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To: Michael Wilshaw

Subject: Michael Gove to Sir Michael Wilshaw re: Downhills Primary School - Haringey

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13 January 2012

Dear Michael,

Downhills Primary School – Haringey

In accordance with the provision in section 8 of the Education Act 2005, I write to request that you carry out an inspection of the above named school.

The school was judged to require significant improvement by Ofsted, particularly in relation to attainment in English and maths, in January 2011. In the monitoring visit in September 2011, inspectors found the school to be making satisfactory progress but it remained in an Ofsted category.

Because of my concerns about Downhills I wrote to the governing body on 12 December 2011 to inform them of action that I am minded to take in respect of the school and invited governors to provide their representations on the proposed action by 20 January 2012.

The school has made representations through their solicitors and have issued a pre action claim for judicial review. As part of this, they brought to my attention the

pending section 5 inspection which they believe is due some time during the spring term.

I do not want the situation at Downhills to have a negative impact on the standard of teaching and learning provided for pupils at the school. In accordance with my powers under section 8 of the Education Act 2005, I would be grateful therefore if you could schedule an inspection of the school as soon as practically possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Gove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'G'.

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Sir Michael Wilshaw
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Secretary of State

Downhills Primary School, Haringey

I refer to your letter of 13 January 2012 in which you express your concerns about the quality of education provided at Downhills Primary School, Haringey. I am writing in response to your request that we inspect the school as soon as practically possible.

The school was issued with a notice to improve following a section 5 inspection on 26 and 27 January 2011 and is due to have a full section 5 between 12 and 16 months of that date. However, I have decided to progress this inspection following the concerns raised in your letter to me.

Therefore, a section 8 deemed section 5 inspection will take place within the next few weeks which will make a judgement about the quality of provision for the pupils, including achievement.

Yours sincerely

Sir Michael Wilshaw



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From: @tribalgroup.com]
Sent: 24 January 2012 11:24
To: @haringey.gov.uk
Subject: PROTECT: Notification of Inspection

Dear,

Please find attached the notification letter we have today sent to Downhills Primary School to inform them that they are being inspected on 26-27th January 2012.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Inspections Officer – Maintained Schools Inspections

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24th January 2012

Mr L. Church
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Dear Mr Church,

INSPECTION OF DOWNHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 26 TO 27 JANUARY 2012

The Right Honourable Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education has requested that an inspection of your school should be carried out at the earliest opportunity.

Following notification of your inspection today, I am therefore writing on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (HMCI) to confirm that your school will be inspected under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 from 26 to 27 January 2012 and that in accordance with s9 of the Education Act 2005 the inspection will be treated for the purposes of section 5(1) and of Chapter 2 as if it were an inspection under section 5.

The inspection will follow *The framework for school inspection* which is available on our Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk.

The inspection will be led by Kekshan Salaria HMI who will be accompanied by Linda McGill HMI and Robert Pyner HMI. Bradley Simmons HMI will conduct a quality assurance visit over the two days of the inspection.

During the inspection the inspection team will use the three main inspection documents:

- *The framework for school inspection*
- *The evaluation schedule for schools*
- *Conducting school inspections*

These are available in the schools' section of the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Seeking the views of parents – your statutory duty

I enclose a letter and the leaflet *School inspections: a guide for parents and carers* for you to send to all registered parents and carers of registered pupils at the school, including those who are currently on sick leave or who have been temporarily excluded. The governing body is required to take all reasonable steps to distribute these to parents and carers, under section 6 of the Education Act 2005. The letter advises parents and carers of the date of the inspection, and invites them to inform the inspection team of their views of the school by completing the questionnaire on the reverse of the letter.

The letter and leaflet are also available on the Ofsted website in a range of community languages.

Please note that we ask for questionnaires to be returned in confidence to the inspection team. Please do not open any that are returned in sealed envelopes.

If you receive any questionnaires after the inspection has finished, please post them to me at the above address. Although questionnaires which arrive after an inspection has finished cannot inform the inspection judgements, it is important that they are checked by Ofsted in case they raise any child protection issues. Again, please do not open or read the questionnaires in order to maintain confidentiality.

Seeking the views of staff and pupils

I have also enclosed Ofsted's *Inspection questionnaire for school staff*. We would like to invite all staff who work at the school to complete this if they wish. This is a confidential questionnaire and responses should be returned in sealed envelopes.

The inspection team would like to gather the views of some of the registered pupils at the school during the inspection. The inspectors will speak to some pupils when they visit the school, but we would like you to invite a sample of pupils to fill-in our enclosed *Inspection questionnaire for pupils*. We ask pupils to hand their completed questionnaires to school staff, who can pass them on to the inspectors. It is up to individual pupils if they wish to put their questionnaire in a sealed envelope. Please could you arrange for the urgent despatch of the enclosed questionnaires, so that parents and pupils will have time to complete them.

Please refer to the enclosed *Guidance for schools on the distribution of pupil questionnaires*, which explains how you select the sample of pupils.

Downhills Primary School's self-evaluation

From September 2011, Ofsted no longer expects schools to complete a self-evaluation form (SEF). However, inspectors will continue to discuss your evaluation of the school's performance and consider its rigour and accuracy when making judgements, particularly in relation to leadership and management.

As there is no longer a set format in which to produce a summary self-evaluation, inspectors will accept your summary self-evaluation in whatever form you choose to present it. Please ensure you talk to the lead inspector about your summary self-evaluation evidence early during the inspection.

Report on the inspection outcomes

The lead inspector will share the main inspection findings, including provisional grades, at the end of the inspection. Although unlikely, the grades may be subject to change because of quality assurance checks and should, therefore, be treated as confidential until the school receives a copy of the final inspection report.

