



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy Dayspring Trust



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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well.

Ofsted are about to conduct visits across 1200 schools and Venerable Bede CE Academy were asked to be part of the pilot visits. On Tuesday 15 September, we were visited by HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) Fiona Manuel and Senior HMI Claire Brown in order to discuss Covid and its possible impact on education. In the visit, the inspectors explored the topics of curriculum, attendance and behaviour, asking questions about what measures the school has put in for our young people since returning in September. They explored what we are doing to help to close any gaps in learning and to support our young people generally.

As we have only been part of the pilot, we do not receive a formal report. However, the inspectors have sent us the following message and we are really pleased to have been given the opportunity to take part in such an important evaluation:

“Re: Pilot visit at Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

I am writing to express my gratitude for your school's recent participation in a pilot interim visit. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you and your team.

I sincerely appreciate the time you and your staff gave on the day. The conversations and your feedback provided useful information which will help us to shape the visits as the term goes on.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Manuel

Her Majesty's Inspector”

With best wishes

**Mr D Airey
Headteacher**

