my visit with Paul Wilson, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 22 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 family and inclusion worker. 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:

- Pupils in Years 1 to 6 returned to school on 4 September 2020. Children in early years returned on 8 September 2020. You expect all pupils to attend school full time.
- Attendance is similar to what is usual for this time of the year.
- Leaders have changed parts of the curriculum so that pupils can study all subjects. Leaders have delayed certain topics until they put in place protocols and resources for pupils. Leaders have systems in place so that pupils can take part in educational visits and listen to visiting speakers.
- Staff have checked what pupils know about their subjects. Leaders and staff have used the information from these checks to deliver support for pupils who need help catching up. You have identified the need for staff across the school to improve pupils' writing and presentation.
- You told us that leaders' chosen approach to mathematics remains unchanged by COVID-19. Staff are providing support for pupils who have fallen behind.
- During the first two weeks of the autumn term, staff focused on encouraging pupils to enjoy reading. Leaders are planning ways to restart the student-led reading groups that are usually part of the school curriculum.
- Leaders have remote education in place should pupils need to learn at home. You have provided online and paper-based approaches to learning.

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 board of trustees and the chief executive officer of the Cam Academy Trust, the regional schools commissioner and the director of children's services for Cambridgeshire. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Al Mistrano
Her Majesty's Inspector