

## Parents Comments 2015-2016

Firstly, congratulations, I am aware of all the hard work that has gone into turning the school into an outstanding institution and its credit to all of you who have dedicated yourselves, with all the sacrifices great success demands, to this impressive achievement. This achievement further validates our decision to invest in Highfield school for our child's future. As the term comes to a close I wanted to make a special note of the contribution Miss Fusco has made to the Nursery class. Since we moved our child from a private Nursery to Highfield a year ago she has evolved immeasurably. She now has a passion for learning and an impressive enthusiasm for reading and writing. I am significantly impressed by how much her reading ability has improved. We often find her picking up books and reading them on her own in order to "impress Miss Fusco". This marked growth in our child's development is down to the passion, commitment and dedication of her teacher. Miss Fusco has constantly gone above and beyond for her class and is always striving to bring out the best in them. It is clear she is passionate about her work and this comes across in all the activities the children are involved in. Both in public and private industry these qualities are rare to come by and deserve special recognition. We look forward to our child starting back in September.

I am very pleased with the learning progress my child has made this year. Overall he has had 7 wonderful years in Highfield. We would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work. Without their hard work it would not be possible for him to achieve what he has today. He has passed his 11+ test and secured a place in Latymer school. He represented the Borough in a Maths Challenge and also took his IQ test outside school and achieved top 1% highest Mensa IQ score.

As a parent with a child at the school, I knew that Highfield Primary was outstanding long before this inspection. We made the decision to send our daughter to a non-selective school that truly reflects the local community. Another nearby school has detrimentally affected the congregation size of other N21 churches due to its selection policy. I wouldn't be happy for my child to be in such an elitist environment. The caring, inclusive atmosphere at Highfield is really superb.

I wrote a letter of complaint regarding my child not being able to have any warm food for lunch. He spent 4 years on packed lunches due to him being vegan. My hopes and expectation was for him to be able to have beans on toast, chips, maybe even a jacket potato here and there. One year later, Heru is still so happy on school dinners. Being able to have school dinners not only provided him with warm lunches, it has also enabled him to make friends and play with different children that he would not usually have befriended whilst on packed lunch as they are on different sittings. It has also enabled me to save time in the mornings and save money instead of purchasing items for lunches daily. I am writing this letter because I am commending Naz (the school cook). Her services have been over and beyond that what was expected of her. Many times she has gone out of her way to make things, like pastries and desserts that are specifically for my child. This is unexpected and we are very appreciative and touched by her kindness. I want to say a big thank you to Naz and to Highfield for being so accommodating. This is a fantastic school and i never cease to sing it's praises. The outstanding report by Ofsted is more than deserved.

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Please can you let Mr Wilson and Mrs Christodoulou know that I was extremely happy with the swift response to my concerns; the ideas they put forward were excellent and the fact that they have been actioned so quickly is very impressive! It is very reassuring to know that Highfield School is willing to listen to parents concerns and take on board comments and suggestions.

I just wanted to send a short message to say how pleased we are with the nursery team at Highfield. They have done a fantastic job of settling the children in to the school environment, at a time where they are most anxious at such an early stage of their schooling. Our child literally runs into nursery in the morning excited about her day at Highfield. For the first time she is

coming home and willingly talking about all the exciting and interesting things she has done and friends she has made. I know other parents share our view that the nursery staff are a real asset to the school team. I hear that the results from Year 6 were within the top 1% which is outstanding! I do hope that Ofsted recognise how well the school is doing during their next visit and give the school the result it deserves. I felt it was important to make sure that good news was fed back to you. Thank you to you and your incredible team for making our child's start at Highfield such a pleasant experience!

We wanted to write a short note to thank Ms Terry and Ms Barnet for our daughters first 2 weeks at Highfield School being such a positive experience for her. She clearly enjoys attending your lessons and being in an environment where she is learning and developing her social and communication skills. It has made a difference that she received a star almost every day and my husband and I are feeling upbeat and confident that she will continue to thrive in the weeks and months ahead. Your messages on the notice board outside are a good way of communicating with the parents. It really helps parents like ourselves who are new to the school system. We support what you are doing and will continue to do, to give our child a really good education.