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Dear Mrs Garbutt

Ofsted remote visit to Studley Green Primary School

Following my remote visit with Dale Burr, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 26 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, two assistant headteachers and the special educational needs and/or disabilities coordinator. We did not speak with 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:

- Approximately 25% of pupils have needed to work from home for a few days, since the start of term. At the point of the visit, one 'bubble' was self-isolating.
- Staff are teaching all the usual subjects in the school's curriculum. Since September 2020, staff have given extra priority to pupils' social and emotional well-being, pupils' physical fitness, English and mathematics.
- Staff have checked what pupils know in reading, writing and mathematics. Teachers are adapting their plans to address any gaps in pupils' knowledge.
- In Years 1 and 2, staff are prioritising the teaching of phonics. All pupils are having more reading and writing practice.
- In mathematics, staff are concentrating on number including the quick recall of number facts and multiplication tables.
- You told us that staff are providing specialist speech and language, social and emotional and/or academic support, for pupils who need it.
- Pupils who need to self-isolate access their education remotely. You expect these pupils to self-register their daily attendance. Staff check that pupils are completing their work. You explained that teachers include quizzes within sequences of work so that they can check whether pupils are retaining the knowledge they are being taught.

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 Wiltshire local authority. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Julie Carrington
Her Majesty's Inspector