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Mr Michael Jarrett
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Dear Mr Jarrett

Grading the quality of remote learning

Thank you for your email to Ofsted of 8 January 2021, where you enquire about Ofsted's role in relation to the Secretary of State's recent statement in Parliament about schools' remote education provision at this time.

You ask how, if at all, Ofsted will be able to 'grade' such 'online learning'. I can confirm that we will not be making graded inspections of the quality of school's remote education. As we announced today:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update#current-activity>

from the 25 January we will be conducting off-site monitoring visits of schools, focusing on the quality of the remote education offered. These will not result in a graded inspection outcome. Inspections will be carried out for schools graded inadequate or requires improvement on more than one occasion. We will provide feedback to each school based on our evaluation. In addition, we will follow up with schools where parents have contacted us to express concern about the remote education provided. As usual we reserve the right to inspect any school on-site where we have serious concerns about the quality of the education or care provided for pupils.

Thank you for writing to Ofsted with your query. May I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you and to school and nursery colleagues in Slough at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Long", with a long, sweeping underline.

Stephen Long
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