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Dear Mrs Colman

Ofsted visit to Scholar Green Primary School

Following my visit with Paul Tomkow, 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 you, members of the senior leadership team and a member of staff responsible for pupils' social and emotional well-being. 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:

- Except for the Nursery class, the school re-opened to all pupils on Thursday 3 September 2020. Children in the Nursery class started school on Monday 7 September 2020. All pupils are expected to attend full time.
- Attendance is above what it usually is for the school at this time of year.
- Teachers have checked the sounds and letters that pupils know and remember. You have adapted the way that phonics is taught to help pupils who have fallen behind to catch up to where they were before March 2020. Teachers have identified that some pupils in Years 3 to 6 do not read with the same fluency as they did before the period when schools were only open to some pupils, due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Teachers have assessed pupils' new starting points in mathematics. Some pupils have less knowledge of mathematical calculations, such as multiplication and division, than they did before March 2020. Teachers have adapted the mathematics curriculum to provide pupils with more opportunities to develop their calculation skills.
- Pupils are studying all other subjects in the primary curriculum. You plan for teachers to complete assessments of pupils' knowledge in these subjects by the end of November 2020. You have revised the way some subjects are taught, such as music and physical education.

- You are reviewing current provision and focusing on how parents, carers and pupils can use remote learning tools more effectively in the event of any future restrictions.

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

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector