



5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Stantonbury families,

We are writing to tell you about a mock Ofsted review we conducted over a 3-day period during the week before half term. Following our Ofsted visit in January, we have worked very hard on a long list of improvements and we did not want to let this time of lock down get in the way of our progress with this list.

There are still things to do but the review highlighted some excellent work including:

1. The way our families and students have worked hard to engage with our on-line learning. 98% of our students are accessing on-line work and returning it to their teachers for marking.
2. The excellent way our students have responded to the pastoral care we have arranged for them via phone and in person.
3. The positive changes we have made for the curriculum in September: we have recruited more staff to help our students with core skills like English and Maths, and also increased the teaching time for creative and active subjects like dance, cookery and art. We are very excited about this work and are confident our students will enjoy the changes.
4. The work we are doing to protect our students who really struggle when they don't come to school.
5. The 34 new staff we have recruited for September. These new teachers will provide experience, expertise, and consistency for our students.
6. The excellent feedback our families have given regularly and systematically during lock-down to help us to amend our online learning and support.
7. The significant work that is going on across the campus to improve the teaching and social facilities, including classrooms, dining spaces, toilets and play areas.
8. The preparations that have been made for a safe re-opening for more students. We are ready to welcome you back!

The Review lead also asked that we thank staff who have provided outstanding support to and learning for our students and families during this time, both in person and on-line. She said it exceeds anything she has seen in any other school during this difficult time.

We would like to thank you again for your support and understanding. We all hope it is coming to an end. Please tell your children how much we miss them.

Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,



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