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Walking in the footsteps of Jesus with our Christian family, we learn, grow, achieve and flourish together in God's love.

Dear parents,

We are now in a position to share the letter from OFSTED after their zoom call in November. This was an interim visit that was not designed to provide a judgement on the school or offer advice as to the validity of the work that we are doing but allowed them to find out how school was responding to the pandemic so the findings can feed into a report to the Secretary of State. The October report can be read here.



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So our day consisted of interviews on our context, safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and our curriculum. We were delighted to be able to share the ways that we were supporting our children's return to school this Autumn. Our letter is brief and focuses on the questions they put to us, the teaching of reading, phonics, writing and maths throughout school and they asked more specifically about geography and French.

We discussed that at Bretherton, behaviour for learning and developing learning skills remains high on our agenda, as with these, we are able to reduce the impact of lockdown and children will quickly continue on their learning journey.

We informed them of our early 'Re-connect' curriculum and that we have woven in additional PHSE and wellbeing work. They were interested in the issue of 'catch up' and what we were doing to ensure this happens. We had worked hard as a school to plan for our return to enhance our wellbeing provision alongside targeted planning in all curriculum areas. We have identified any areas of learning that couldn't be delivered in lockdown; agreed the important learning for each year group; evaluate children individually an academic learning and emotional wellbeing and plan for those areas that are less secure. Our skilled staff are teaching a full curriculum whilst being flexible in their timetabling to ensure that sufficient time is given to those areas of greatest impact.

In our school, the majority of our Covid Catch up fund (@£8000) will be directed towards teacher/teaching assistant hours so that we can plan and deliver targeted intervention to individuals, groups and classes that need them. Our catch up spending plan to date can be viewed on the website.

Many thanks to the staff for their hard work, our children for working hard in school and to our families for the support they give their children's learning. If you have any questions on our catch up strategy or questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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