



Rayner Stephens

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Dear families,

I wrote to you earlier this term to share that the school had been selected to take part in the Ofsted programme of visits that are taking place between October and January. The aim of these visits are to explain how providers are getting back to education and meeting the needs of children and older learners, while managing the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose is to hear directly from the leaders of these institutions, so Ofsted can help others understand what's being done in sometimes extraordinary circumstances – whether that's parents, other professionals working in these fields, or the government.

The visit took place on Friday 6th November and due to the lockdown restrictions it was conducted remotely. At the end of each visit the team writes a brief letter to the school outlining the key facts they have established during the visit. A copy of this letter can be found on the school website. Each month Ofsted are publishing their findings of these visits in briefing papers. The findings from our visit will be included in the November briefing that will be published in the coming days, the link to the documentation is www.gov.uk/government/collections/ofsted-covid-19-series. Having read the first briefing for October I believe it gives a good insight into some of the issues that were emerging in schools during the first half term in response to Covid-19. This second half term has become increasingly challenging particularly in relation to staying open to all learners with the increased infection rates.

I trust that this will be reflected in the report and keep the issues currently facing schools on the public and political agenda. I will write again before the end of term with a full update on the impact of Covid-19 and continuing school improvement.

Yours faithfully,

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