

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you as the school has been defined by the Regional Schools Commissioner as a coasting school. Details of the definition and more information can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/566690/coasting_schools_note.pdf.

We were aware of the problems the school faced before the arrival of Mrs Worswick, which resulted in this definition, and as a school we have been working extremely hard during the last year to address these issues. Mrs Worswick and her team of staff have made a significant improvement in teaching and learning, which is having a positive impact on outcomes for pupils. Leadership and management of the school has also improved considerably, and we are sure you will have noticed these changes when you have received communications from staff or when you have visited the school.

We can assure you that improvements to secure the best outcomes possible for the children will continue as rapidly as possible.

Also, governors have been working on the long-term strategy for the school, given the changing educational landscape. We have been researching and discussing academy status for some time and believe that this is now the correct way ahead for the school. A number of other schools in the area are also taking this step.

We are at the very early stage of the conversion process and appropriate meetings will be held in the near future to consult with staff and parents, and to provide full information. We can assure you that the very special features of Astbury St Mary's will be maintained in the conversion.

If you have any questions about this letter then do please contact the chair of governors, Mrs Kath Moore at kathmooregov@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

Governing Body of Astbury St Mary's C of E School