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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that our Chair of Governors, Phillipa Watton, recently wrote to the Department for Education after receiving a letter regarding the 'Coasting School' category.

Below is the definition for 'Coasting Schools':

This year a primary school will fall within the coasting definition if:

- *In 2014 fewer than 85% of pupils achieved level 4 in English reading, English, Writing and mathematics and below the national median percentage of pupils achieved expected progress in all of English reading, English writing and mathematics;*
- *In 2015 fewer than 85% of pupils achieved level 4 in English reading, English Writing and mathematics and below the national median percentage of pupils achieved expected progress in all of English reading, English writing and mathematics,*
- *In 2016 fewer than 85% of pupils achieve the expected standard at the end of primary schools and average progress made by pupils is less than -2.5 in English reading, -2.5 in mathematics or -3.5 in English writing*

The letter we received stated that Christine Quinn, Regional Schools Commissioner, would like to work with us and the Local Authority to: *"understand the wider context of your school and agree with you what, if any, additional support you might need."*

Writing a reply gave us the opportunity to explain our school's position with regard to this definition. For example we know that when there are small numbers in our year groups our results can be affected by one or two pupils. We were also able to highlight our successes in terms of leadership and management from Governors, Senior Leadership Team and Middle Leaders. Of utmost importance to us is ensuring your children attend school and develop good learning characteristics in order to reach their full potential.

As you know we are working with the Local Authority and the Ignite Teaching School Alliance to continue to improve our work and build on our strengths, but as always if this raises questions for you or you wish to discuss your child's progress please make an appointment to talk to me.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Headteacher)