

Parent Panel Meeting

Date 4th May 2017

Attendees: C Wright, J Rhodes, S Smith, A Canham, E Parkinson, V Carr, J Ninnis

Subject: Coasting Schools

Ms Carr opened the meeting and summarised what constitutes a coasting school and how the government collect their information: The school is measured on the SATS results from 4yrs, 7yrs and 11yrs old and this is reported in a document on RAISEonline. Coasting schools are those who have not met the Government's bar for progress and or attainment over the last 3 years. Unfortunately, our school is unique and has 2 different issues: one is that over the last 4 years the school has suffered from inaccuracies in Year 2 data reporting, and some attendance issues.

A parent with a Yr6 child confirms that the children were failed in Yr2 (before Ms Carr Headship) as they weren't at the level required however since Ms Carr became head things were put in place and children have made progress and are at the correct level to leave.

Ms Carr confirmed that upon taking over, the school was in the top 3% of the country and had been for 3 years, this was due the inaccurate reporting of SATs 4yrs ago which has a direct impact on why the school is classed as a coasting school. The government are expecting high levels for Yr6 which are unachievable given their starting points, and although the children are at the level they should be the government are expecting higher levels for this group yr6 and the autumn report will show that the progress is lower than expected. This is due to the inflated Yr2 data.

Ms Carr confirmed when OFSTED did their inspection they spoke to all the staff, children and governors and at the end of their inspection were impressed with the school and the relationship between the staff and children. The school has worked hard to achieve the good status they have however due to our GRT community attendance which lowers our level of attainment, the school splits data to enable a better accuracy.

A parent asked if the school could limit the people attending from the GRT cohort – Ms Carr confirmed that as an inclusive school we are open to, and welcome, all children who want to attend if we have places.

Some parents stated that they don't worry that much about OFSTED as they prefer to go on the feel of the school and if their children are happy and learning that's fine.

Parents were concerned about the number of teachers the children have had in Yr4, Ms Carr confirmed that although this wasn't ideal and she appreciates parents' concerns, Elton is a victim of its own success- she cannot stop staff moving on to further their career, the staff are highly trained and with limited resources, some parents being unsupportive, difficult children, funding cuts and no room for promotion - staff move on.

Parent asked if there was another OFSTED inspection due – this was confirmed to be due in March 2018.

Ms Carr closed the meeting with words of encouragement, although the school is a coasting school this is not a major issue and everything is being done to achieve children's full potential.

Next meeting: 13th July 1:30pm the topic will be Equality and the Equality Plan.