The report is finalised by the lead inspector immediately after the inspection. We will send the draft report electronically to the school no later than five working days after the end of the inspection, taking account of public and school holidays. The school will have one working day to carry out the factual accuracy check. Judgements in the report cannot be changed unless factual errors or omissions have a significant bearing on them.

You will receive a final copy of the inspection report. The governing body must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that every registered parent at the school receives a copy of the report within five working days of receipt (section 14(4)(c) of the Education Act 2005 and regulations SI 2005 no.2038). We will publish the report on the Ofsted website five working days after we have sent you the report.

In the event that a school's overall effectiveness is judged to be inadequate, the timeline for publication of the inspection report is longer, as the judgement is subject to a moderation process. This means that schools receive the draft report later than usual, and have five working days to carry out the factual accuracy check.

School inspection survey

We are interested to know your views on the inspection process, and invite you, and your staff and governors, to complete our online school inspection survey. This is best done after you have received your inspection report. I will send you details on how to access the survey with the final copy of your inspection report.

If you have concerns about any aspect of the inspection, *or about the conduct of any of the inspection team*, please discuss this with the lead inspector in the first instance. Should you wish to speak with another person, please contact me using the contact details above. Although we expect that the inspection will run smoothly, we have established a procedure for complaints. This is available on our website.

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.

Yours Sincerely,

Rachel Noad

Inspection Officer
Tribal Inspections

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Enclosed:

1. Notification letter and questionnaire for parents and carers
2. School inspections: a guide for parents and carers
3. Inspection questionnaire for staff
4. Guidance for schools on the distribution of pupil questionnaires
5. Inspection questionnaire for pupils

cc. Libby Blake, Haringey Local Authority

From: Susan Gregory
Sent: 29 February 2012 19:16
To: 'John.MALYNN
Cc: Michael Cladingbowl
Subject: PROTECT: RE: Downhills

John

It's all in hand. Mike will be in touch tomorrow as I'm out carrying out an inspection. It's just for two days.

Good wishes

Sue

Susan Gregory HMI
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From: John.MALYNN
Sent: 29 February 2012 18:56
To: Susan Gregory
Subject: Downhills

Sue,

Thanks for the update today. Do we know what is likely to happen in terms of when the Department can have access to the report? Clearly that can't be before it is sent to the school but could we be sent the report at the same time as it goes to the school. I was wondering if HMCI might be planning on sending something to SoS in view of where things started with the letter.

Best wishes

John

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From: @tribalgroup.com]
Sent: 29 February 2012 17:06
To: @haringey.gov.uk
Subject: PROTECT: Published Ofsted Inspection Report

Dear

Please find attached a copy of the published OFSTED inspection report for Downhills Primary School and a covering letter.

Kind regards

Inspections Officer – Maintained Schools Inspections

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29th February 2012

Ms J. Cole
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Dear Ms Cole,

Inspection of Downhills Primary School from 26–27th January 2012

Following the recent inspection of Downhills Primary School, I am pleased to enclose the inspection report, in accordance with section 14(1) of the Education Act 2005. This is the final version of the report, which will be published within five working days from the date of this letter, on the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Under powers contained in section 14(4)(c) of the Act, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills in England (HMCI) requires that you provide a copy of the report for all registered parents of all registered pupils at Downhills Primary School. This includes pupils who do not currently attend school but are still on the school's roll, for example due to sick leave or temporary exclusion.

Regulation six of The Education (School Inspection) (England) Regulations 2005 states that the governing body must take 'such steps as are reasonably practicable' to ensure that the registered parents receive the report within five working days. Please be aware that this includes any registered parent who may not be living with the child.

If you experience any difficulties accessing the report from the Ofsted website, please contact the Ofsted helpline on 0300 123 4234.

School inspection survey

We invite you and your staff and governors to complete our online school inspection survey. The survey is short, and asks for your views on the inspection process, including the impact that the inspection is likely to have in bringing about school improvement. It is not compulsory to complete all the questions.

Ofsted values greatly responses from schools, which we use to help keep HMCI informed about the quality and impact of inspection, and guide Ofsted in reviewing and improving the inspection process. The form can be accessed online www.tribalinspections.co.uk/views using the ID number indicated in the email.

Thank you for making the inspection team welcome at your school.

Yours Sincerely,

Rachel Noad
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From:

Sent: 01 March 2012 16:02

To:

Subject: RE: Michael Gove to Sir Michael Wilshaw re: Downhills Primary School - Haringey

Dear

Please find attached a letter from Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, to the Secretary of State for Education.

As noted in the letter, please find attached a copy of the inspection report (due for publication on Ofsted's website on 7 March) for information. A hard copy of both will be posted today.

With best wishes

Head of Private Office

Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

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1 March 2012

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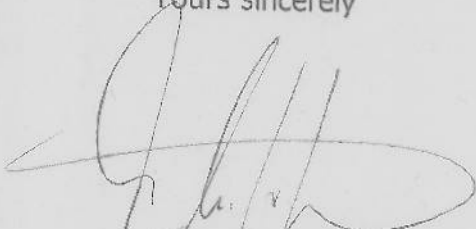
Dear Secretary of State

I write further to my letter of 19 January 2012, in response to your request for Ofsted to carry out an inspection of Downhills Primary School, Haringey.

Following this request, I can confirm that an inspection of Downhills Primary School was carried out by Her Majesty's Inspectors on 26 and 27 January 2012.

I enclose a copy of the inspection report, which will be published on our website on 7 March 2012.

Yours sincerely



Sir Michael Wilshaw