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| 17 March 2021 |
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| Andrea English  Croft Community School  Greencroft Road End |
| Annfield Plain |
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| Dear Mrs English |
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| **Inspection of Croft Community School on 18 March 2021** |
| Following our telephone call today, I am writing on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (HMCI) to confirm that Croft Community School will be inspected under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 (as amended). This inspection will take place on 18 March 2021. |
| Please see our [operational note](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/january-2021-maintained-schools-and-academies) for information about monitoring inspections from January 2021. |
| Your inspection will be led by Janet Hallett, HMI, who will be accompanied during the inspection by one inspector. |
| During the inspection we will use the provider portal, which is available [here](https://portal.ofsted.gov.uk/) to send you documents relating to your inspection including the draft inspection report. We will send you your username and password for the portal separately. |
| **Seeking the views of parents** |
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| We would like to invite all registered parents of registered pupils at the school to inform Ofsted of their views about the school via Ofsted's online survey site, Ofsted Parent View. |
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| **Recommended text to parents** |
| Ofsted is inspecting your child's school remotely and we would like to know what you think about the school. Your views about the school are important to us. |
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| If you are a registered parent or carer of a pupil at the school (including pupils on sick leave or who are temporarily excluded), you can tell us your views about the school by completing Ofsted's online survey, Ofsted Parent View, at: [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/). |
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| Ofsted Parent View asks for your opinion on some aspects of your child's school, including the progress made by your child, the quality of teaching, how the school deals with bullying and poor behaviour. It also provides a free-text box for you to make additional comments, if you wish. The inspectors will use the online survey responses when inspecting your child's school. |
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| To register your views, you will need to provide your email address, which will be held securely. It will not be used for any purpose other than providing access to the online survey. Neither schools nor Ofsted will have access to any email addresses. |
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| Please complete the online survey as soon as possible, preferably by 11am on the day of the inspection, as this will give the inspection team more time to consider your views. |
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| Please also see our operational note: [www.gov.uk/guidance/january-2021-maintained-schools-and-academies](http://https://www.gov.uk/guidance/january-2021-maintained-schools-and-academies) for information about monitoring inspections from January 2021. |
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| **Privacy notice**  During the inspection of your school, the inspectors will collect information about staff and children at the school by looking at school records, responses to any staff survey where appropriate, and discussing with leaders the actions they are taking to provide all pupils with an education during current circumstances. No names will be recorded but some of the information may make it possible to identify a particular individual. Ofsted uses this information to prepare its report and for the purposes set out in its privacy policy. Ofsted will not publish any information that identifies an individual in the report but may name the headteacher and the chair of the appropriate authority.  More information is available in Ofsted privacy notice:  [www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-privacy-notices/schools-ofsted-privacy-notice#maintained-schools-and-academies](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-privacy-notices/schools-ofsted-privacy-notice#maintained-schools-and-academies).  The contact details for Ofsted's Data Protection Officer are as follows.  Email:  [informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk)  Post:  Information management team  Ofsted  2 Rivergate  Temple Quay  Bristol  BS1 6EH |
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| I hope this letter answers your immediate questions about the inspection but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me. |
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| Yours sincerely  **Barbara Bennett**  Inspection Support Administrator |