



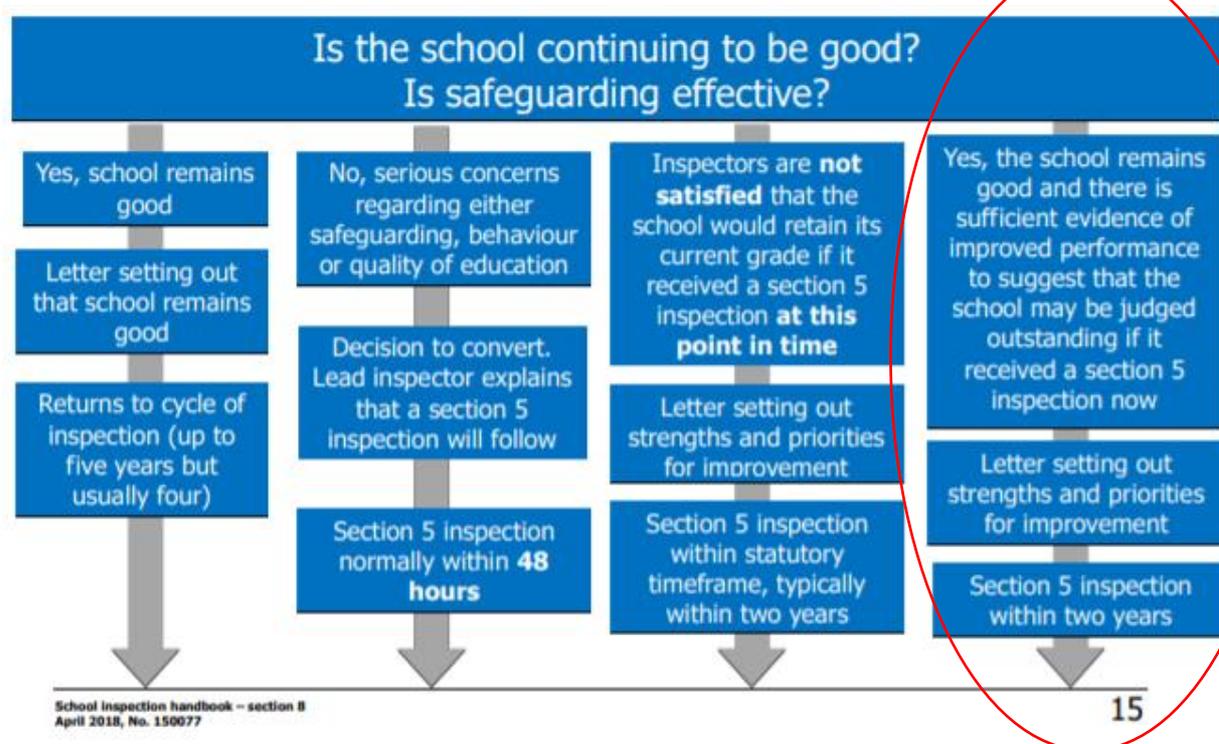
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Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED Short inspection report for St Helen's Primary School

I am writing to share the attached copy of the OFSTED report following the recent inspection of St Helen's.

In a short inspection, also known as a 'Section 8 Inspection', there are only four possible outcomes which the inspector can give a school, highlighted in the table below.



I am delighted to be able to share the news that St Helen's was given the highest of these judgements, illustrated in the right-hand column above and that as a school we will be re-inspected within two years with a full two-day 'Section 5' inspection.

This is a fantastic achievement for us as a school and comes as a result of the hard work and commitment of the entire school family; from the fantastic children in the school through to our talented staff team, dedicated governing body and the ongoing support and commitment of our parent community.

I wanted to share one paragraph with you which summarises this well, but please do take 10 minutes to read the full report:

'Pupils say that teachers make learning fun. Teachers' very high expectations can be seen both in the level of challenge in lessons and in the quality of the well-presented work in pupils' books. Pupils increasingly understand their own strengths and areas to improve and demonstrate their commitment

to be 'flying high' in line with the school's vision. A parent typically described the ethos by saying: 'You can see and feel the dynamic and positive atmosphere, beautifully behaved polite children and a willingness of teachers and pupils to be the best that they can be.'

The inspector has identified two areas of improvements for us to take as a school and plans are already underway to ensure that these areas of continued development in Reading and Maths are priorities in next year's school development plan. We will share more about these areas of focus as well as other development priorities with parents in our annual 'Back to School' evening in September.

Thank-you for your ongoing support for everything that we seek to achieve here at St Helen's for the children in our care.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Spens
Headteacher