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Dear Mrs Harper

### **Ofsted remote visit to Cam Woodfield Infant School**

Following my remote visit with Elizabeth Farr, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 5 November 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. Following changes to government guidance and the imposition of COVID-19 (coronavirus) lockdown restrictions, we made this visit remotely to reduce pressure on the school.

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.

### **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 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:**

- On 3 September 2020, the school opened fully to all pupils in Years 1 and 2. Children in the Reception classes had a staggered start. All were in school full time by 5 October 2020.
- Attendance since September 2020 is lower than normal for this time of year. You are supporting a few families to help them improve attendance.
- Pupils are studying the full range of subjects. Teachers are adapting their curriculum plans so that pupils catch up on missed learning. You expect to return to the school's usual curriculum by summer 2021.
- Teachers have checked pupils' learning in phonics and reading. The checks showed that pupils need help to return to where they were before March 2020. Teachers are adapting their lessons to provide extra teaching in phonics and reading.
- In mathematics, checks show that pupils have forgotten some key learning about numbers. Teachers are adapting mathematics lessons to help pupils to recover this knowledge.
- For other subjects, teachers have checked to see which main learning points have been missed. They are then threading these points in as they teach the school's usual topics.
- You have a remote learning policy which sets out your approaches to pupils' learning while at home. This includes providing opportunities for pupils to regularly discuss their learning with teachers.

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

Yours sincerely

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**Her Majesty's Inspector**