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Dear parents, carers and families,

Ofsted Inspection and Lockdown

I hope you have all had a good half term. It was lovely to see so many of our pupils back today looking so positive to be in school.

Ofsted have been in contact with me today to say that they will be visiting the school tomorrow, 3rd November 2020. This is part of the national programme to review the impact of COVID 19 and the current restrictions on schools.

We look forward to sharing with Ofsted progress the school has made over the course of the last year, ensuring the regular attendance and enthusiasm for learning by students during lockdown and at the start of the new academic year.

With the new lockdown this week we will be changing some of our timings of buses and taxis to ensure that the staggered start and end of the school day allow us to safely manage these times. We will be in contact to advise you if this affects your child and apologise for any inconvenience. We are also asking as many children of all ages but especially 11 years and above to wear face coverings on the buses and when moving about in corridors. I will discuss this with children this week and would of course reiterate that if your child does not feel comfortable and able to wear a mask, they will not have to. Staff will continue to wear face coverings in school when moving outside of their classrooms.

All visits to school are currently being discouraged and we are hoping to schedule Annual Reviews and parent meetings via either Microsoft Teams or phone calls. Again, I am really sorry not to see you all and we will review this policy at the end of the lockdown period.

We have been very proud of our students' positive attitudes and most grateful for your continued support of the school through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Parkes, Headteacher