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Dear Parents

At last our Ofsted report has been published.

Changes to the way Ofsted operate means that in the new short inspection regime for 'good schools' there are four possible outcomes for a short inspection (referred to as a Section 8 inspection). These are explained below:

(NB – A Section 5 inspection is a full 2-day team inspection)

- **Good result** – the school continues to be a good school. This is the outcome for the majority of short inspections for good schools.
- **Great result** – the school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years.
- **A few concerns** – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection within the statutory timeframe, which will typically take place within one to two years.
- **Serious concerns** – the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under section 5 inspections; there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils' behaviour or the quality of education; there are concerns that the performance of an outstanding non-exempt school could be declining to 'requires improvement'. The short inspection will be converted to a section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

We are thrilled to be able to share with you that **we achieved a 'great' result**: the best possible outcome at this point in time. The inspector had reason to believe that our school may be improving towards an outstanding judgement, and have published a letter confirming that the school is still good, setting out its strengths and priorities for further improvement. A section 5 inspection will now take place within 1 to 2 years, giving the school time to consolidate its strong practice.

This outcome reflects the hard work and commitment over time of the whole school community: pupils, staff, governors and parents.

Thank you so much for your support as always, and particularly during the inspection – by so many of you completing the questionnaire, you made it count.

Please take time to read the report: we feel that considering the limitations of Ofsted reporting, it has done a good job at capturing the ethos and spirit of NHPS. We hope you are as proud of it as we are. Obviously there are no guarantees of 'outstanding' but we'll be continuing to work hard as a team to do our best to be a great school for pupils and families and we look forward to welcoming Ofsted back in the next couple of years! Yay!

With best wishes,

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