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Dear Mr Inglis

Ofsted visit to Turves Green Boys' School

Following my visit with Charalambos Loizou, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), to your school on 3 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.

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 vice-chair of the interim executive board. 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 opened, as planned, to all pupils on 7 September 2020. A small number of pupils are on part-time timetables. The school provides remote education for these pupils for part of the day.
- Attendance is broadly in line with what you expect for this time of year.
- Pupils are studying all subjects from the school's normal curriculum.
- Leaders have undertaken baseline assessments for pupils joining the school in Year 7. In other year groups, assessment is ongoing as leaders try to build a picture of what pupils have missed over the past few months. Leaders have asked teachers to focus on assessing formatively, more regularly.
- Pupils in Year 11 missed some of the content of their course during lockdown. You intend that these pupils will do two sets of mock examinations so that they can be assessed once teachers have covered the missing content.
- Leaders have made arrangements to deliver any missed lessons to pupils via an online platform. This is already in use for any pupils who have to self-isolate and is ready to be used for more pupils should the need arise.

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 and the director of children's services for Birmingham. This letter will be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Dan Owen
Her Majesty's Inspector