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The governors at Holmes Chapel Primary School were delighted to receive an award at the prestigious National Governance Association (NGA) 2017 Awards for Outstanding Governance on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Out of the more than 20,000 state schools in England, there were over 200 schools nominated for the awards. Entrants were whittled down to a small number of finalists who attended the awards ceremony at the House of Commons.

Holmes Chapel Primary School was presented with the Runner Up award in the category "Outstanding governance in a single school" by Lord Nash, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools.

The judges praised the governors for demonstrating "great commitment, skill, teamwork and clarity of direction", and said that the board is,

"Relentless in its ambition to achieve the best outcomes for all pupils; with highly focused leadership by the chair, all governors play a significant role in the life of the school." The judges also congratulated the board for being outward- looking and supporting other schools.

Joanna Longman, the chair, said

"We are all incredibly proud of this award which is a fantastic testament to the whole team"

Holmes Chapel Primary School was judged to be "Outstanding" at its last Ofsted inspection and is a National Support School.