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Dear Mrs Saville

We are writing to acknowledge the school's Ofsted letter following your remote visit on 01 December 2020. We were delighted to read that the Ofsted Inspector acknowledged how well your school is coping during this very difficult period of Covid-19 – *we would like to thank you, as well as your staff, children and whole school community, for all your hard work in these exceptional times.*

There are significant challenges facing schools today and you and your team are responding to these in the best interests of children by being innovative and flexible. The positive actions you have undertaken are reflected in your letter and include:

- Staff found that many pupils need help to return to their previous standards in writing. You are therefore making writing a priority across all subjects.
- Staff are adapting their approaches to the teaching of phonics and reading so that pupils make up lost ground.
- Teachers are making sure that pupils have recovered previously understood number knowledge before moving on to other mathematical learning.
- Teachers are reinforcing pupils' understanding about how to stay safe when online.
- Pupils learning at home have a programme of learning that replicates, as much as is practical, the learning that takes place at school. You prioritise giving feedback when learning remotely, as you say that this has secured stronger pupil engagement.

We would like to thank you again for all the work you are doing for the children of Wiltshire and we wish the school every success in the future.

Best wishes.


Yours sincerely



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